

# **San Juan Islands Sailing Cruise: Planning Meeting**

# **Materials Available to Review**

- Guidebooks, Other San Juans Information
- Charts, Chartbooks
- Charter Company Documents, Information
- Financial Records
  - Printout of Excel File of all Trip Records

# Timetable

## March 3, Planning Meeting

- General Planning issues
- Specific Planning Assignments

## May 11, Ready to Go Meeting

- Reports from Specific Planning Assignments
- Presentation on Specific Boat Issues
- Assignment of Specific Boat Responsibilities

May 24/25, Drive to Bellingham

May 25-31, San Juan Islands Cruise

# Our Problem, Goal

Ollie: *“Well, here's another nice mess you've gotten me into.”*

## Post-Trip Rating Form:

1. Never again! What was I thinking?
2. I had some good times.
3. It was great!

# What's Against Us

- We're old (some of us).
- We're crotchety (some of us).
- We're used to amenities (all of us).
- We're used to privacy (all of us).
- Take me, for example:

It's been a long time since I was a 19 year old YMCA camp counselor living in a tent cabin with 10 12-year-old boys.

# What's in our Favor?

- We can try to be smart.
- View it as a bucket list cross-off (if you are old).
- We're motivated to make it work, to make our post-trip ratings “It was great!”

# Possible Ideas for Being Smart

**Low Expectations**: We're going boat-camping and hiking, not on a luxury cruise ship.

**Communal Thinking**: Not proprietary thinking. Share the resources, don't stake out territory.

**Use the Land**: Camp, use on-shore bathrooms: Patos, Sidney Spit, James, Cypress (Group will pay the camping fees.)

**Use the Ports, Resorts**: Poets Cove, Victoria

**Flexibility**: Some may sleep on cockpit benches or ashore.

# **Itinerary: Considerations**

**Based on polling everyone, we settled on the San Juan and Gulf Islands itinerary.**

**Everyone therefore needs a passport!**

**Everyone must be admitable to Canada.**

**What you can not bring into Canada:**

<https://www.tripsavvy.com/what-you-can-and-cant-bring-into-canada-3371025>

**Problems? Then we have the option to separate the boats for days 2-3, one boat staying in the U.S.**



# Itinerary

Sat: Patos Island (Sucia backup)

Sun: Poets Cove

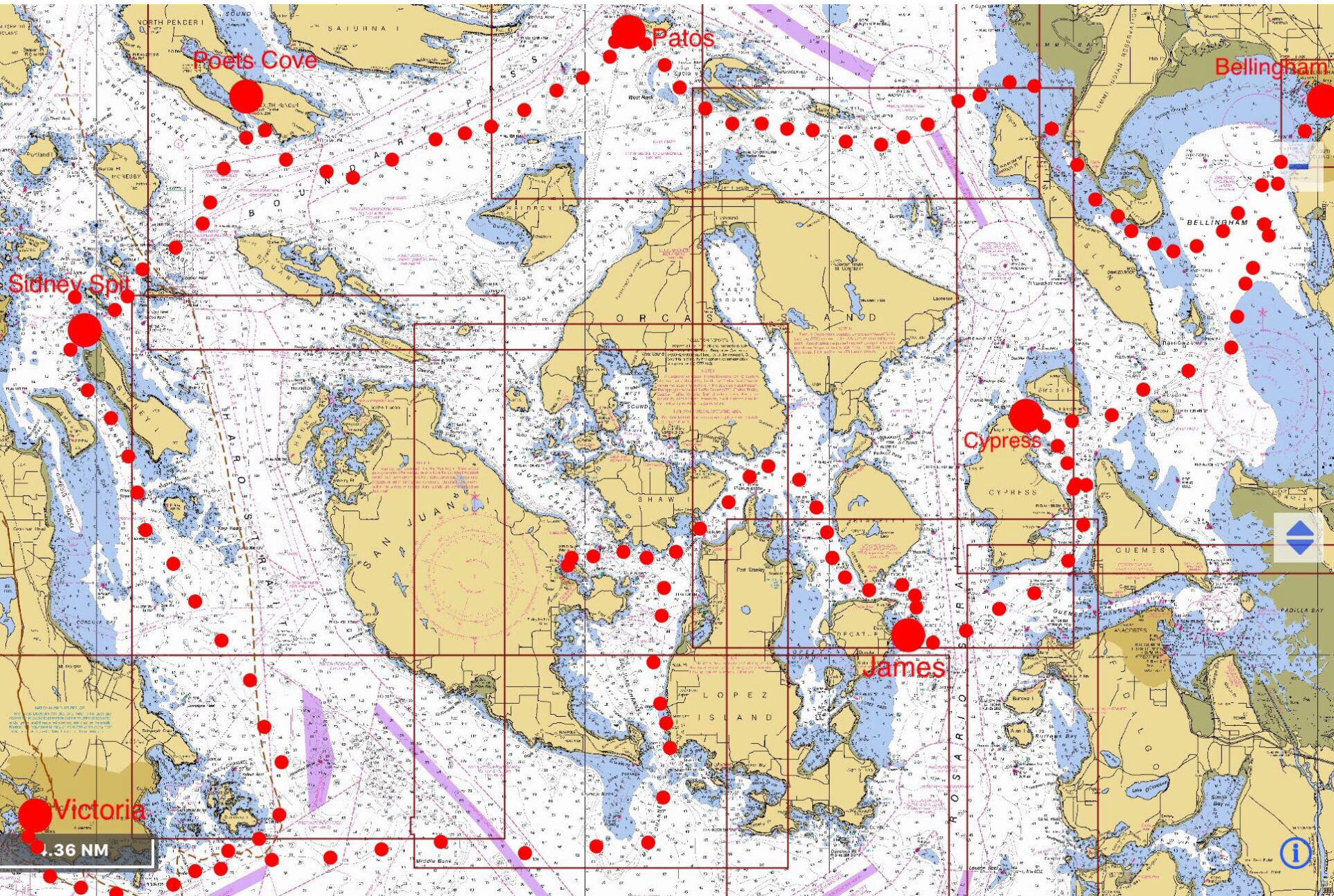
Mon: Sidney Spit

Tues: Victoria

Wed: James Island (Spencer Spit backup)

Thur: Cypress Island

Fri: Return Bellingham



Poets Cove

Pats

Bellingham

Sidney Spit

Cypress

James

Victoria

1.36 NM

# Food

Group Dinners (When not in port)

-4 dinners

Boat Provisions for Breakfast, Lunch

Volunteers for the Food Planning  
Committee?

-Assess a food charge, paid by each  
person by May 11 meeting

# Carpooling to Bellingham

Easiest to drive up on Friday and overnight on boat. Possible to drive up early Saturday.

Can arrange carpooling at the May 11, Get Ready to Go Meeting.

# What to Bring, Not Bring

- Minimize
- Only soft bags, no suitcases
- Sleeping bag, (pad for camping?)
- Foulies, 12v chargers/battery packs, sandals for dinghy
- Boat shoes, inflatable pfd?
- See charter company list:  
<http://www.sanjuansailing.com/charters/what-to-pack.html>

# Some Issues to Cover at Next Meeting

- Food committee report
- Food and boat payments
- Music by earbuds only
- No drugs, guns for crossing border
- Head use, head captains?
- Water use, water tank captains?
- Dinghy captains (important)
- Assignments when docking, leaving dock