

THE SIXTH ANNUAL
GREAT POTTER YACHTER
NORTHWEST ESCAPE
AND
MESSABOUT



Sept 2 –17, 2008

*“There is nothing – absolutely nothing –
half so much worth doing
as simply messing about in boats.”*

Kenneth Grahame
“The Wind in the Willows”

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission,

remains as always, to again trailer our intrepid sailing vessels to the wilds of the Pacific Northwest to advance the cause of Potterdom and demonstrate to the yachting world that Potter Yachters spend their time on the water and not at the dock.

To that end,

Have fun and sail safe!

NOTE

While we travel with friends, you sail alone. You are the captain of your vessel.

The enclosed information and charts are for planning and reference only. The GPS coordinates have not been verified and the sailing directions are only meant to help you in the planning of your route.

*Cover Photo "Sunset at Blakely Island"
Courtesy of Dave Lawson*

TRAVEL & SAIL PLAN

Day 1: Tuesday, Sept 2, Depart for Bellingham, WA. Distance: approx 900 miles,
Driving time: approx. 16 hours.

Day 2: Wednesday, Sept 3, Travel.

Day 3: Thursday, Sept 4, Arrive Squalicum Harbor, Bellingham.
Harbor Office tel: (360) 676-2542.

Day 4: Friday, Sept 5, Depart Squalicum Harbor for Inati Bay on Lummi Island,
lunch/rest break, continue on to Blakely Island Marina. Tel: (360) 375-6121.

Day 5: Saturday, Sept 6, Sail to Deer Harbor Marina, Orcas Island.
Tel: (360) 376-3037.

Day 6: Sunday, Sept 7, Sail to Reid Harbor, Stuart Island. No telephone.

Day 7: Monday, Sept 8, Sail to Port Sidney Marina, Vancouver Island, B.C.
Tel: (250) 655-3711.

Day 8: Tuesday, Sept 9, layover day at Sidney. *

Day 9: Wednesday, Sept 10, Sail to Roche Harbor, San Juan Island. **
Tel: (360) 378-2155.

Day 10: Thursday, Sept 11, Sail to Friday Harbor, San Juan Island.
Tel: (360) 378-2688.

Day 11: Friday, Sept 12, Layover day at Friday Harbor. *

Day 12: Saturday, Sept 13, Sail to Blakely Island Marina. Tel: (360) 375-6121.

Day 13: Sunday, Sept 14, Sail to Anati Bay, lunch/rest break, continue on to
Squalicum Harbor. Tel: (360) 676-2542.

Day 14: Monday, Sept 15, Depart Bellingham for points south as desired.

Day 15: Tuesday, Sept 16, Travel.

Day 16: Wednesday, Sept 17, Arrive home.

* Layover days may be taken at any place en route.

** After clearing Customs, we can stay at Roche Harbor or sail to Reid Harbor (4 nm).

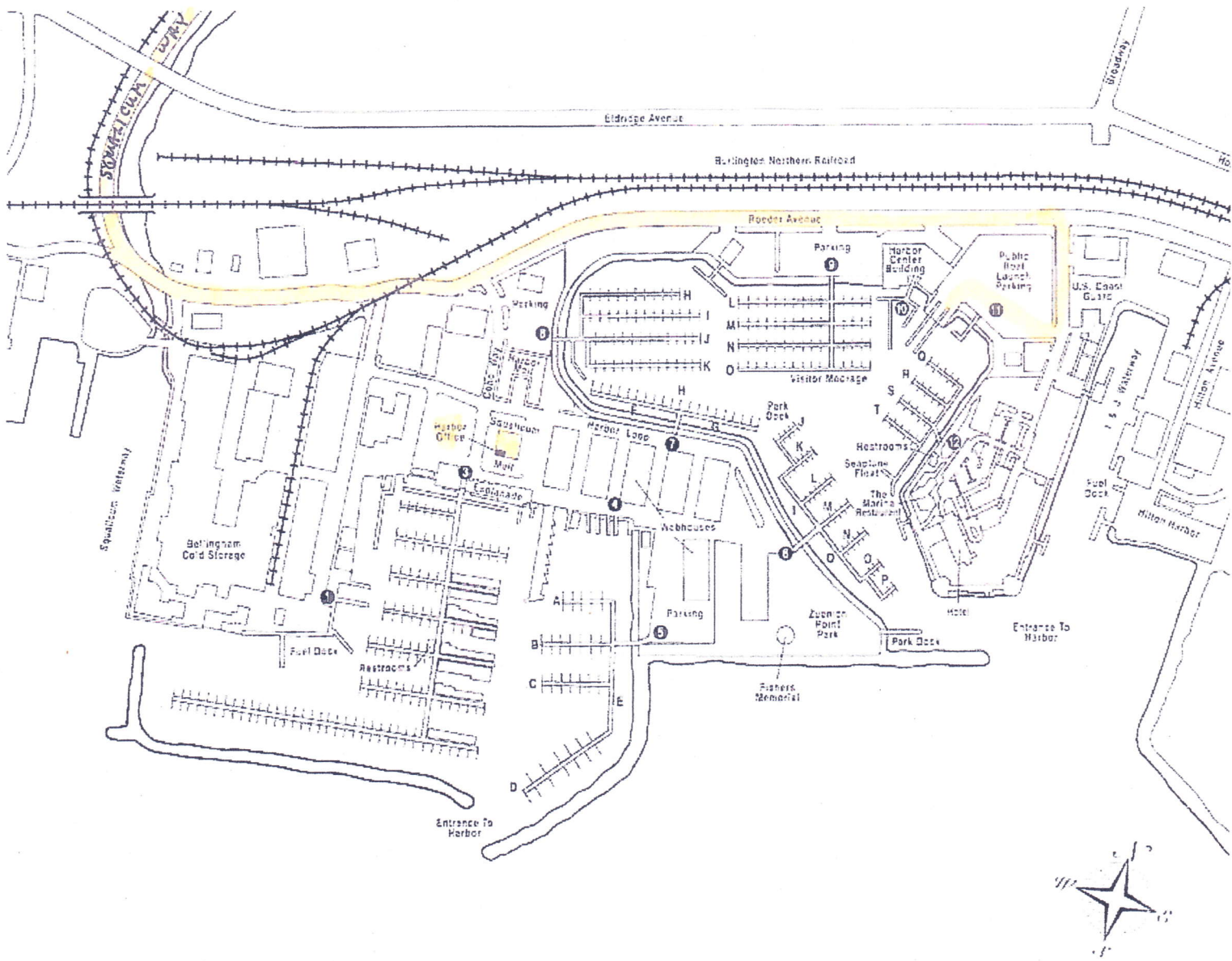
DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO BELLINGHAM, WA

Distance: approx. 900 miles from Bay area. Driving time: approx. 16 hours.

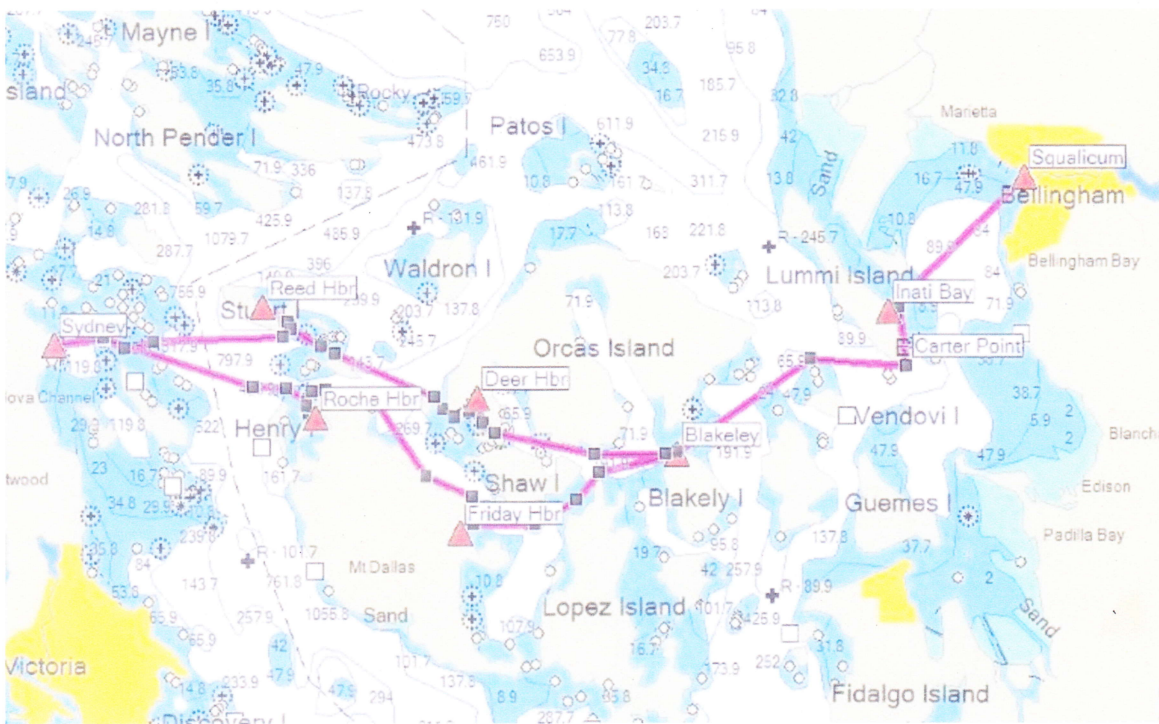
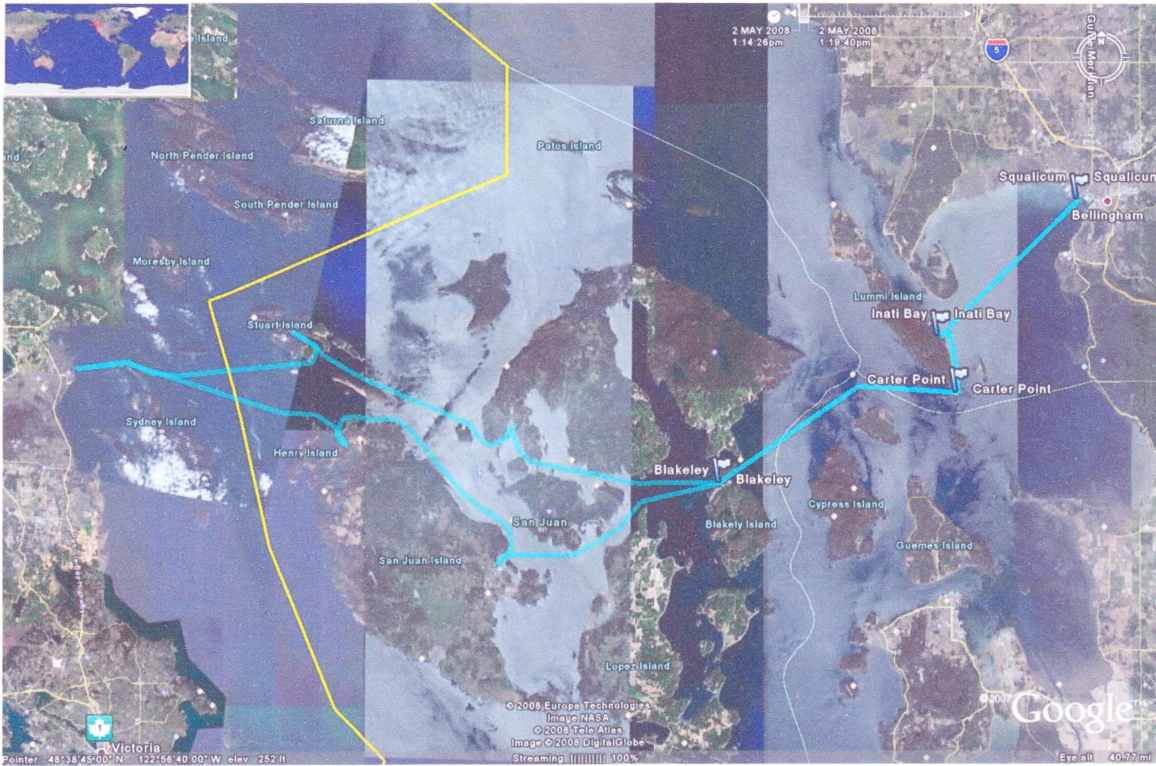
1. Take **I-5 North** approx 600 miles to southern edge of Portland, OR.
2. Take **I-205 North** (Exit 288)– go 37 miles to bypass Portland traffic.
3. Rejoin **I-5 North** (Exit 36)– go 149 miles to southern edge of Seattle, WA.
4. Take the **405 North** (Exit 154) – go 31 miles to bypass Seattle traffic.
5. Rejoin **I-5 North** (Exit 182) – go 70 miles to Bellingham, WA
6. In **Bellingham**: take the **Meridian St. Exit** (No. 256).
7. Turn left onto **Meridian St.** – go .4 mile.
8. Turn right onto **Squalicum Way** – go 2 miles.
9. Proceed to the **Squalicum Harbor** area. See map.

Note: The launch ramp is on the east side of the Harbor Center Building at 1801 Roeder Ave. Cost to launch is \$10.00 in and out. Harbor office phone # 360-676-2542.

SQUALICUM HARBOR



THE ROUTE



Courtesy of Dave Lawson

STUFF TO KNOW

General:

1. Be aware of “overfalls” where a current runs over a shallow spot. Overfalls are a lot like standing river rapids. If sailing with the current, it is hard to see them until into them. If sailing against the current, and you are paying attention, you should be able to see them soon enough to avoid.
2. While we don’t plan on going there, gusty winds are possible northeast of Orcas Island if the wind is out of the south to west. The wind can go from 0 to 40 MPH in seconds. Watch for gusts hitting the water.

Charts:

1. Canadian Hydrographic Service, Juan De Fuca Strait, #3462.
2. Waterproof Charts, San Juan Islands, #43. (Incorporates parts of NOAA Charts, 18421, 18433, and 18434.)

Clearing Customs:

1. You will need a passport, and boat registration.
2. In Canada, firearms are not permitted. Each adult is permitted 40 fluid ounces of liquor, 1.5 liters of wine, or 24 – 12 ounce bottles of beer.
3. In Canada, report to a designated Customs-Port-of-Entry. If landing at an unmanned location, call 1-888-226-7277. There is a Customs Check-In at Port Sidney Marina, at the end of F Dock. Enter Marina and turn to port.
4. In U.S. report to a designated port-of-entry. Roche Harbor, tel: (360) 378-2080; Friday Harbor, tel: (360) 378-2080. Call before expecting to clear Roche Harbor.
5. Check www.cbp.gov/ (go to the travel tab) for helpful information “Know before you go” and “Pleasure Boats.”

Moorage and Launch Fees:

1. Reid Harbor, \$10.00, deposit at dock.
2. At Marinas, plan on paying up to \$1.50 a foot per night. Squaleicum Harbor in-and-out launch fee \$10.00.

Marinas:

Squalicum Harbor, Bellingham. Harbor Master, hail on VHF Ch 16, go to Ch 68. Tel: (360) 676-2542. All services, cafe, laundry, showers, parking, launch ramp etc. Complimentary shuttle to downtown. Website: www.portofbellingham.com

Blakely Island Marina, Blakely Island. Hail on VHF Ch 66A. Tel: (360) 375- 6121. Guest moorage, water, showers, provisions. No cafe, eat on boats.

Deer Harbor Marina, Orcas Island. Hail on VHF Ch 78A. Tel: (360) 376-3037. Most services available, dining located nearby. Website: www.bellportgroup.com.

Reid Harbor Marine State Park, Stuart Island. Moorage available, \$10.00 fee paid at dock. Pit toilets, fresh water available. Eat on boats.

Port Sidney Marina, Vancouver Island, B.C. Hail on VHF Ch 66A. Tel: (250) 655-3711. Customs clearance available via courtesy telephone at Customs Check-In at end of F Dock. Enter marina and turn to port. Website: www.portsidney.com.

The marina is located at the base of Sidney's main street. All services available nearby. A layover day is planned. Buchart Gardens is nearby, catch a bus to Victoria, tour local used bookshops, or browse through a secondhand chandlery. (John Wheeler please take note.)

Roche Harbor, San Juan Island. Hail on VHF Ch 78A. Tel: (360) 378-2155. Advertised as a premier, state-of-the-art marina (translation: expensive). Website: www.rocheharbor.com.

Customs clearance at end of dock. Tel: (360) 378-2080.

Note: If the locals prove unfriendly, we can sail to Reid Harbor Marine State Park, 4 nautical miles to the north.

Friday Harbor, San Juan Island. Hail on VHF Ch 66A. Tel: (360) 378-2688. All services available. Website: www.portfridayharbor.org.

A layover day is planned.

GPS COORDINATES

(dd-mm-ss)

Not Verified

Squalicum Harbor

48-45-09 N
122-29-50 W

Inati Bay

48-40-23 N
122-37-18 W

Carter Point

48-38-20 N
122-36-28 W

Peavine Pass

48-35-24 N
122-48-34 W

Blakely Island Marina

48-35-09 N
122-48-58 W

Deer Harbor Marina

48-37-11 N
123-00-11 W

Reid Harbor

48-40-31 N
123-12-02 W

Sidney Marina

48-39-08 N
123-23-31 W

Roche Harbor Entrance

48-37-12 N
123-10-18 W

Friday Harbor

48-32-23 N
123-00-51 W

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Squalicum Harbor, Bellingham, to Anati Bay, to Blakely Island Marina, 18 nm.

- Clear harbor and sail SSW (205) for 7 nm to Anati Bay on Lummi Island.
Enter Anati Bay south of white buoy. Anchor for lunch/rest.
- Clear Anati Bay and sail southward for 2 nm to Carter Point.
- Sail WSW (245) for 3 nm to clear Sinclair Island. Avoid Viti Rocks .75 nm SW of Carter Point.
- Sail SW (225) for 6 nm to enter Peavine Pass on north end of Blakely Island.
- Blakely Marina is on the western side of Peavine Pass, northern tip of Blakely Island.

Blakely Island Marina to Deer Harbor, Orcas Island, 9 nm.

- Sail WSW (255) for 7 nm and enter Harney Channel to Crane Island.
- Depending on currents, go through Pole Pass (on north side of Crane Island), or round Crane Island to the south.
- Sail Northward into Deer Harbor, 2 nm, to Deer Harbor Marina.

Deer Harbor to Reid Harbor, Stuart Island, 10 nm.

- Depart around noon due to adverse currents.
- Sail Southward 1 nm to clear Deer Harbor.
- Sail WSW (250) 1 nm to clear Jones Island to the south.
- Sail Westward for 8 nm to clear Spieden Island to south or north, depending on currents, and enter Reid Harbor, Stuart Island.

Reid Harbor to Port Sidney Marina, 11.5 nm.

- Sail Eastward for 2 nm to clear Reid Harbor then turn to West.
- Sail WSW (250) for 9.5 nm to Port Sidney Marina, Vancouver Island, B.C.
Clear Sidney Spit to the north.
- Enter the marina, turn to port, and tie up at Customs Check-In at end of F Dock.

Port Sidney Marina to Roche Harbor, 10 nm.

- Sail Eastward 2 nm to clear north tip of Sidney Spit.
- Sail E (090) 7 nm to Roche Harbor entrance (behind Battleship Island).
- Turn Southward to enter Roche Harbor. Marina is 1 nm on east side of harbor.
- Go directly to Customs in middle of end dock.

SAILING DIRECTIONS

(cont.)

Roche Harbor to Friday Harbor, 10 nm.

- Clear harbor to north and turn to starboard.
- Sail around San Juan Island to Friday Harbor.

Friday Harbor to Blakely Island Marina, 9 nm.

- Sail ENE (065) for 3 nm to cross San Juan Channel and enter Upright Channel.
- Sail NNE (030) up Upright Channel for 3 nm to clear Upright Head at north end of Lopez Island.
- Sail NE by ENE (055) for 3 nm to Blakely Island Marina.

Blakely Island Marina to Anati Bay, to Squalicum Harbor, 18 nm.

- Clear marina and turn to East to sail through Peavine Pass.
- Sail NE (045) for 6 nm to clear northern end of Sinclair Island.
- Sail ENE (065) for 3 nm to round Carter Point on south end of Lummi Island.
Avoid Viti Rocks .75 nm SW of Carter Point.
- Sail Northward 2 nm to Anati Bay.
- Enter Anati Bay south of white buoy. Anchor for lunch/rest.
- Sail ENE (025) for 7 nm to Squalicum Harbor, Bellingham.

Tides for Friday Harbor, San Juan Island

Sept 4, 2008, to Sept 17, 2008

Day	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Sunrise Sunset	Moon Time	% Moon Visible
Th 4	Low	2:21 AM	0.7	6:34 AM	Rise 12:27 PM	17
4	High	9:20 AM	6.2	7:47 PM	Set 9:16 PM	
4	Low	2:21 PM	4.3			
4	High	8:05 PM	7.2			
F 5	Low	3:05 AM	0.6	6:36 AM	Rise 1:37 PM	25
5	High	10:40 AM	6.2	7:45 PM	Set 9:44 PM	
5	Low	3:13 PM	5.2			
5	High	8:30 PM	6.9			
Sa 6	Low	3:52 AM	0.5	6:37 AM	Rise 2:42 PM	34
6	High	12:29 PM	6.4	7:43 PM	Set 10:20 PM	
6	Low	4:23 PM	5.9			
6	High	8:59 PM	6.6			
Su 7	Low	4:46 AM	0.6	6:39 AM	Rise 3:41 PM	43
7	High	2:07 PM	6.6	7:40 PM	Set 11:06 PM	
7	Low	6:30 PM	6.2			
7	High	9:33 PM	6.4			
M 8	Low	5:48 AM	0.6	6:40 AM	Rise 4:30 PM	53
8	High	3:09 PM	6.9	7:38 PM		
8	Low	8:43 PM	6.1			
8	High	10:26 PM	6.1			
Tu 9	Low	6:53 AM	0.6	6:41 AM	Set 12:02 AM	62
9	High	3:52 PM	7.2	7:36 PM	Rise 5:10 PM	
9	Low	9:36 PM	5.8			
9	High	11:41 PM	5.9			
W 10	Low	7:55 AM	0.5	6:43 AM	Set 1:06 AM	71
10	High	4:24 PM	7.2	7:34 PM	Rise 5:41 PM	
10	Low	10:00 PM	5.5			
Th 11	High	1:01 AM	5.9	6:44 AM	Set 2:16 AM	79
11	Low	8:46 AM	0.4	7:32 PM	Rise 6:05 PM	
11	High	4:47 PM	7.3			
11	Low	10:13 PM	5.1			

F 12	High	2:13 AM	6.0	6:46 AM	Set 3:29 AM	87
12	Low	9:30 AM	0.3	7:30 PM	Rise 6:26 PM	
12	High	5:04 PM	7.2			
12	Low	10:28 PM	4.5			
Sa 13	High	3:15 AM	6.2	6:47 AM	Set 4:44 AM	93
13	Low	10:07 AM	0.4	7:28 PM	Rise 6:43 PM	
13	High	5:18 PM	7.3			
13	Low	10:50 PM	3.8			
Su 14	High	4:12 AM	6.5	6:48 AM	Set 5:59 AM	97
14	Low	10:43 AM	0.6	7:26 PM	Rise 6:59 PM	
14	High	5:33 PM	7.4			
14	Low	11:18 PM	2.9			
M 15	High	5:08 AM	6.6	6:50 AM	Set 7:16 AM	99
15	Low	11:19 AM	1.2	7:24 PM	Rise 7:16 PM	
15	High	5:51 PM	7.5			
15	Low	11:52 PM	1.7			
Tu 16	High	6:05 AM	6.7	6:51 AM	Set 8:35 AM	99
16	Low	11:55 AM	2.0	7:21 PM	Rise 7:34 PM	
16	High	6:13 PM	7.6			
W 17	Low	12:29 AM	0.7	6:53 AM	Set 9:56 AM	97
17	High	7:03 AM	6.9	7:19 PM	Rise 7:55 PM	
17	Low	12:34 PM	2.9			
17	High	6:37 PM	7.6			