



FACS Spring Thaw 2003 Sunshine Coast Itinerary Routes & Anchorage's May 8 – 19th

May 8th, Thursday: (Trailables) travel to Salmon Arm BC Sleep in boat, truck or get a motel room.

**May 9th, Friday:
Sunset Beach
49, 24. 40' N
123,14.70' W**

(Trailables) travel to Sunset Beach, Vancouver mainland, Howe Sound. (Just a few Kilometers North of HorseShoe Bay).

Set up boat and launch at Sunset Marina. (604-921-7476)

Dual launch ramps truck and trailer parking, showers, marine store, fuel, ice, bait, fishing licenses.

Note: Power wire located over launch ramp. Boats can launch with their masts up if they will clear the wire (I launched 25 footer at low tide in May of 2000) or step them on the water tied to the dock.

**Sunset Marina
or
Gibson's**

(Trailables) Slips are available for the night at Sunset Marina or sail to Gibson's,, approx. 11 NM and anchor or take a slip for the night.
(This will give you a head start in the morning)

The Chartering group and members with Cruisers on the coast will fly or drive to their respective boats. If they are not there already.

**May 10th, Saturday
Nanaimo
(New Castle Island)
(Dinghy Dock)**

(Trailables) are planning to sail across the Strait of Georgia from Gibson's to meet up with the Charters and Cruisers that plan to meet at the Dinghy Dock. Anchor for the night off of New Castle Island or small boats could possible get a slip for the night.

**May 11th, Sunday:
Deep Bay
49, 30. 33' N
124,12.96' W**

Sail to Deep Bay, (Jedediah, Sabine Channel) Via Strait of Georgia and Anchor over night.

May 12th, Monday:

Water Bay (Buccaneer Bay)

49,29.59' N

123,58.88' W

Explore Jedediah. Hike around the Island. Check out the old Homesteads and resident horse. Hike with the goats and sheep and don't be surprised if the horse leads you to the old orchard looking for some apples. You might bring a few with you because apples would be out of season.

Sail to Buccaneer Bay (South Thormanby Island) Via Strait Georgia, Malaspina Strait. Approx. 12 NM. Anchor over night in Water Bay at the southeast end of Buccaneer Bay.

May 13th, Tuesday:

Irvines Landing

(Pender Harbour)

49,37.92' N

124,03.42' W

Race Day: (See racing instructions)

Sail to Irvines Landing (Pender Harbour), via Malispina Strait, approx. 10NM.

Pub Night, Showers, Moorage, Fuel, Shopping Etc.

Just about everything is available at Pender Harbour.

Take a slip at Irvines Landing Marina and Pub.

Take a shower and dine at the Pub.

May 14th, Wednesday:

Green Bay

49,42.61' N

124,04.85' W

Breakfast at the old Hospital (now a Hotel) in Hospital Bay. Tour the old Chapel attached and learn some interesting History. Check out John Henry's Marina for Souvenirs, groceries liquor and fuel.

Tour the many Bays of Pender Harbour.

Sail to Green Bay, (Agamemnon Channel), via Malispina Strait, approx. 7 NM
Anchor for the night.

May 15th Thursday:

Secret Bay (Egmont)

49,45.01' N

123,55.78' W

Sail to Secret Bay (Jervis Inlet), via Agamemnon Channel, approx. 9 NM.

Tie up and take the three-mile round trip hike to see the Skookumchuck Rapids.

Tidal streams attain 15 NM on Flood and 16 NM on Ebb during large tides.

They say you can feel the earth shake when she is flowing strong.

North point is the best view for the Ebb and Roland Point is best for Flood.

Egmont could be a good place to dine out for lunch and grab a shower.

Fuel is also available with general stores.

Harmony Island

49,51.81' N

124,00.88' W

Sail to Harmony Islands (Jervis Inlet) anchor for the night, Approx. 8 NM.

May 16th Friday:

Blind Bay
49,43.80' N
124,12.65 W

Sail to Blind Bay, (Malaspina Strait) via Jervis Inlet, approx. 16 NM. Anchor for the night in Blind Bay. You might want to stop for lunch in one of the many anchorages along the way.

May 17th Saturday:

Smugglers Cove
49,30.80'N
123,57.72' W

Sail to Smugglers Cove, approx. 18 NM via Malaspina Strait.
If desperate for a shower or if you need supplies or just a Pub you could stop along the way at Secret Cove just a few miles Northeast of Smugglers Cove.

May 18th Sunday:

Sail back to where you started. End of Flotilla.

May 19th Monday:

Travel to Calgary.

Please note all distances are approximate and sailed the most direct route over safe water. Sailing against the wind could add many miles to your route. Waypoints are from (Exploring the South Coast of BC)

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Always keep a diligent watch.

Happy sailing.

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