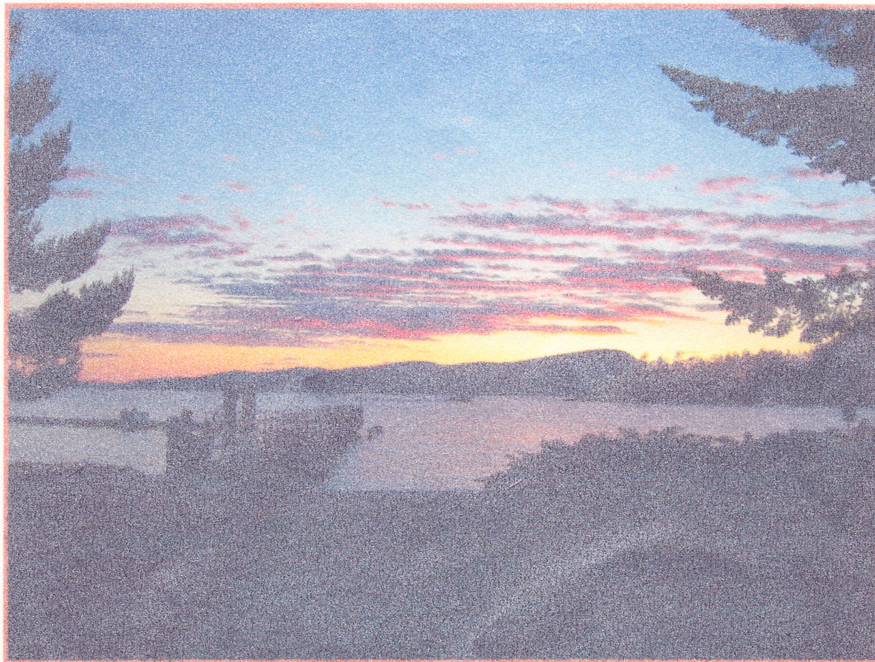


THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL
GREAT POTTER YACHTER
NORTHWEST ESCAPE
AND
MESSABOUT



September
2015

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

Kenneth Grahame
“The Wind in the Willows”

OUR MISSION

**You are the captain of your vessel,
and while we travel with friends, you sail alone.
Pottering is a frame of mind,
where friends share the fun of sailing small craft.
Therefore, our mission is to advance the cause of Potterdom,
and make safe harbor.**



Have Fun And Sail Safe!

The enclosed information is for planning and reference only. The GPS coordinates and the sailing directions are designed to help you in the planning of your route.

***Cover Photo:
Sunset at Blakely Island
In Memory of Dave Lawson and Don Hunter***

MESSABOUT XIII 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.

Day 4: Thursday, Sept 10. Depart Squalicum Harbor for Blakely Island Marina, 18 nm.
(Can call in at Inati Bay on Lummi Island for lunch/rest break before continuing on.)

Day 5: Friday, Sept 11. Sail to Deer Harbor Marina, Orcas Island, 9 nm.
(Can call in at Olga or Shaw.)

Day 6: Saturday, Sept 12. Sail to Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, 6 nm.

Day 7: Sunday, Sept 13. Layover day at Friday Harbor.*

Day 8: Monday, Sept 14. Layover day at Friday Harbor.**

Day 9: Tuesday, Sept 15. Sail to Roche Harbor, San Juan Island, 11 nm.

Day 10: Wednesday, Sept 16. Sail to Reid Harbor, Stuart Island, 5 nm.

Day 11: Thursday, Sept 17. Sail to Fossil Bay, Sucia Island, 16 nm.***

Day 12: Friday, Sept 18. Sail to Squalicum Harbor, 19 nm.

Day 13: Saturday, Sept 19. Depart Bellingham for points south as desired.

Day 14: Sunday, Sept 20. Travel

Day 15: Monday, Sept 21. Arrive home.

* Layover days may be taken at any place en route, and were arbitrarily scheduled for planning only.

** With two layover days at Friday Harbor, skippers can split off for other destinations at any time, and then rejoin the group at Roche or Reid Harbor. For example, sail around San Juan Island or sail to Sidney on Vancouver Island, B.C.

*** Depending on conditions, do not circumnavigate Orcas Island but return to Bellingham via Blakely Island.

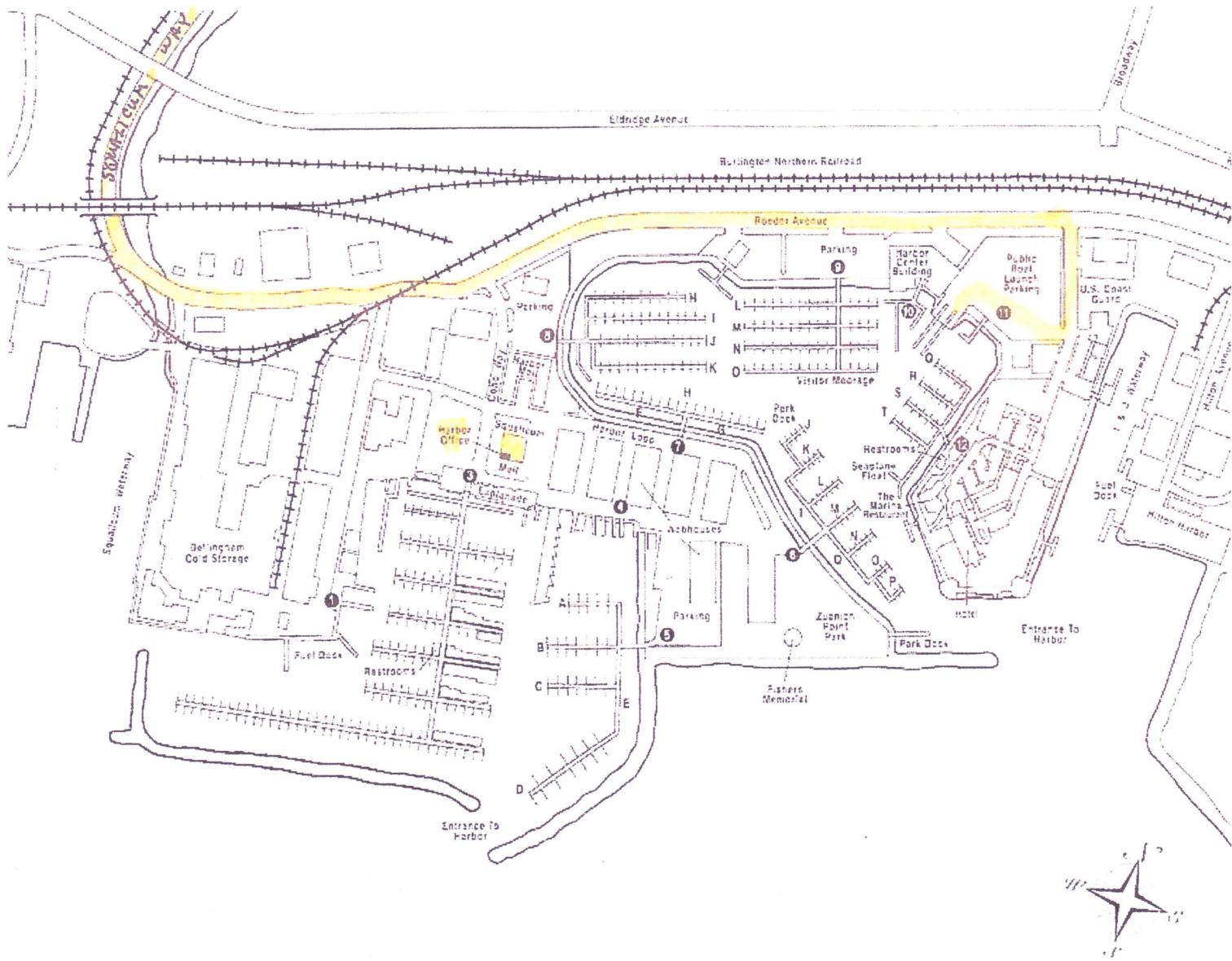
DRIVING DIRECTIONS
to
Bellingham WA

Distance: approx 900 miles from the 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 (Exit 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: launch ramp is on the east side of the Harbor Center Building at 1801 Roeder Ave.
Cost to launch is \$7.00 each use. Pay at the machine at ramp and display the ticket on dash. Harbor office phone: (306) 676-2542. Be sure to contact Harbor Master for extended parking.

SQUALICUM HARBOR



Messabout XIII
STUFF TO KNOW
Sept 2015

General:

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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.

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 may change. 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 G Dock. Enter Marina and turn to port. Also, there is a Canadian Customs at Bedwell Harbour, South Pender Island (Poet’s Cove).

5. In U.S. report to a designated port-of-entry. Roche Harbor, tel: (360) 378-2080, or Friday Harbor, tel: (360) 378-2080. (Summer hours: 8am to 8pm. Winter hours from the last week in September: 8am to 5pm.)

Moorage and Launch Fees:

1. Marine Parks: Fossil Bay, Reid Harbor, Prevost Harbor, etc., \$0.70 per foot, minimum \$12.00, deposit at dock.
2. At Marinas, plan on paying up to \$2.00 a foot per night. Squalicum Harbor: 7.20 per night plus \$7.00 for each launch).

Marinas:

Bellingham, Squalicum 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. Parking: check with Harbor Master for extended stay. 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.deerharbormarina.com

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

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, \$0.70 per foot, minimum \$12.00, deposit 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 Marina: (800) 586-3590. Advertised as a premier, state-of-the-art marina. Website: www.rocheharbor.com

Rosario Marina, Orcas Island. The resort is open (expensive); however, the Marina does have guest docking at \$55.00 per night. Day use is free up to four hours. Call ahead at (360) 376-2152. Hail on 78A. Website: www.rosarioresort.com

Notes:

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

SAILING DIRECTIONS

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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.

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

- Clear harbor and sail SSW (205) for 7 nm to Inati Bay on Lummi Island.
Enter Inati Bay south of white buoy. Anchor for lunch/rest.
- Clear Inati 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.

Note: On Thursday, 9/10/2015, currents may be a problem after 1pm crossing Rosario Strait. Check the Current Atlas and consider sailing around southern side of Sinclair 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 Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, 6 nm.

- Sail S (180) for 2.5 nm and enter San Juan Channel.
 - Sail Southward down San Juan Channel for 2 nm past Reid Rock and sail SSW for 1 nm into Friday Harbor.
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SAILING DIRECTIONS (cont.)

Friday Harbor to Roche Harbor, San Juan Island, 10 nm.

- Sail NNE for 1 nm to clear Friday Harbor and enter San Juan Channel.
- Sail WNW (300) up San Juan Channel for 6 nm to Limestone Point.
- Enter Spieden Channel and sail Westward for 2 nm then turn Southward to enter Roche Harbor.
- Sail Southward for 1 nm into Roche Harbor.

Note: On Tuesday, 9/15/2015, expect a south setting current in San Juan Channel from .5 to .75 kts.

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

- Sail Westward 1 nm to clear Roche Harbor.
- Sail Northward 3 nm across Spieden Channel to Reid Harbor.
- Sail Westward into Reid Harbor for 1 nm to the dock.

Note: On Wednesday, 9/16/2015, expect a strong westward setting current in Spieden Channel up to 2.5 kts. The current should be slightly aft of your starboard beam.

Reid Harbor to Fossil Bay, Sucia Island, 15.5 nm.

- Sail Eastward for 2.5 nm to clear Reid Harbor.
- Sail E (085) for 2.5 nm to clear Flattop Island and enter President Channel.
- Sail ENE (030) for 10 nm in President Channel to Fossil Bay entrance.
- Sail Westward .5 nm into Fossil Bay to dock.

Note: On Thursday, 9/17/2015, consider an early morning departure to take advantage of favorable currents in President Channel. Be aware of many rocks in vicinity of Flattop Island. Consider staying in New Channel and clear Flattop Island to the south

Fossil Bay to Squalicum Harbor, Bellingham, 18.5 nm.

- Sail Eastward .5 nm to clear Fossil Bay.
- Sail ENE (070) for 7 nm to Migley Point. Consider clearing Matia Island to north.
- Enter Hale Passage and sail SE 5 nm to clear Portage Island.
- Sail NNE (030) for 6 nm to Squalicum Harbor.

Note: Consider late morning departure to take advantage of favorable currents crossing Rosario Strait.

GPS COORDINATES

(dd-mm-ss)

Not Verified

Blakely Island Marina

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

Carter Point

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

Deer Harbor Marina

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

Fossil Bay Entrance

48-44-50 N
122-53-36 W

Friday Harbor

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

Inati Bay

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

Migley Point

48-45-05 N
122-43-00 W

Peavine Pass

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

Reid Harbor Entrance

48-39-42 N
123-10-35 W

Roche Harbor Entrance

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

Sidney Marina

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

Squalicum Harbor

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

Tidal Heights at Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, San Juan Channel, Washington

September 2015

48°32.8'N 123°0.6'W

Time Zone is PDT	Tide		Tide		Tide		Tide		Units are feet
Tue 01 Sep	01:11	1.8L	07:22	6.7H	13:11	1.6L	19:46	7.7H	
Wed 02 Sep	02:02	1.2L	08:33	6.6H	13:59	2.7L	20:20	7.7H	
Thu 03 Sep	02:57	0.7L	09:49	6.4H	14:52	3.8L	20:57	7.5H	
Fri 04 Sep	03:55	0.5L	11:14	6.4H	15:54	4.8L	21:37	7.3H	
Sat 05 Sep ●	04:56	0.3L	12:48	6.5H	17:17	5.4L	22:24	6.9H	
Sun 06 Sep	06:00	0.3L	14:12	6.8H	18:56	5.6L	23:21	6.6H	
Mon 07 Sep	07:02	0.4L	15:15	7.1H	20:23	5.4L			
Tue 08 Sep	00:31	6.2H	08:00	0.5L	16:02	7.2H	21:27	5.1L	
Wed 09 Sep	01:46	6.0H	08:51	0.6L	16:39	7.3H	22:13	4.6L	
Thu 10 Sep	02:54	6.0H	09:36	0.8L	17:10	7.3H	22:47	4.2L	
Fri 11 Sep	03:53	6.0H	10:17	1.0L	17:37	7.2H	23:16	3.7L	
Sat 12 Sep ●	04:45	6.1H	10:54	1.3L	18:01	7.1H	23:43	3.3L	
Sun 13 Sep	05:33	6.2H	11:30	1.7L	18:23	7.0H			
Mon 14 Sep	00:10	2.8L	06:20	6.3H	12:05	2.2L	18:44	6.9H	
Tue 15 Sep	00:39	2.3L	07:07	6.3H	12:41	2.8L	19:05	6.7H	
Wed 16 Sep	01:11	1.8L	07:56	6.3H	13:17	3.3L	19:25	6.6H	
Thu 17 Sep	01:47	1.5L	08:47	6.3H	13:56	3.9L	19:46	6.5H	
Fri 18 Sep	02:26	1.2L	09:43	6.2H	14:37	4.4L	20:09	6.4H	
Sat 19 Sep	03:10	0.9L	10:48	6.1H	15:28	4.8L	20:36	6.2H	
Sun 20 Sep	03:59	0.8L	12:01	6.1H	16:34	5.2L	21:11	6.0H	
Mon 21 Sep	04:55	0.6L	13:15	6.2H	17:56	5.2L	22:01	5.9H	
Tue 22 Sep	05:55	0.4L	14:15	6.4H	19:13	5.0L	23:10	5.7H	
Wed 23 Sep	06:55	0.2L	15:01	6.6H	20:12	4.6L			
Thu 24 Sep	00:34	5.7H	07:53	0.1L	15:38	6.8H	21:00	4.0L	
Fri 25 Sep	01:59	5.8H	08:48	0.1L	16:10	7.0H	21:44	3.2L	
Sat 26 Sep	03:17	6.1H	09:40	0.4L	16:41	7.1H	22:27	2.3L	
Sun 27 Sep ○	04:27	6.5H	10:30	0.9L	17:11	7.3H	23:10	1.4L	
Mon 28 Sep	05:33	6.9H	11:19	1.7L	17:42	7.4H	23:54	0.6L	
Tue 29 Sep	06:37	7.2H	12:08	2.6L	18:13	7.5H			
Wed 30 Sep	00:39	-0.0L	07:41	7.4H	12:58	3.6L	18:47	7.5H	