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Smooth water, sunny skies, big crowd for water taxi kickoff party

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The newly renamed [King County Water Taxi](#) began service again with a waterfront party Sunday, one month earlier than in the past and just in time for the warmest weather of the year.

The foot ferry across [Elliott Bay from West Seattle](#) has grown increasingly popular and could become an essential commuter option when the Alaskan Way Viaduct is closed down for whatever final replacement project is chosen.



King County Water Taxi

The water taxi, operated by [King County](#), will operate through Oct. 31, providing what the county's Web site touts as "convenient, 12-minute passenger-only transportation between West Seattle and downtown Seattle for people heading to work or to fun activities on either side of Elliott Bay."

"Skip the traffic—enjoy the water and fabulous views of the Seattle skyline instead!"

In West Seattle, the water taxi terminal is at Seacrest Park and connects to bus lines, neighborhood shuttles, and the waterfront pathways for walkers and bicyclists. Bicycles may be taken onboard. The county warns that Seacrest has only a limited amount of short-term parking, but free, all-day parking is available under the West Seattle bridge.

In downtown Seattle, the Water Taxi docks at Pier 55. Visit the [Water Taxi online site](#) for information on times and rates.

The [West Seattle Blog](#) has full coverage of the water taxi kickoff party, including an interesting series of comments about whether the party was a bit too political for some in the crowd.

For more info: [Water taxi map](#)

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