

2026 September Gulf and San Juan Islands Cruise

**“Get Ready to Go!”
Meeting**

Only a few Days to Go!

More Information about the Cruise

- **PRE-TRIP MEETING:**

- September 19, 1:00 pm: Get-Ready-To-Go Meeting, come if possible

- **FURTHER INFORMATION:**

- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CRUISE** <== *Read for sure!*
- **INFORMATION ABOUT GOING ON THESE CRUISES** <== *Read for sure!*
- **The Charter Company**
- **What to Take**
- YouTube videos of destinations, e.g. **Clark Island**
- **On-line Chart Viewer**
- **On-Line Sailing Book**
- **Sailing Terminology**

Review Ideas for Making Cruise a Success

Low Expectations: We are going boat-camping on small sailboats, not going on a luxury cruise ship.

Communal Thinking: Reject proprietary thinking; don't stake out territory. Rather, share the resources.

- Example: You can move your sleeping bag to any empty berth to sleep when campers vacate berths.

Use the Land: Camp if you desire (I pay the camping fees). Use on-shore restrooms.

*Work together to
solve problems.*

Think of others.

Self-abnegate.

*Make this trip as
good as possible.*

Overnight Destinations

Islands, Marine Parks, Anchorages:

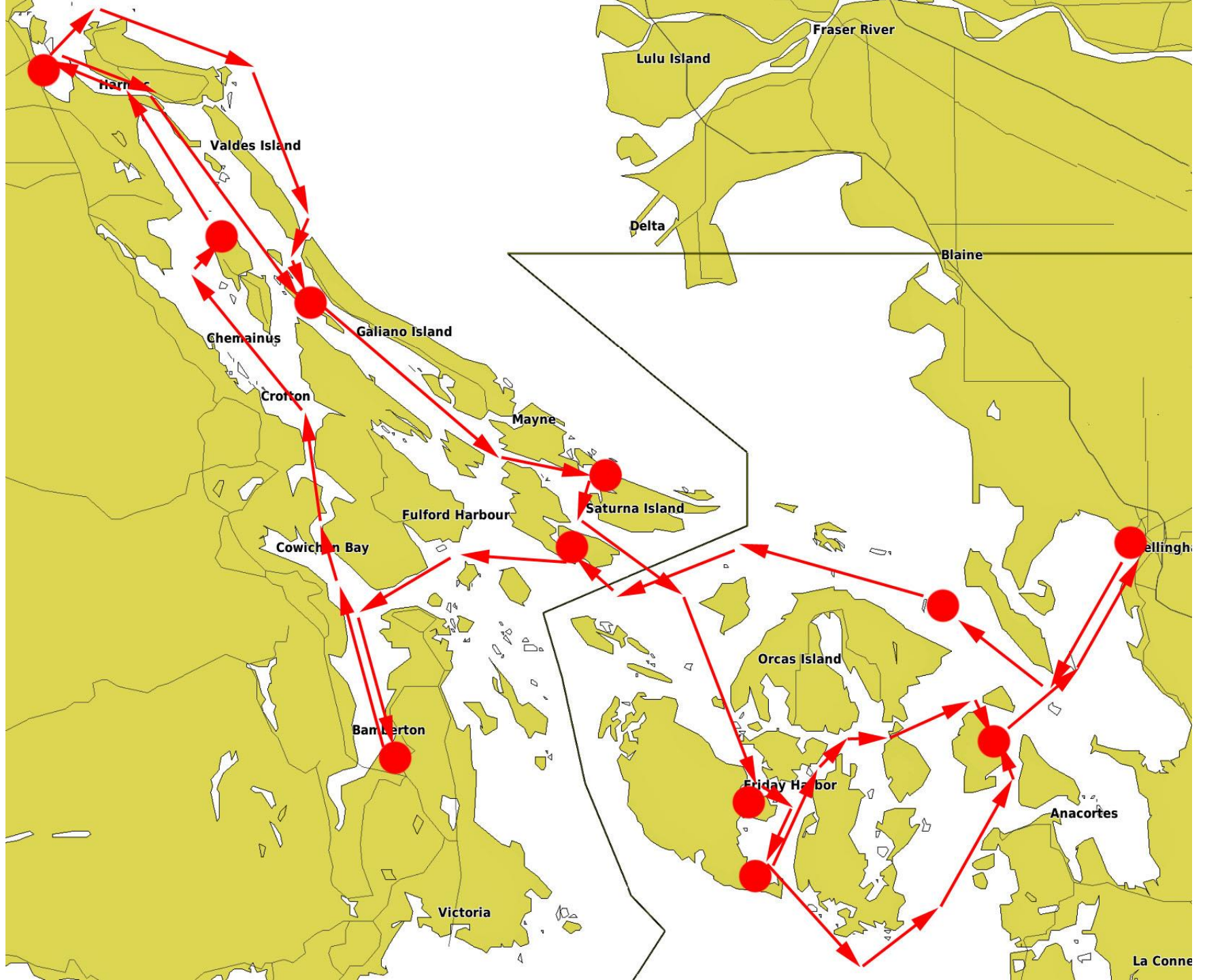
- On Buoys: Clark Island, Butchart Cove, Cypress Island
- On Docks: Bellingham, Poets Cove, Newcastle Island Marine Park
- At Anchor: Burgoyne Bay, Secretary Island, Winter Cove, Griffin Bay

Ports:

- Bellingham for pre-departure night, Poets Cove, Friday Harbor (short lunch/shower stop),

Camping Options

- Clark Island
- Newcastle Island Marine Park
- Griffin Bay
- Cypress Island



What to Bring, Not Bring

-PASSPORT!!!

-Minimize what you bring.

-Only soft bags, NO hard luggage/suitcases.

-Sleeping bag.

-If camping: pad, tent, headlamp/flashlight.

- Backpacking-type gear, not big car-camping gear.

-Bunting/fleece jacket, light rain/wind parka.

-12v chargers, battery packs, cables, for cell phones.

-Boat shoes, water shoes?, inflatable or kayak pfd?

-See charter company list of what to bring.

What Boat are You On (to start)?

We invite you to consider sailing on the other boats for a day.

S/V Windwaker

Leslie (captain), Josh (safety officer), Tracy, Jill, Bob, Sybille, David A

S/V Kipper Kite

Richard (captain), Beth (safety officer), Shah, Silvana, Nathalie, Brad, David C

S/V Esprit de Mer

Brian (captain), Alison (safety officer), Leah, Elvee, DeeDee, Martin, Kurt

Living on the Boats

-Head Use:

(Absolutely no TP in toilet!)

-Music (To listen to music, bring headphones.)

-Water conservation

-Food (Food committee rules!)

Living on the Boats, 2

-Electricity, Conserve (when not on shorepower):

- Microwave/hair dryers – Only OK when at marinas on shorepower; otherwise No!
- Heater Use (Limit) and Fridge (Turn off at night) when not on shorepower.
- Charging phones and other devices OK using AC outlets (Will work when inverter is on).

-Take Showers:

- In ports (We make shower/lunch port stops).
- On swim platforms.
- Do NOT use showers in the heads (Will use for storage).

Dinghy Captains

Need 1 dinghy captain, and 1 volunteer, for each boat to move the outboard engine to the dinghy and then back to the stern pulpit.

- Note: It's OK not to bother with the engine and just row the dinghy (good exercise).

Dinghy captains are not our indentured chauffeurs. We will share the dinghy driving, so some of you might want to learn how to use the outboard engines.

Filling Water Tanks

- Please help out.
- Need to fill when in port.
- IMPERATIVE to fill the correct tank.
 - Only begin to fill after asking captain/safety officer to check fill inlet is correct.

Line Handling

- Be able to coil a line.
- Be able to tie a fender securely.
 - Suggest round turn w/2 half hitches
- Be able to secure dock line quickly on horn cleat.
- Finesse the dock lines: Flemish Coil, braiding

Jobs when Approaching and Leaving Docks

- 3 Dock Line Handlers (Also deploy fenders!)
 - Agility needed to get onto the dock or the boat.
- 1 Helmsman
- Others (3) Serve as Roving Protectors Holding an Extra Fender or Cushion.
- Sometimes 1 needs to control dinghy w/boathook.

Jobs Picking up Mooring Buoys

From Bow of Boat (normal method):

- 1 Person with Boat Hook
- 2 People Handling Lines
- 1 Person Signaling to Helmsman
- 1 Helmsman

Alternatives:

- Pick up from stern, or
- Use the dinghy

Jobs When Sailing, Motoring

Navigator (always) – Know where we are on the chart in the chartbook. Check position on chartplotter.

Helmsman (always) – Maintain point of sail when sailing. Understand how to avoid inadvertent jibes.

Crab Pots, Kelp, Logs, Ferries, Boats –
Watch For Them

Jib Sheet Grinders (when sailing)

Main Sheet Grinder (when sailing)

Responsibilities of Boat Captains, Safety Officers, and EVERYONE

- Navigation issues: Look at charts, chartplotter.
- Sailing/Motoring: Do it safely and well.
- Help all members get the experiences they want.
- Help new sailors to learn (if they want).
- Dock and leave docks with minimum risk of damage to the boats and the crew.
- *Show consideration towards everyone!*

Safety

- Inadvertent Jibes
- PFD Use and Availability
- Don't Fall Overboard!
 - What to Do if Man Overboard

Food

Food Committee Report

Pay Food Committee!

- Pay \$80 to Leslie now, or in Bellingham

Other Issues

Any Other Concerns,
Comments, Questions?

Bellingham Carpooling and Arrival

- **Carpool**: Make carpool arrangements if desired.
- **Arrival**: Most arrive at San Juan Sailing on Friday.
 - At least 1 hour before Check-Out time: Captains, Safety Officers arrive.
 - S/V Windwaker Check-Out time, 5:30
 - **Gate 3, B12**
 - S/V Kipper Kite Check-Out time, 6:30
 - **Gate 3, B14**
 - S/V Esprit de Mer Check-Out time, 5:00
 - **Gate 5, C14**
 - Can load boats, and everyone can board boats, about 1 hour after check-out time.

Bellingham Departure

- **Departure:**

- Boats depart on Saturday about 9:30-11:00 am.
- Good breakfast available at Web Locker Restaurant, 2 blocks from San Juan Sailing, open at 8:00 am.
- Be at boat by about 9:00 or when the boat captain requests.



Facilities: • Additional Visitor Buoy Moorage Available At Fairhaven District

★ Port Office	⑥ Squalicum Y.C.	⑩ Sanitary Pump Outs	⑬ Marina Square
② Laundromat	⑦ Fuel Dock	⑪ Marine Life Tank	⑭ Seaplane Dock
③ Restrooms	⑧ Boat Launch Ramp	⑫ Harbor Center	
④ Bellingham Y.C.	⑨ Coast Guard Station	⑬ Harbor Mall	



Port of Bellingham, Squalicum Harbor

