



FACS Spring Thaw 2005 Gulf Islands Itinerary Routes & Anchorage's May 12 – 23rd

May 12th, Thursday:

(Trailables) travel to Salmon Arm or as far as Kamloops BC in a convoy. Sleep in boat or truck.

**May 13th, Friday:
Squalicum Harbor
Bellingham Bay
Bellingham WA.
48, 45.0' N
122, 29.0' W**

(Trailables) travel to Squalicum Harbor Bellingham WA, Bellingham Bay. Set up boat and launch at Squalicum Harbor, Port of Bellingham. 722 Coho Way Bellingham WA. (360-676-2542) Arnold Korbmacher www.portofbellingham.com VHF channel 16, switch to 68.

No charge, four-lane boat launch with no overhead obstructions and free parking (see Harbor office for free long term parking pass). Moorage on the visitors dock is .50/foot per night with 30 Amp service and potable water. Showers and laundry are available and groceries a short drive away. Provision and take a slip for the night.

Chartering is available out of Squalicum Harbor @ San Juan Island Sailing visit www.sanjuansailing.com

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

May 14th Saturday
Blind Bay,
Shaw Island.
48, 35.1' N
122, 56.1' W
Entrance

Sail to Blind Bay (Blind Island Marine State Park) on the north side of Shaw Island, 23 NM via Bellingham Bay, Rosario Strait, Obstruction Pass, and Harney Channel.

Anchor for the night in the center portion of the bay behind Blind Island.

Four mooring buoys are available as well as toilets on the island.

Blind Island is part of the Cascadia Marine trail campsite.

Enter Blind Bay midway between the private white day beacon and Blind Island on the east side of Shaw Island.

Visit the Shaw Island General Store by dinghy. The store was built in 1924; you will find groceries, ice, restrooms, etc.

May 15th, Sunday:
Friday Harbor
San Juan Island
48, 32.25' N
123, 00.8' W
Dock

“Pub Night” Sail to Port of Friday Harbor on San Juan Island, 8 NM via Upright Channel to San Juan Channel. **Meet up with the FACS flotilla, Cruisers and Charters who sailed from Canada.**

Port of Friday Harbor, Jeremy (Harbor Master) 1-360-378-2688,

www.portfridayharbou.org VHF 66A (USA mode)

Take a slip for the night .75/foot + .10/foot for power. Smaller boats on the inner wall will be cheaper TBA.

Custom entry into the USA, all facilities available take a slip for the night.

May 16th, Monday:
Garrison Bay
San Juan Island
48, 35.5' N
123, 9.6' W
Entrance

Sail to Garrison Bay (English Camp) on San Juan Island, 25 NM via San Juan Channel, Cattle Pass (Local Name) Middle Channel, Haro Strait to Mosquito Pass.

Anchor for the night in Garrison Bay.

Garrison Bay was home to the English Fleet during the "Pig War" in 1859 to 1872.

You can tour the restored grounds and cemetery. If your looking for a good hike try the trail leading up to the top of Young Hill, 650 feet above sea level for a excellent view.

Caution:

Note: This can be a tricky but enjoyable passage. Pay close attention to the currents on this passage. I recommend using "Murray's Tables" in conjunction with the "Current Atlas" This will help you visualize the currents and a specified hour of the day.

Cattle Pass (just before Middle Channel heading south) can flow well and is known for "Rips" and "Eddies" (big ebb against a strong westerly breeze can cause "Standing Waves"

Avoid "Salmon Bank" by keeping Green Gong Buoy "FI G" to Starboard. After clearing "Salmon Bank" stay close to "San Juan Island" to catch a short flood tide and then a "Back Eddy" when it turns to ebb.

Keep a sharp eye on the water and have the camera ready for Orca in Haro Strait, you should find them all the way up to Mosquito Pass.

May 17th, Tuesday:
Roche Harbor
San Juan Island
48, 36.6 N
123, 9.2 W
Dock

"Pub Night" Sail (Motor) to Roche Harbor, 3NM via Mosquito Pass.

Take a slip for the night \$1.35/foot, Troy or Kevin (Harbor Master) 1-800-451-8910 ext. 450, VHF 78A.

This is a full facility marina with everything you will require.

Hike to the Afterglow Vista Mausoleum and to the Limestone Quarries.

Check out the Historic Hotel de Haro and the "Ballast Brick Roads"

These roads are made of "Ballast Brick" from old sailing vessels.

Most of the bricks carry the vessels names.

May 18th, Wednesday:

**Fossil Bay
Sucia Island
48, 44.8'N
122, 53.6'W
Entrance**

“Race Day” (see the separate doc. Called **“Race Day”** for instructions)
Sail to Fossil Bay (Sucia Island) 15 NM via Spieden Channel to President Channel. Tie up to the dock, grab a mooring ball or through out the hook. Hike Sucia Island’s many trails, they feature the most marvelous weather and water sculpted sandstone you will see in this neck of the woods.

Caution:

Be aware of the muddy shallows in Fossil Bay (especially in a minus tide) near the docks and the western most buoys. Depths are 6 feet at zero tide at the outer end of the innermost dock. Fortunately we are not expecting any minus tides. If you have a deep draft fixed keel, check the tide tables for expected tide depths.

May 19th, Thursday:

**Blakely Island Marina
Blakely Island
48, 35.1' N
122, 49.0' W**

Potluck Dinner Night

Sail to Blakely Island Marina, 14NM via Rosario Strait to Peavine Pass.

Take a slip for the night; .85/foot includes power and taxes.

Norma Reed 360-375-6121 phone, 360-375-6141 fax, Website

www.rockisland.com/~blakely E-mail blakely@rockisland.com

You will find fuel, showers, laundry and groceries at Blakely.

They also feature a **“Cabana”** with power outlets, a fridge, running water, BBQ’s and a fire pit. (Norma said firewood would be available)

This sounds like a great place to hold our second annual **Potluck Dinner.**

I say dinner at 1800 hours. Everyone bring a dish and some libations (wine, shooters etc.) to share and FACS will provide disposable plates, cups and utensils. If you have a **“ghetto-blaster”** and some tunes bring it along the power is free.

**May 20th, Friday:
Reid Harbor:
Stuart Island
48, 39.75'N
123, 10.65'W
Entrance**

Sail to Reid Harbor 15.5 NM via Peavine Pass, Harney Channel, Pole Pass, North Pass, San Juan Channel to New Channel.
Tie up to the dock, take to a mooring or anchor.
Stuart Island, including Reid harbor and Prevost Harbor is a State Park.
Facilities include, toilets, pumpout and portapotty dump.
Hike to "Turn Point" (northwest corner of Stuart Island) along the way take in the historic museum, library and modern schoolhouse.
Handmade post cards are for sale at the library on the honor system. Boundary Pass Traders, a family business, sells t-shirts and stationery with local scenes, again on the honor system. Take what you like and mail them a cheque; they will mail you back a thank you note.

**I suspect that this will be the last night spent as a large group because it is too convenient for boats and charters that hail from Canada to start heading back. (What good planning Eh!!)
They will need to clear customs at Bedwell Harbor or Sidney before going to their final destination.
They are more than welcome to join the flotilla heading to Rosario Saturday and enjoy the spas, pools and fine dining.**

**May 21st, Saturday:
Rosario Resort
Orcas Island
48, 38.8' N
122, 52.1' W
Entrance**

Fine Dining Night

Sail to Rosario Resort, 20NM via, New Channel, San Juan Channel, and Upright Channel to East Sound. 1-800-562-8820, www.rosario.rockresorts.com
harbormaster@rosarioresort.com VHF 78A

Rosario is a world-renowned resort build by Robert Moran at the turn of the nineteenth century. This was his private residence built by the finest shipwrights at the time. It featured a bowling ally, indoors and out door swimming pools and a spa. Not to mention the pipe organ. The "Moran Mansion" is listed as one of the National Register of Historic Places.

This place is rich in history and a beautiful place to visit.

Marina guess are considered guess of the hotel with access to all services including "**room service**" to you boat.

Yes it is expensive to stay at Rosario but I'm working on a group rate.

**May 22 Sunday:
Squalicum Harbor
Bellingham Bay
Bellingham WA.
48, 45.0' N
122, 29.0' W**

Sail to Squalicum Harbor (Bellingham Bay) 22 NM via, East Sound, Obstruction Pass, and Rosario Strait to Bellingham Bay.
Pull the boats, shower and hit the trail to Calgary, drive as far as they feel comfortable, sleep in truck or boat.

May 23rd Monday

Trailables continue the drive to Calgary till safe and sound at home.

May 24th Tuesday

Take the day off work, relax and get wife & kids to clean out the boat!!!!

Charts:

San Juan Islands: 3462 (Cdn) Juan de Fuca Strait to Strait of Georgia 80,000: 1

Gulf Islands: 3313 (Cdn) Chart Atlas (includes portions of the San Juan Islands)
Small Craft Charts

USA Charts: 18421 Strait of Juan de Fuca to Strait of Georgia 80,000:1

18429 Rosario Strait Southern Parts 25,000:1

18430 Rosario Strait Northern Part 25,000:1

18431 Rosario Strait to Cherry Point 25,000:1

18432 Boundary Pass 25,000:1

18433 Haro Strait – Middle Bank – Stuart Island 25,000:1

18434 San Juan Channel 25,000:1

18423Sc Bellingham to Everett including San Juan Island

Small Craft Charts

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.

Tidal Flows are from (Murray's Tables and the Chart Atlas)

All times are in PST and corrected for daylight savings time.

Please use the above information as a guideline only. Each Skipper is responsible for the safety of his or her vessel. Plot each waypoint on your own charts and double check the Tide and Current Tables for depths and tidal flows.

Always keep a diligent watch.

Happy sailing.

Robert Dyer
Cruising Director FACS