

DIA FERRY

2019 Contractor/Delivery Guidelines

All contractor/delivery vehicles using the DIA Ferry to get to and from the island must comply with the rules/guidelines spelled out below. Noncompliance may result in restricted access to the island.

These rules and guidelines were developed for the safety of the ferry operators, those being transported to the island, the protection of the ferry, and the expectations of the association that runs the ferry – Diamond Island Association (DIA).

- Stop before the landings (mainland and island) a minimum of 50' in front the landing ramp on the right side of road so as not to block vehicles exiting the ferry. Proceed beyond that point only when directed to do so by the operator. On the island there is a sign on a telephone pole indicating where to wait.
- Any vehicle larger than a pickup truck should be able to substantiate the weight of the vehicle and cargo. If your vehicle is 25,000 pounds or more you will need a weight slip. Scales are available at the Country Mills store in Cassopolis. Current Maximum Weight is 30,000 pounds.
- Contractors may be required to wait until residents are loaded if there is a waiting line.
- The operator will direct you to the appropriate placement on the barge. Once positioned on the ferry remain in your vehicle. It is a distraction to the operator and a safety hazard if you get out and move about the deck.
- Do not move your vehicle to get off the barge until directed to do so by the operator.
- Contractor/delivery drivers will need to provide the name and cottage number where they are working/delivering and sign a construction log or pass.
- Work should not be scheduled on Friday afternoons and holiday weekends unless absolutely necessary.
- Please be aware that the ferry does not run if there is lightening or winds are too strong to safely dock.
- Please be mindful of the 15mph speed limit on the island and keep your speed below 15mph to ensure safety.
- All work and deliveries should be scheduled during regular hours of operation. Homeowners need to contact the Barge Operations Manager if there is a need outside of those hours to make arrangements in advance and to have a qualified operator for the ferry. There will be an additional charge to pay an operator outside of scheduled hours.