

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL
GREAT POTTER YACHTER
NORTHWEST ESCAPE
AND
MESSABOUT



September 2013

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

Kenneth Grahame
“The Wind in the Willows”

IN MEMORIAM

DON HUNTER

He sailed with friends and made safe harbor.



A Potter's Creed

**We are Potter Yachters.
We are each
the captain of our vessel.
We respect independence
and responsibility.
We sail for the joy
of being on the water.
We sail alone
yet in the company of others.
We are a family of friends
on the water and beyond.**

Messabout XI The Plan Sept 2013

Travel: From the Bay area, drive to Port Angeles, WA (approximately 850 miles). Catch the Black Ball Ferry (approximately \$340 round trip) to Victoria, then drive 3+30 hours to Campbell River (170 miles). Total distance 1020 miles, and driving time is approximately 18+30 hours.

Launch out of Discovery Harbour Marina, Campbell River, Vancouver Island, B.C., and sail Desolation Sound for ten days. Discovery Harbour Marina is 170 miles north of Victoria, B.C., located in the heart of the town of Campbell River. It has a boat ramp, parking, and is full service marina.

Itinerary:

- Day 1-2:** Tuesday – Wednesday, Sept 3 – 4. Depart home for Port Angeles, WA.
- Day 3:** Thursday, Sept. 5. Catch the Coho Ferry to Victoria; drive to Campbell River. →
- Day 4:** Friday, Sept 6. Depart for Gorge Harbour Marina, Cortes Island, 15 nm. → ①
- Day 5:** Saturday, Sept 7. Sail to Refuge Cove Marina, W. Redonda Island, 18 nm. → ②
- Day 6:** Sunday, Sept 8. Layover and day sail Desolation Sound. → ③ ④
- Day 7:** Monday, Sept 9. Sail to Prideaux Haven, B.C., anchor out, 8 nm. → ⑤ anchor
- Day 8:** Tuesday, Sept 10. Sail to Pendrell Sound, E. Redonda Island, anchor out, 11 nm. → ⑥
- Day 9:** Wednesday, Sept 11. Sail to Toba Wilderrest Marina, B.C., 15 nm. → 32 mi
- Day 10:** Thursday, Sept 12. Layover and day sail Toba Inlet. → ⑦
- Day 11:** Friday, Sept 13. Sail to Von Donop Inlet, anchor out, 18 nm. → ⑧
- Day 12:** Saturday, Sept 14. Sail to Harlot Bay/Taku Resort, Quadra Island, 13 nm. →
- Day 13:** Sunday, Sept 15. Sail to Campbell River, Vancouver Island, 14 nm.
- Day 14-16:** Monday – Wednesday, Sept 16 – 18. Return drive home.

Currents should not be a problem, except rounding Cape Mudge, 4 nm south of Campbell River at the entrance to Discovery Passage.

Layover days can be taken at anytime. I arbitrarily scheduled them at a marina where the day sailing looked good.

Cortes Bay Option: the Day 5, 18 nm sail, from Gorge Harbour to Refuge Cove can be broken into two days by stopping at Cortes Bay and anchoring out. This is an excellent bolt-hole in case of weather.

Anchoring out. Three nights are scheduled, two back-to-back. However, the night at Pendrell Sound can be bypassed and you can sail directly to Toba Wilderrest Marina, which is 13 nm from Prideaux Haven.

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Messabout XI Stuff to Know Sept 2013

General:

1. Currents should not be a problem, rarely exceeding 1.5 knots; however, the one exception is rounding Cape Mudge, 4 nm south of Campbell River at the entrance to Discovery Passage.
2. **Cape Mudge.** Avoid if there is a strong SE wind blowing against a southern, south-flowing flood. Enter at slack tide. (See table)
3. The weather can be changeable, and we have been chased off the water in the past. Monitor the VHF weather channels, and check with locals. Do not second guess a southeast wind, and find a safe refuge.

Charts:

Canadian Hydrographic Service; Desolation Sound, #3538; Discovery Passage, #3539; Approaches to Toba Inlet, #3541.

Travel to Canada:

1. The requirements/procedures are the same as last year.
2. For Canada, you will need your boat's registration number and the names, citizenship, birth date, and residence of passengers. Be sure to **write down your Canadian Clearance Number**. For complete information, see <http://www.sanjuanyachting.com/customs.htm>
3. For the U.S. you will need a passport(s), boat registration, and the Canadian Clearance Number. For information, you can call Roche Harbor (360) 378-2080. Check www.cbp.gov for updates.
4. 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.

Moorage Fees: At marinas, plan on paying up to \$2.00 (Canadian) a foot per night.

Marinas:

Discovery Harbour Marina, Campbell River, B.C. All services, cafe, laundry, showers, etc. Parking and launch ramp are located at the northern end of the harbor, within walking distance of the marina. Launch fee, \$10, parking fee \$5 per day, pay at Marina office. Harbor Master, hail on VHF 66A. Tel: (250) 287-2614.
www.discoveryharbourmarina.com

Gorge Harbour Marina, Cortes Island, B.C. Services: moorage, fuel, laundry, showers, etc. Hail on VHF 66A. Tel: (250) 935-6401/6433.
www.gorgeharbour.com

Refuge Cove, West Redonda Island, B.C. Guest moorage, store, fuel (only fuel in Desolation Sound). The café deck at “Upcoast Summers” bistro is open through mid-September. Store tel: (250) 935-6659.

Toba Wilderness Marina, Munson, B.C. Limited moorage (400’), shower, ice, and water, but no power. Hail on 66A. Tel: (250) 830-2269.
http://marinas.com/view/marina/12875_Toba_Wilderness_Resort_Munson_BC_Canada

Hariot Bay Marina or Taku Resort, Quadra Island, B.C.

Hariot Bay Inn & Marina: Old and funky hotel, with a full service marina, but docks are in questionable condition. There is a public dock nearby. Hail on Ch 66A. Tel: (250) 285-3322.

Taku Resort & Marina: Just around the corner from Hariot Bay. Nice protected docks, with washrooms, showers, laundry ashore. Hail on Ch 66A.
Tel: (250) 285-3031. www.takuresort.com

Notes: Satellite coverage: Google Earth provides detailed photography of the entire area. A good reference is “Cruising Notes To Desolation Sound” at www.desolationsoundyachtcharters.com (click on “Cruising Area”)

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Driving Directions
Sept 2013

Travel: From the Bay area, drive to Port Angeles, WA. to catch the Black Ball Ferry to Victoria. Then drive 3+30 hours to Campbell River (170 miles). Total distance 1020 miles, driving time is approximately 18+30 hours.

Itinerary:

Day 1- 2: Tuesday – Wednesday, Sept 3 – 4. Drive north approximately 850 miles to Port Angeles, WA. Driving time, approximately fifteen (15) hours.

Day 3: Thursday, Sept. 5. Catch the Black Ball Ferry to Victoria, then drive 170 miles to Campbell River. Driving time, approximately 3+30 hours.

Ferry Info:

Departure times: From Port Angeles: 8:15 AM, 12:45 PM, 5:20 PM.

From Victoria: 10:30 AM, 3:00 PM, 7:30 PM.

Fare: Car and driver: \$58.50. Trailer: \$5.00 per linear foot. Approx. \$170 one-way.

Reservations can be made at least 24 hours in advance by phone (\$16) or on-line (\$11).

US (360) 457-4491

B.C. (250) 386-2202

www.cohoferry.com

From Victoria Ferry Terminal: turn left onto Bellview St. Go .4 miles. Turn left onto Douglas St./Hwy-1 North. (Douglas St./Hwy-1 N is 0.1 miles past Government St. The Old Spaghetti Factory is on the corner. If you reach Blanshard St. you've gone a little too far.)

Follow: Hwy-1 for sixty-six (66) miles north toward Parksville/Campbell River.

Merge: onto Hwy-19 N toward Parksville/Campbell River. Drive 100 miles to Campbell River.

Arrival at Campbell River: Turn right onto Island Hwy/Hwy-19A. (National Car Rental is on the corner. If you reach 19th Ave, just before the bridge, you've gone too far. Turn right and follow 19th Ave. to Island Hwy. Turn left.)

Follow: Island Hwy to Spit Road (approx. one mile). Turn left onto Spit Road and drive to marina parking lot/ramp (approx. 0.5 miles).

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Sailing Directions
Sept 2013

Campbell River to Gorge Harbour (15 nm)

- Clear the harbor and sail SE for 4 nm to clear Cape Mudge.

WARNING: Check the Cape Mudge Tidal Current page. Recommend transiting at slack tide. Avoid if there is a strong SE wind blowing against a southern, south-flowing flood.

- Sail NE for 7 nm to round south tip of Marina Island.

NOTE: Avoid Wilby Shoals (flashing red buoy).
Avoid Marina Reef on south end of Marina Island.

- Sail northward 3 nm to Gorge Harbour Entrance, enter The Gorge into Gorge Harbour.
 - Sail 1 nm northward to Gorge Harbour Marina.
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Gorge Harbour to Refuge Cove Marina (18 nm)

- Sail southward for 1 nm to clear the harbor and exit The Gorge.
- Sail SSE for 5 nm to Sutil Beacon.
- Sail eastward for 1 nm to clear Sutil Point on the southern end of Cortes Island.

NOTE: Stay well clear of Sutil Point to avoid shallow waters.

- Sail northward for 3 nm to round the north end of Twin Islands.
 - Sail NNE to NE for 3 nm to round Mary Point on Cortes Island.
 - Sail northward for 5 nm to Refuge Cove.
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Refuge Cove to Prideaux Haven Anchorage (8 nm)

- Sail southward 1 nm to clear Refuge Cove .
 - Sail eastward 2 nm to clear Martin Islands to the south or through narrow channel on the northern side (check with locals for sailing conditions).
 - Sail NE for 5 nm into Prideaux Haven and anchor.
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Sailing Directions **(cont.)**

Prideaux Haven to Pendrell Sound Anchorage (11 nm)

- Sail westward 2.5 nm and enter Waddington Channel.
 - Sail NW 2.5 nm in Waddington Channel to enter Pendrell Sound.
 - Enter Pendrell Sound and sail northward 6 nm to anchorage.
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Pendrell Sound to Toba Wilderdest Marina (15 nm) ?

- Sail 6 nm southward to exit Pendrell Sound and enter Waddington Channel.
 - Sail 6 nm northward in Waddington Channel to Pryce Channel.
 - Sail 3 nm NNW To Wilderdest Marina.
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? **Toba Wilderdest Marina to Von Donop Inlet Anchorage (18 nm)**

Sail westward 5 nm in Pryce Channel to enter Deer Passage.
Sail SSW 6 nm to clear north tip of Cortes Island and enter Sutil Channel.
Sail S to SE 4 nm in Sutil Channel to Von Donop Inlet entrance.
Enter Von Donop Inlet and sail SE for 3 nm to anchorage.

Note: Avoid "The Rock" approximately .75 nm into the Inlet.

Von Donop Anchorage to Heriot Bay (13 nm)

- Sail NW 3 nm to exit Von Donop Inlet.
- Sail SSW 5.5 nm to clear the Subtle Islands at the western tip of Cortes Island.
- Sail WSW 4.5 nm across Sutil Channel and enter Heriot Bay.

Note: Two marinas available: Heriot Bay Inn & Marina or Taku Resort & Marina.

Heriot Bay to Discovery Harbour Harbour Marina (14 nm)

- Sail NE 1 nm to clear Heriot Bay.
- Sail southward 9 nm along Quadra Island to Cape Mudge to enter Discovery Passage.
- Sail NW 4 nm to Discovery Harbour Marina.

WARNING: Check the Cape Mudge Tidal Current page. Recommend transiting at slack tide. Avoid if there is a strong SE wind blowing against a southern, south-flowing flood.

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GPS Coordinates
(degrees-minutes-seconds)

Campbell River

50-02-10N
125-14-30W

Cape Mudge Way Point

49-58-45N
125-11-30W

Gorge Harbour Entrance

50-05-00N
125-00-55W

Gorge Harbour Marina

50-05-57N
125-01-25W

Heriot Bay

50-06-25N
125-12-10W

Mary Point Way Point

50-03-20N
124-53-10W

Pendrell Sound Entrance

50-12-10N
124-45-10W

Prideaux Haven

50-08-45W
124-41-05W

Refuge Cove

50-07-26N
124-50-28W

Subtle Islands Way Point

50-07-35N
125-05-00W

Sutil Beacon Way Point

50-00-15N
125-00-40W

Toba Wildernest Marina

50-19-27N
124-47-45W

Von Donop Inlet Entrance

50-11-00N
124-56-30W

Von Donop Anchorage

50-08-30N
124-56-50W

CAPE MUDGE

Tidal Current

Predicted Tidal Current September, 2013
 Flood Direction, 165 True. Ebb (-)Direction, 345 True.
 NOAA, National Ocean Service

Day	Slack Water			Maximum Current			Slack Water			Maximum Current		
	Time h.m.	Time h.m.	Veloc knots	Time h.m.	Time h.m.	Veloc knots	Time h.m.	Time h.m.	Veloc knots	Time h.m.	Time h.m.	Veloc knots
1		0027	+2.3	0310	0639	-3.7	0934	1251	+4.5	1621	1930	-4.1
2		0114	+2.9	0404	0727	-4.2	1020	1333	+4.8	1659	2009	-4.6
3		0154	+3.5	0448	0808	-4.6	1101	1410	+5.2	1732	2043	-5.0
4		0229	+4.0	0529	0846	-5.0	1140	1444	+5.5	1803	2114	-5.4
5	0016	0304	+4.7	0607	0923	-5.3	1218	1518	+5.6	1833	2146	-5.7
6	0047	0338	+5.2	0645	0959	-5.5	1256	1553	+5.5	1903	2219	-5.8
7	0119	0414	+5.5	0725	1037	-5.5	1335	1629	+5.3	1935	2252	-5.9
8	0155	0454	+5.8	0808	1117	-5.4	1417	1708	+5.0	2009	2329	-5.8
9	0233	0536	+5.8	0855	1201	-5.0	1502	1750	+4.5	2046		
10		0009	-5.5	0316	0624	+5.5	0948	1251	-4.5	1554	1839	+3.8
11		0056	-5.1	0405	0719	+5.3	1047	1349	-4.1	1656	1937	+3.1
12		0151	-4.7	0503	0822	+5.0	1154	1457	-3.8	1808	2046	+2.8
13		0259	-4.3	0610	0933	+4.9	1306	1612	-3.8	1926	2203	+2.8
14	0042	0415	-4.2	0723	1044	+5.0	1414	1724	-4.2	2035	2315	+3.2
15	0201	0530	-4.6	0832	1148	+5.5	1514	1826	-5.0	2133		
16		0018	+4.0	0312	0635	-5.2	0934	1245	+5.8	1605	1918	-5.7
17		0112	+4.8	0413	0731	-5.8	1029	1335	+6.2	1651	2004	-6.3
18		0201	+5.7	0507	0821	-6.3	1119	1421	+6.4	1733	2046	-6.8
19		0246	+6.3	0556	0907	-6.7	1206	1504	+6.3	1813	2126	-7.0
20	0027	0328	+6.7	0643	0951	-6.7	1251	1545	+6.0	1851	2206	-6.8
21	0106	0410	+6.7	0728	1035	-6.4	1336	1626	+5.5	1928	2245	-6.5
22	0146	0451	+6.5	0813	1118	-5.8	1420	1707	+4.8	2006	2324	-6.0
23	0226	0534	+6.0	0859	1203	-5.2	1507	1750	+4.0	2044		
24		0005	-5.2	0308	0619	+5.3	0948	1250	-4.5	1557	1836	+3.1
25		0050	-4.4	0353	0708	+4.7	1041	1344	-3.7	1656	1930	+2.4
26		0140	-3.6	0445	0805	+4.0	1140	1446	-3.2	1806	2036	+1.9
27		0242	-3.0	0546	0911	+3.5	1245	1557	-3.0	1922	2151	+1.7
28	0029	0356	-2.6	0655	1019	+3.4	1350	1707	-3.1	2028	2302	+1.9
29	0147	0510	-2.8	0803	1121	+3.5	1446	1804	-3.5	2118	2359	+2.5
30	0253	0611	-3.2	0902	1213	+3.9	1532	1850	-4.0	2158		

Tidal Heights at Campbell River September 1-15, 2013

	Tide		Tide		Tide		Tide	
Time Zone is PDT								
Units are feet								
Sun 01 Sep	02:16	11.4H	09:03	4.9L	16:24	12.3H	21:30	9.9L
	23:24	10.3H	23:31	10.3L				
Mon 02 Sep	03:09	11.6H	09:38	4.8L	16:50	12.4H	21:59	9.4L
	23:48	9.8H						
Tue 03 Sep	00:00	9.8L	03:53	11.8H	10:10	4.8L	17:16	12.6H
	22:30	8.8L						
Wed 04 Sep	00:12	9.2H	00:32	9.2L	04:33	12.1H	10:41	4.9L
	17:42	12.7H	23:06	8.1L				
Thu 05 Sep ●	00:42	8.5H	01:03	8.5L	05:14	12.2H	11:13	5.2L
	18:07	12.8H	23:46	7.4L				
Fri 06 Sep	01:16	7.7H	01:33	7.7L	05:57	12.2H	11:44	5.7L
	18:29	12.9H						
Sat 07 Sep	00:28	6.6L	01:49	6.9H	02:08	6.9L	06:43	12.2H
	12:16	6.4L	18:53	13.0H				
Sun 08 Sep	01:11	5.9L	02:20	6.1H	02:47	6.1L	07:33	12.0H
	12:47	7.2L	19:21	13.2H				
Mon 09 Sep	01:55	5.3L	02:52	5.4H	03:28	5.4L	08:28	11.9H
	13:21	8.2L	19:54	13.2H				
Tue 10 Sep	02:40	4.9L	03:28	4.9H	04:10	4.9L	09:27	11.8H
	14:02	9.1L	20:32	13.1H				
Wed 11 Sep	03:32	4.5L	04:05	4.6H	04:53	4.5L	10:33	11.8H
	14:53	9.9L	21:16	12.9H				
Thu 12 Sep ●	05:37	4.3L	11:48	11.9H	16:03	10.5L	22:08	12.5H
Fri 13 Sep	06:26	4.1L	13:10	12.1H	18:04	10.7L	23:20	12.2H
Sat 14 Sep	07:20	4.0L	14:22	12.5H	19:31	10.3L		
Sun 15 Sep	00:47	11.9H	08:14	3.9L	15:14	12.8H	20:34	9.6L

Tidal Heights at Campbell River September 16 - 30, 2013

	Tide		Tide		Tide		Tide	
Mon 16 Sep	02:13	12.1H	08:57	4.0L	15:55	13.1H	21:20	8.6L
Tue 17 Sep	03:22	12.3H	09:34	4.3L	16:31	13.3H	22:05	7.6L
	23:39	8.1H	23:58	8.1L				
Wed 18 Sep	04:21	12.6H	10:12	4.8L	17:05	13.5H	22:49	6.7L
Thu 19 Sep ☉	00:09	7.0H	00:47	7.0L	05:15	12.7H	10:51	5.5L
	12:25	5.9H	12:35	5.9L	17:38	13.6H	23:34	5.9L
Fri 20 Sep	00:44	6.1H	01:30	6.0L	06:08	12.7H	11:30	6.4L
	18:11	13.5H						
Sat 21 Sep	00:20	5.2L	01:21	5.4H	02:10	5.3L	06:59	12.6H
	12:10	7.4L	18:44	13.4H				
Sun 22 Sep	01:04	4.8L	02:00	5.0H	02:49	4.9L	07:51	12.4H
	12:50	8.3L	19:18	13.1H				
Mon 23 Sep	01:49	4.7L	02:44	4.8H	03:25	4.7L	08:44	12.3H
	13:33	9.2L	19:51	12.6H				
Tue 24 Sep	02:34	4.7L	03:36	4.8H	03:54	4.8L	09:39	12.1H
	14:25	9.8L	20:25	12.1H				
Wed 25 Sep	03:22	4.9L	10:39	12.0H	15:34	10.3L	20:58	11.6H
Thu 26 Sep ☾	04:20	5.2L	11:44	12.0H	16:46	10.6L	17:23	10.6H
	18:37	10.5L	21:32	11.1H				
Fri 27 Sep	05:29	5.5L	12:55	12.1H	19:32	10.3L	22:31	10.6H
Sat 28 Sep	06:30	5.7L	14:01	12.2H	20:17	9.9L		
Sun 29 Sep	00:44	10.4H	07:23	5.9L	14:43	12.3H	20:54	9.4L
Mon 30 Sep	02:10	10.6H	08:09	6.0L	15:17	12.5H	21:21	8.8L

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