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CAPE AIR LENDS HOLIDAY HAND WITH UNEXPECTED FREIGHT GAP

Airline ramps up to cover void created by abrupt shutdown of Island Airlines

HYANNIS, MA (December 22, 2015) – Today, Barnstable Municipal Airport www.townofbarnstable.us/airport formally announces that Cape Air www.capeair.com is prepared to fill a sudden freight void created by the abrupt shutdown of Island Airlines on Friday, December 11, 2015, just in time for the new year.

Barnstable Municipal Airport has been actively searching for another company to fill the void since Island Airlines closure. With Island Airlines' shut down, an issue arose over where incoming and outgoing freight could be accepted. Several departments, including the Airport, Cape Air, and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) came together quickly to make the necessary arrangements and gear up this service. To ease any holiday traveling burdens, Cape Air will also enhance their existing service for freight service to the islands.

"The unexpected loss of Island Airlines and its employees created deep concern for the Airport, residents, and all surrounding area businesses that relied on them for passenger service," said Katie Servis, Assistant Airport Manager at Barnstable Airport. "The potential loss of freight would prove detrimental, given that Island Airlines brought various goods and services to the residents and businesses on the islands. Barnstable Municipal Airport stepped up in negotiations with Cape Air to find a solution to continue this valuable and much needed service for the community."

"Since the closing of Cape & Islands Freight on December 11, our internal teams have worked diligently to devise a plan to reconnect the communities of Hyannis and Nantucket," said Linda Markham, President of Cape Air. "Knowing how important it is to have convenient, consistent service between Hyannis and Nantucket, particularly for the business, medical and service industries, we have made this endeavor a top priority."

"The Airport is extremely thankful to Cape Air as they stepped up to the plate to serve the needs of our community," Servis said.

Last week, the airline immediately jumped into action with additional passenger service by adding 24 additional flights (12 round trips) from Hyannis to Nantucket. This freight service is equally as important and goes a long way in assisting both island residents and businesses in getting their goods and services. We feel privileged to work with such a great team.”

Freight service will begin on December 30, 2015 from the Cape Air ticket counter with temporary parking dedicated to freight carriers established at the terminal. For more information, visit www.capeair.com/freight.

About Barnstable Municipal Airport: Barnstable Municipal Airport, located in Hyannis, Massachusetts on Cape Cod, provides commercial and general aviation services to Boston, New York and the islands of Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket. It is owned by the Town of Barnstable and managed by the Barnstable Municipal Airport Commission and its staff. Please check them out on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

About Cape Air: Now in its 26th year, Cape Air is one of the largest regional airlines in the United States, annually flying over 750,000 passengers to destinations around the world including: New England, New York, the Caribbean, the Midwest, Florida, the Bahamas and Micronesia. With a fleet of eighty-four Cessna 402s, two ATR-42s, three Britten-Norman Islanders, and two Cessna Caravan Amphibians, the employee-owned company operates up to 550 flights per day. Based in Hyannis, Massachusetts, Cape Air also operates flights under the Nantucket Airlines brand. Cape Air is a codeshare partner with United Airlines in the Caribbean and American Airlines in the Midwest. In Micronesia Cape Air operates as United Express. In addition, Cape Air has ticket and baggage agreements with most major airlines. Cape Air’s unique brand of customer service, MOCHA HAGoTDI,* has earned the airline several accolades, including “One of the Top Ten Small Airlines in the World” by *Condé Nast Traveler*. The airline has been recognized for outstanding philanthropy in the communities it serves and Cape Air Founder and CEO Dan Wolf was recipient of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year™ Award.

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