

**THE SEVENTH ANNUAL
GREAT POTTER YACHTER
NORTHWEST ESCAPE
AND
MESSABOUT**



Sept 7 –22, 2009

*“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: Monday, Sept 7, Depart for Bellingham, WA. Distance: approx. 900 miles,
Driving time: approx. 16 hours.

Day 2: Tuesday, Sept 8, Travel.

Day 3: Wednesday, Sept 9, Arrive Squalicum Harbor, Bellingham.
Harbor Office tel: (360) 676-2542.

Day 4: Thursday, Sept 10, Sail from Squalicum Harbor for San Juan Islands.
Routes and ports of call to be determined based on conditions.

Day 5 - 12: Friday, Sept 11 to Friday, September 18, Sail San Juan Islands.
A two or three day layover at Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, is
tentatively scheduled between Sunday, Sept 14, to
Wednesday, Sept 16. Harbor Office tel: (360) 378-2688.

Day 13: Saturday, Sept 19, Sail to Squalicum Harbor.
Harbor Office tel: (360) 676-2542.

Day 14: Sunday, Sept 20, Depart Bellingham for points south as desired.

Day 15: Monday, Sept 21, Travel.

Day 16: Tuesday, Sept 22, Arrive home.

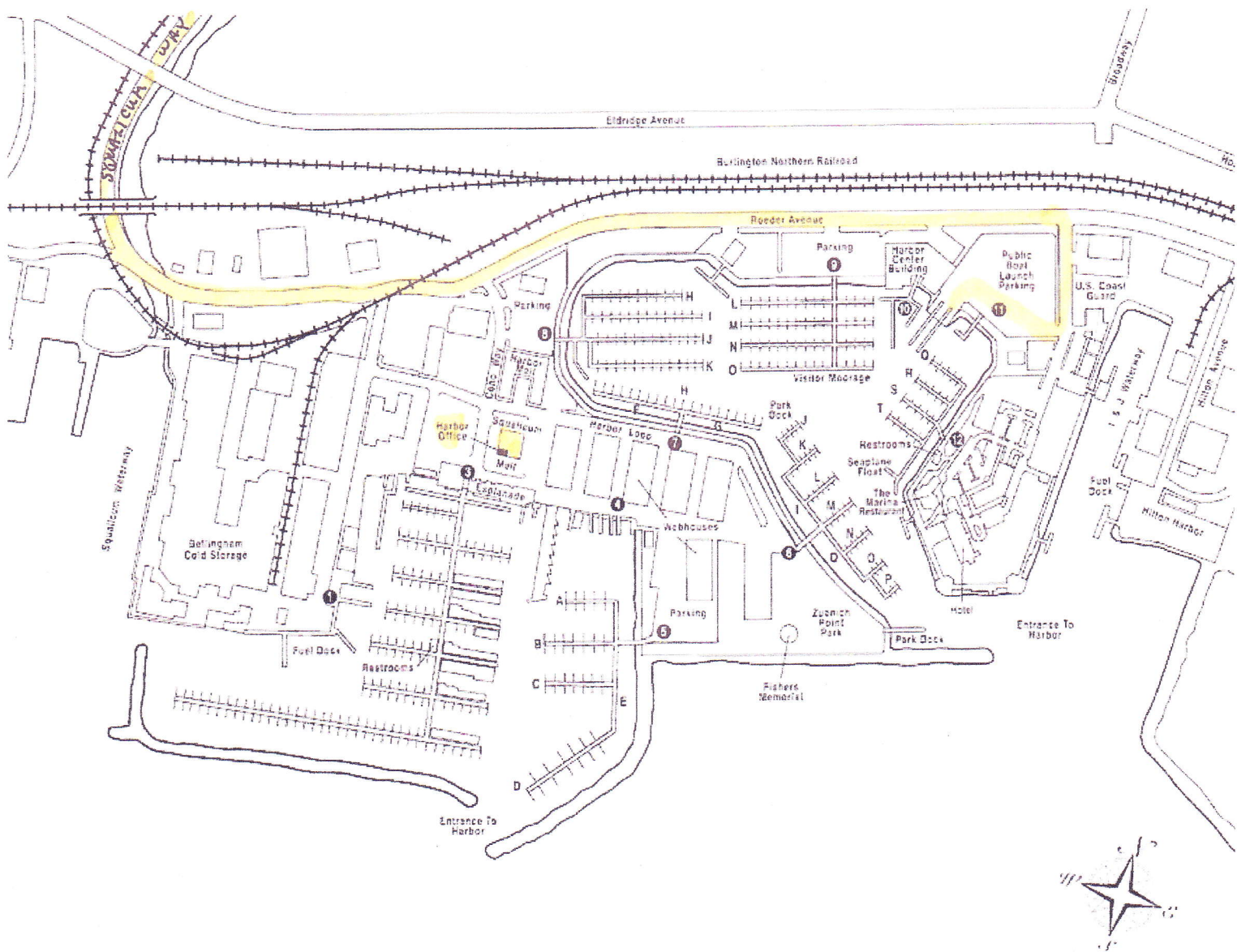
DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO BELLINGHAM, WA

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



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. **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.)

Travel to Canada:

1. Rules and requirements are changing. Check www.cbp.gov for information. Go to the Travel tab, then click on Pleasure Boats. Telephone Roche Harbor (360) 378-2080, or Friday Harbor (360) 378-2080 for current info before crossing border.

2. You will need a passport, and boat registration.

3. 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.

4. In Canada, report to a designated Customs-Port-of-Entry. If landing at an unmanned location, call 1-888-226-7277. There is a telephone Customs Check-In at Port Sidney Marina, at the end of F Dock. Enter Marina and turn to port.

5. 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.

Moorage and Launch Fees:

1. Marine Parks: Fossil Bay, Reid Harbor, Prevost Harbor, etc. \$10.00, deposit at dock.

2. At Marinas, plan on paying up to \$1.50 a foot per night. Squaticum Harbor: \$5.00 per launch (\$10.00 in-and-out).

Marinas:

Bellingham, Squaticum Harbor. Harbor Master, hail on VHF Ch 16. 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.

*Jones Is.
East Sound*

Fisherman Bay, Lopez Island. Lopez Islander Bay Resort and Marina. Hail on VHF Ch 78A. Tel: (360) 468-2233. Nice restaurant. www.lopezislander.com

↳ Carver Restaurant 1/2 mi Lopez Pass to Spencer Spit? Center Is.?

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

Marine State Parks: Reid Harbor, Prevost Harbor, Fossil Bay, Doe Island. Moorage available, \$10.00 fee paid at dock. Pit toilets, fresh water available (no water at Doe Island).

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.

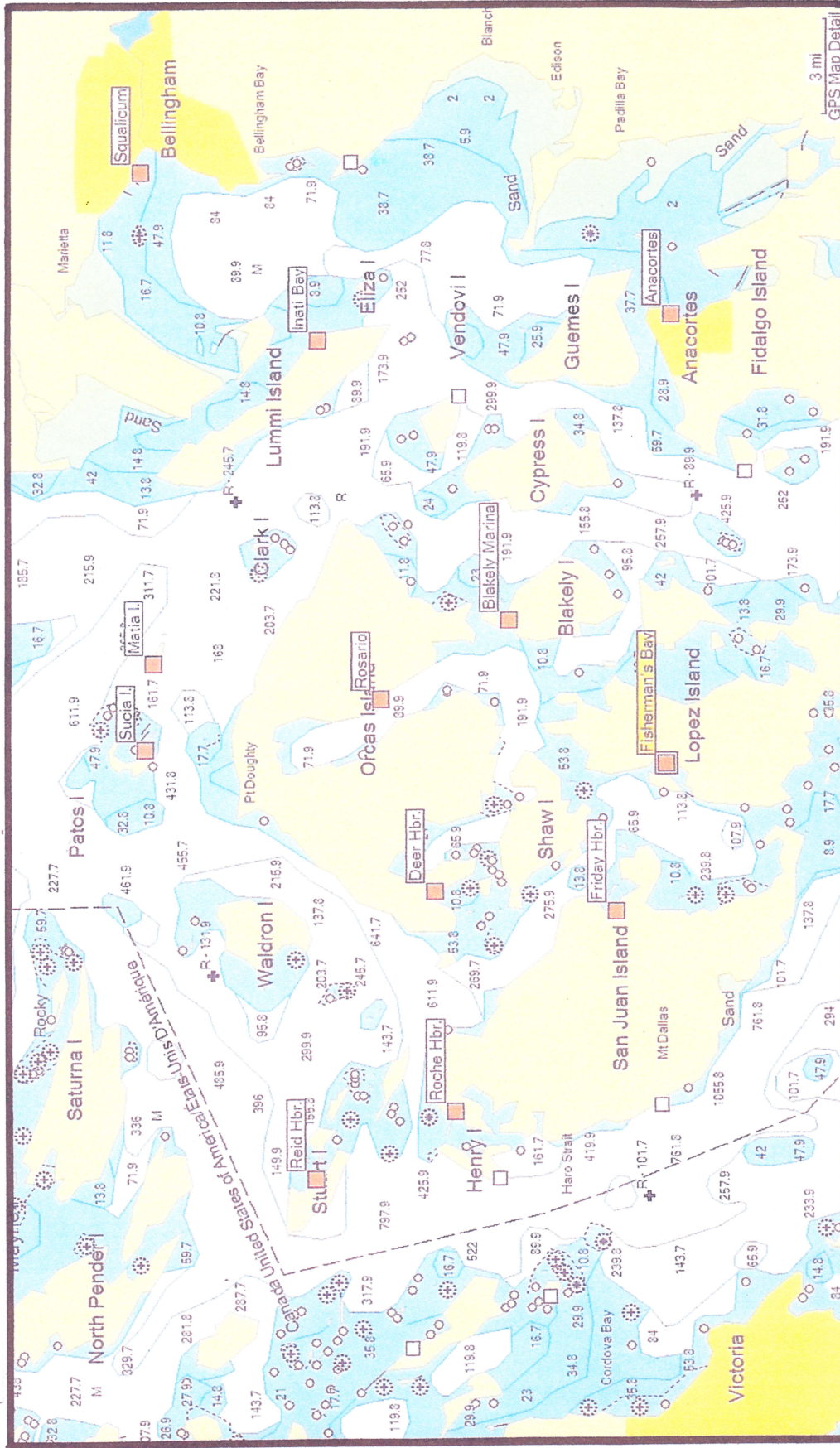
Roche Harbor, San Juan Island. Hail on VHF Ch 78A. Tel: (360) 378-2155. Advertised as a premier, state-of-the-art marina (translation: expensive). Website: www.rocheharbor.com

Rosario Resort, Orcas Island. The resort is closed; however, the marina may be open. Call ahead to (360) 376-2222. www.rosarioresort.com for latest updates.

Notes:

Satellite coverage: Google Earth provides detailed photography of the entire San Juans.

SAN JUAN ISLANDS



Map: Courtesy of Dave Lawson

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2. 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.

Bellingham (Squalicum Harbor) to Anati Bay, Lummi Island, 7 nm.

- Clear harbor and sail SSW (205) for 7 nm to Anati Bay on Lummi Island.
- Enter Anati Bay south of white buoy.

Anati Bay to Bellingham (Squalicum Harbor), 7 nm

- Clear harbor.
- Sail NNE (025) for 7 nm to Squalicum Harbor, Bellingham.

Anati Bay to Blakely Island Marina, Blakely Island, 11 nm.

- 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.

Anati Bay to Fossil Bay, Sucia Island, 13 nm.

- Clear Anati Bay and sail WNW (305) for 6 nm to Point Migley.
- Sail WSW (250) for 7 nm to Fossil Bay.

Blakely Island Marina to Anati Bay, Lummi Island, 11 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.

Blakely Island Marina to Deer Harbor Marina, 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.

SAILING DIRECTIONS (cont.)

Blakely Island Marina to Rosario, to Eastsound, Orcas Island, 8 nm.

- Clear harbor and sail W .5 nm around western tip of Obstruction Island.
- Sail NW (310) for 4 nm to Rosario.
- Sail NW (325) for 3 nm to Eastsound.

Blakely Island Marina to Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, 9 nm.

- Clear Harbor and sail SW (235) for 3 nm to Upright Head, and enter Upright Channel.
- Sail SSW (210) for 3 nm to S tip of Shaw Island.
- Sail WSW (245) for 3 nm to cross San Juan Channel and enter Friday Harbor.

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

- Sail Southward 2nm to clear Deer Harbor.
- Depending on currents, go through Pole Pass (on north side of Crane Island), or round Crane Island to the south.
- Sail ENE (075) for 7 nm to Blakely Island Marina, on north tip of Blakely Island.

Deer Harbor Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, 6 nm.

- Sail S (180) for 3 nm to enter San Juan Channel.
- Sail SE (140) for 2 nm to enter Friday Harbor. Marina is 1 nm to West.

Deer Harbor to Reid Harbor, Stuart Island, 11 nm.

- Sail Southward for 1 nm to clear Deer Harbor.
- Sail WSW (250) for 1 nm to clear Jones Island to the south.
- Sail WNW (285) for 8 nm to clear Spieden Island to south or north, depending on currents, and enter Reid Harbor, 1 nm to dock.

Fossil Bay to Anati Bay, Lummi Island, 13 nm.

- Clear harbor.
- Sail ENE (070) for 7 nm to Point Migley.
- Sail ESE (125) for 6 nm to Anati Bay.
- Enter Anati Bay south of white buoy.

Fossil Bay to Reid Harbor, Stuart Island, 16 nm.

- Clear Fossil Bay, 1 nm.
- Sail SSW (210) for 11 nm to eastern tip of Spieden Island.
- Sail Westward for 3 nm to clear Spieden Island to north or south, depending on currents, and enter Reid Harbor, 1 nm to dock.

Friday Harbor to Blakely Island Marina, Blakely Island, 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.
- Sail NE (055) for 3 nm to Blakely Island Marina.

SAILING DIRECTIONS (cont.)

Friday Harbor to Deer Harbor, Orcas Island, 6 nm.

- Clear harbor, 1 nm to east.
- Sail NW (320) for 2 nm to clear NW tip of Shaw Island.
- Sail N (360) for 3 nm to Deer Harbor Marina.

Friday Harbor to Roche Harbor, San Juan Island, 11 nm.

- Clear harbor, 1 nm, and turn to port.
- Sail around San Juan Island, 9 nm, to Roche Harbor entrance,
- Enter Roche Harbor, Marina is 1 nm on east side of harbor.

Reid Harbor to Deer Harbor, Orcas Island, 11 nm.

- Clear harbor, 1 nm.
- Sail Eastward for 8 nm to clear Spieden Island to north or south, depending on currents, then sail ESE (105) to southern tip of Jones Island.
- Sail ENE (070) for 1 nm to enter Deer Harbor.
- Sail Northward for 2 nm to Deer Harbor Marina.

Reid Harbor to Fossil Bay, Sucia Island, 16 nm.

- Clear harbor, 1 nm to East.
- Sail Eastward for 3 nm to clear Spieden Island to south or north, depending on currents.
- Sail NNE (030) for 11 nm to enter Fossil Bay, Sucia Island. 1 nm to dock.

Reid Harbor to Roche Harbor, San Juan Island, 5 nm.

- Clear harbor, 1 nm.
- Sail SSE (160) for 3 nm to Roche Harbor Entrance.
- Enter Roche Harbor and sail 1 nm to docks on eastern side.

Roche Harbor to Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, 11 nm.

- Clear harbor to north, 1 nm, and turn to starboard.
- Sail around San Juan Island to Friday Harbor.

Roche Harbor to Reid Harbor, Stuart Island, 5 nm.

- Clear harbor to North, 1 nm.
- Sail NNW (340) 3 nm to Reid Harbor Entrance, Stuart Island, dock 1 nm to west.

GPS COORDINATES

(dd-mm-ss)

Not Verified

Bellingham, Squalicum Harbor

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

Blakely Island Marina

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

Carter Point, Lummi Isl. (S)

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

Deer Harbor Marina, Orcas Isl.

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

Doe Island Marine Park, Orcas Isl.

48-38-00 N
122-47-08 W

Fisherman Bay Entrance, Lopez Isl.

48-31-24 N
122-55-03 W

Fossil Bay, Sucia Island

48-44-50 N
122-53-42 W

Friday Harbor

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

Inati Bay, Lummi Isl.

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

Lopez Islander Bay Resort

48-30-50 N
122-54-56 W

Peavine Pass, Blakely Isl. (N)

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

Point Migley, Lummi Isl. (N)

48-45-00 N
122-42-54 W

Reid Harbor, Stuart Island

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

Roche Harbor Entrance

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

Rolfe Cove, Matia Island

48-44-57 N
122-50-35 W

Rosario Resort, Orcas Isl.

48-38-45 N
122-52-10 W

Sidney Marina

Vancouver Island. B.C.

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

Upright Head, Lopez Isl. (N)

48-34-30 N
122-53-00 W

Tides for Friday Harbor, San Juan Island

September 9 - 22, 2009.

Day	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Sunrise Sunset	Moon
W 9	Low	2:19 AM	0.2	6:41 AM	Set 12:42 PM
	High	9:26 AM	6.4	7:37 PM	Rise 9:19 PM
	Low	2:15 PM	4.7		
	High	7:59 PM	7.3		
Th 10	Low	3:07 AM	-0.3	6:42 AM	Set 1:57 PM
	High	10:44 AM	6.4	7:35 PM	Rise 10:00 PM
	Low	3:02 PM	5.4		
	High	8:27 PM	7.2		
F 11	Low	4:01 AM	-0.5	6:44 AM	Set 3:05 PM
	High	12:26 PM	6.5	7:33 PM	Rise 10:54 PM
	Low	4:06 PM	6.1		
	High	9:00 PM	7.1		
Sa 12	Low	5:04 AM	-0.6	6:45 AM	Set 4:02 PM
	High	2:05 PM	6.7	7:30 PM	
	High	9:53 PM	6.9		
Su 13	Low	6:12 AM	-0.6	6:47 AM	Rise 12:02 AM
	High	3:01 PM	7.1	7:28 PM	Set 4:48 PM
	Low	7:14 PM	6.2		
	High	11:14 PM	6.6		
M 14	Low	7:20 AM	-0.7	6:48 AM	Rise 1:21 AM
	High	3:40 PM	7.3	7:26 PM	Set 5:23 PM
	Low	8:25 PM	5.6		
Tu 15	High	12:47 AM	6.6	6:49 AM	Rise 2:44 AM
	Low	8:22 AM	-0.6	7:24 PM	Set 5:51 PM
	High	4:11 PM	7.5		
	Low	9:17 PM	4.8		

Day	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Sunrise Sunset	Moon Rise Set
W 16	High	2:15 AM	6.6	6:51 AM 7:22 PM	Rise 4:09 AM
	Low	9:16 AM	-0.5		Set 6:13 PM
	High	4:39 PM	7.6		
	Low	10:02 PM	3.7		
Th 17	High	3:32 AM	6.7	6:52 AM 7:20 PM	Rise 5:32 AM
	Low	10:05 AM	0.1		Set 6:34 PM
	High	5:05 PM	7.6		
	Low	10:45 PM	2.6		
F 18	High	4:42 AM	6.9	6:54 AM 7:18 PM	Rise 6:54 AM
	Low	10:49 AM	0.8		Set 6:53 PM
	High	5:30 PM	7.7		
	Low	11:26 PM	1.5		
Sa 19	High	5:46 AM	7.0	6:55 AM 7:16 PM	Rise 8:15 AM
	Low	11:33 AM	1.7		Set 7:13 PM
	High	5:54 PM	7.8		
Su 20	Low	12:08 AM	0.6	6:56 AM 7:14 PM	Rise 9:34 AM
	High	6:48 AM	7.1		Set 7:36 PM
	Low	12:16 PM	2.8		
	High	6:20 PM	7.7		
M 21	Low	12:49 AM	-0.1	6:58 AM 7:11 PM	Rise 10:52 AM
	High	7:50 AM	7.2		Set 8:02 PM
	Low	1:01 PM	3.9		
	High	6:47 PM	7.6		
Tu 22	Low	1:32 AM	-0.5	6:59 AM 7:09 PM	Rise 12:07 PM
	High	8:53 AM	7.2		Set 8:33 PM
	Low	1:50 PM	4.8		
	High	7:15 PM	7.4		