

Two Alaska Ferryliner Sailings from Seattle

SEATTLE — Two State of Alaska Ferryliner sailings each week have begun from this port city to southeastern Alaska.

The twice-weekly departures are planned to continue throughout the fall and winter months, with the new M/V Wickersham serving as one of the two ships.

Schedules call for the Wickersham to depart from Seattle each Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and for a ship of the M/V Malaspina class to depart each Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

Because the Wickersham is a foreign-built ship, federal (Jones Act) regulations require that all passengers except roundtrip customers and those going to Canadian ports board the ship in Vancouver, B.C. The ship leaves Vancouver at 11:00 p.m. Saturdays.

Passengers boarding the Wickersham in Seattle can take a short excursion cruise to Vancouver, a longer trip to Prince Rupert where they can transfer to another State of Alaska ferryliner, or a week-long roundtrip to Skagway, Alaska.

During the 1968-69 winter season, the Wickersham will sail weekly between Seattle and Skagway, with stops at Vancouver and Prince Rupert, B.C., Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Juneau and Haines.

Ships of the M/V Malaspina class will stop at Southeastern Alaska ports only, including Sitka.

The 363-foot, white-hulled Wickersham is the sixth vessel in the State of Alaska's ferryliner fleet. Built in 1967 in Norway, the ship was purchased by the 49th State for \$6,900,000 late last year and served Southeastern Alaska from Prince Rupert, B.C., during the past summer.

Boasting accommodations comparable to ocean cruise ships, the Wickersham numbers among its facilities a dining salon seating 240 persons, several attractive enclosed observation areas, two cocktail lounges, berths for 382 passengers, and space for 140 vehicles. It is capable of carrying more than 1,000 passengers.

The Wickersham was named

after a famous Alaska jurist, Judge James Wickersham.

Information, reservations, and tickets can be obtained by contacting the Alaska Marine Highway System, c/o Port of Seattle, P.O. Box 1209, Seattle, Washington, 98111, or Reservations, Division of Marine Transportation, Pouch R, Juneau, Alaska 99801.