

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



**September
2017**

*“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 XV TRAVEL & SAIL PLAN

Day 1: Monday, Sept 4. Depart for Bellingham, WA. Distance: approx 900 miles,
Driving time: approx 17 hours.

Day 2: Tuesday, Sept 5. Travel.

Day 3: Wednesday, Sept 6. Arrive Squalicum Harbor, Bellingham.

Day 4: Thursday, Sept 7. Depart Squalicum Harbor for Fossil Bay, Sucia Island, 19 nm.
(Depart after 10 AM for currents.) No services, dinner and breakfast on boat.

Day 5: Friday, Sept 8. Depart Fossil Bay for Bedwell Harbour, South Pender Island, 15 nm. (Depart around 8 AM for currents.) Clear Canadian customs, and continue to Port Browning, North Pender Island, 3 nm. Sail under Pender Island bridge. Minimum clearance at high tide is 26 feet, max clearance at low tide (1 PM) is 32 feet. If cannot clear, lower mast at Bedwell Harbour or sail around South Pender Island to Port Browning, 8 nm.

This may be the most challenging day of the Messabout because of the distances, currents, and clearing the Pender Island Bridge. Consider motorsailing and hustle! If weather is a factor, we may need to take an early layover or stay in the San Juans.

Day 6: Saturday, Sept 9. Depart Port Browning for Montague Harbour, Galiano Island, 12 nm. (Depart after 10 AM for currents in Navy Channel.)

Day 7: Sunday, Sept 10. Layover Montague Harbour. Day sail to Ganges on Salt Spring Island.*

Day 8: Monday, Sept 11. Depart Montague Harbour for Telegraph Harbor via Clam Bay, 13 nm. (Depart no later than 8 AM for currents and to avoid low tide at Clam Bay at 3:15 PM.)

Day 9: Tuesday, Sept 12. Depart Telegraph Harbour for Maple Bay Marina, Maple Bay, 12 nm. (Depart after 9 AM for currents.)

Day 10: Wednesday, Sept 13. Depart Maple Bay Marina for Sidney B.C., 15 nm. (Depart 9 AM for currents.)

Day 11: Thursday, Sept 14. Layover Sidney.*

Day 12: Friday, Sept 15. Depart Sidney for Roche Harbor to clear customs, 11 nm. (Depart early AM for currents.) Options: continue sail to Reid Harbor 5 nm (Dinner and breakfast on boat.); or Deer Harbor, 8 nm; or Friday Harbor, 11 nm.

Day 13: Saturday, Sept 16. Depart Roche Harbor for Blakely Island Marina, 15 nm.
Options: Reid Harbor to Blakely, 17 nm; Deer Harbor to Blakely, 9 nm; Friday Harbor to Blakely, 9 nm.

Day 14: Sunday, Sept 17. Depart Blakely Island Marina to Squalicum Harbor, Bellingham. 17 nm. (Depart after 10 AM for currents.)

Day 15: Monday, Sept 18. Depart Squalicum for home.

Day 16: Tuesday, Sept 19. Travel.

Day 17: Wednesday, Sept 20: Arrive home.

* Layover days may be taken at any place en route and were arbitrarily scheduled at Montague Harbour and Sidney because I like them.

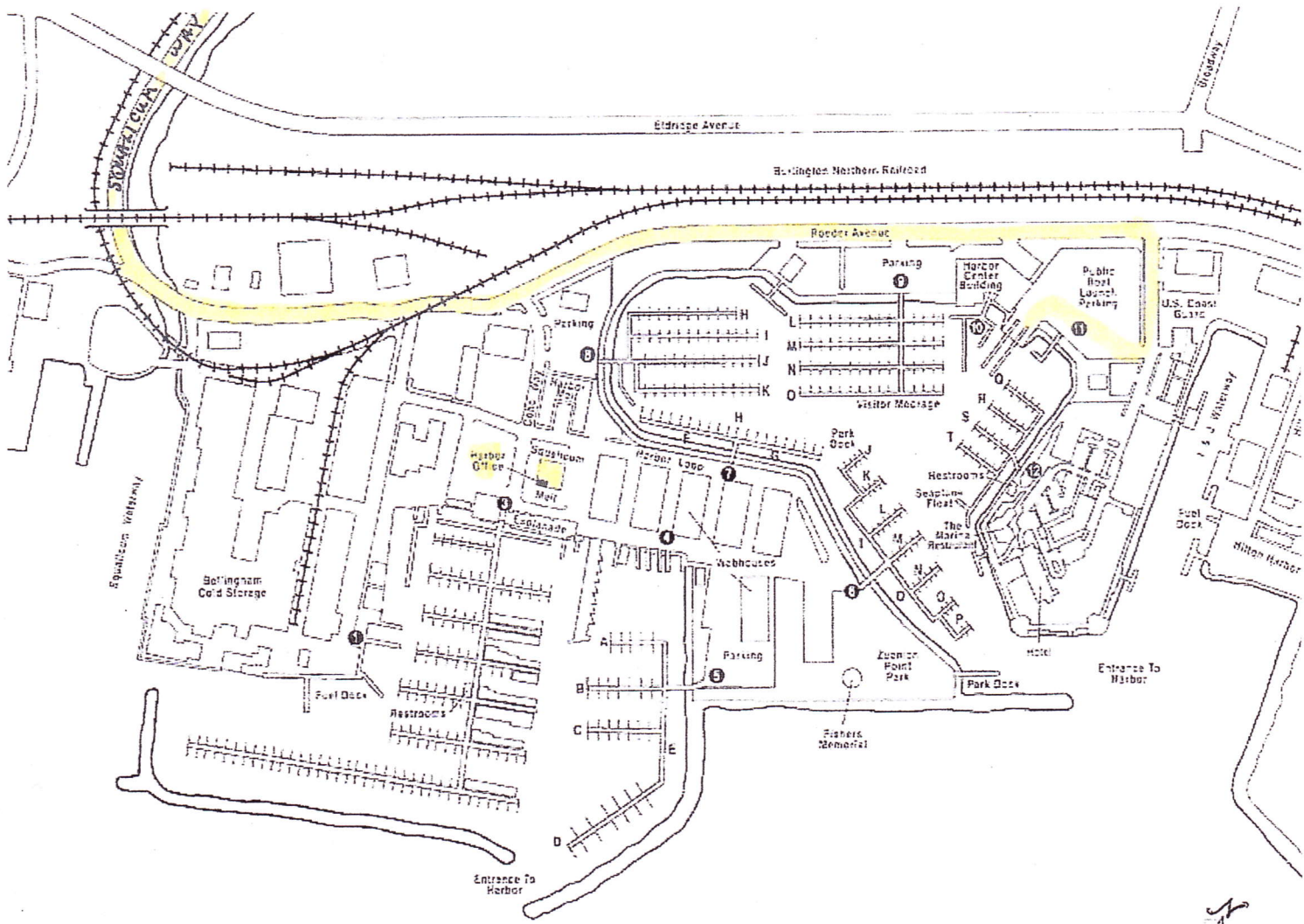
DRIVING DIRECTIONS
to
Bellingham WA

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



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STUFF TO KNOW
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General:

1. General. While we will be sailing in fairly protected waters, maintain a reasonable caution. Expect currents associated with flood and ebb tides, with two areas of concern: Boundary Pass between Sucia Island and South Pender Island, and Navy Channel between North Pender Island and Mayne Island. Check the Current Atlas.

2. 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.

3. 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, and Strait of Georgia (Southern Portion), #3463.

2. Waterproof Charts: San Juan Islands, #43.

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(s), boat registration, and the names, citizenship, birthdate, and residence of passengers. **Write down your Canadian Clearance Number.** Check www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca for updates.

3. In Canada, **Firearms:** are permitted, but you must report in person to a customs officer at the Port-of-entry and fill out a form. Call 1-800-731-4000 for information first.

Alcohol: 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. There is a Canadian Customs at Bedwell Harbour, South Pender Island (Poet's Cove). Tie up at the customs floats/dock. If no staff available, use telephone. If landing at an unmanned location, call 1-888-226-7277. There is also a telephone Customs Check-In at Port Sidney Marina, at the end of G Dock. Enter Marina and turn to port.

U.S. Customs:

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.) You will need your passport(s), boat registration and your Canadian Clearance Number.

Moorage and Launch Fees:

1. Marine Parks: Fossil Bay, Reid Harbor, Prevost Harbor, etc., \$0.70 per foot, minimum \$15.00, deposit at dock. <http://boat.wa.gov/moorage.asp>
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).

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).

Clam Bay:

Large Bay located between Thetis and Penelakut Islands. Navigation markers lead to inner bay and channel to Telegraph Harbour. Monitor tides to transit channel.

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.

Note: Cost to launch is \$7. Pay the machine at ramp and display the ticket on the dash.

Website: www.portofbellinham.com

Fossil Bay, Sucia Island. Docks, floats, and mooring buoys. Water and pit toilet. Fee, \$0.70 per foot, minimum \$12.00, deposit at dock.

Bedwell Harbour, South Pender Island. Clear Customs. Tie up at the customs floats/dock. If no staff available, use telephone, call 1-888-226-7277. Poet's Cove Marina. Very posh; dock, moorage, showers, pool, café, etc. Hail on VHF 66A. Telephone: (250) 629-2111. Website: www.poetscove.com

Port Browning Marina, North Pender Island. Dock, moorage, most services available, great pub. Good anchorage nearby but eastern exposure. Hail on VHF 66A. Telephone (250) 629-3493. Website: www.portbrowning.ca

Montague Harbour Marina, Galiano Island. Dock, moorage, most services available. Government dock nearby, available to public, with several good anchorages in the bay. Hail on VHF 66A. Telephone, (250) 539-5733. Website: www.montagueharbour.com

Telegraph Harbour, between Thetis and Penelakut Islands. Two marinas, docks, moorage, most services, available. **Telegraph Harbour Marina**, hail on VHF 66A. Telephone, (250) 246-9511. Website: www.telegraphharbour.com
Thetis Island Marina, hail on VHF 66A. Telephone, (250) 246-3464.

Maple Bay Marina, Maple Bay, B.C. Dock, moorage, most services available, great pub. Hail on VHF 66A. Telephone, (250) 746-8482.

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

Roche Harbor, San Juan Island. Advertised as a premier, state-of-the-art marina. Hail on VHF Ch 78A. Tel Marina: (800) 586-3590. Website: www.rocheharbor.com

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

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. Website: www.lopezfun.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

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

Notes:

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

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Sailing Directions
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Squalicum Harbor (Bellingham) to Fossil Bay, Sucia Island, 19 nm.

- Clear harbor and sail SW (225) for 6 nm to round Portage Island to the south.
 - Enter Hale Passage and Sail WNW (300) for 5 nm to Migley Point.
 - Sail WSW (250) for 7 nm to Fossil Bay.
 - Enter Fossil Bay, sail Westward 1 nm to dock.
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Fossil Bay to Bedwell Harbour, South Pender Island, 16 nm.

- Clear Fossil Bay, 1 nm.
 - Sail WSW (245) for 13 nm to clear south end of South Pender Island.
 - Sail WNW (295) for 2 nm to enter Bedwell Harbour from the west side of South Pender Island.
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Bedwell Harbour to Port Browning, North Pender Island, 2.5 nm.

- Sail WNW (295) for 2.5 nm up Bedwell Harbour.

WARNING: must clear Pender Island Bridge.

Minimum clearance at high tide is 26 feet, max clearance at low tide (1 PM 9/8/17) is 32 feet. If cannot clear, lower mast at Bedwell Harbour or sail around South Pender Island to Port Browning, 8 nm.

Port Browning to Montague Harbour, Galiano Island, 12 nm.

- Sail E for 1.5 nm to clear Razor Point and enter Plumper Sound.
 - Sail NW (310) for 3.0 nm to enter Navy Channel.
 - Sail W by WSW (260) for 2 nm to enter Trincomali Channel.
 - Sail W by WNW (300) for 4 nm to Phillimore Point and enter Montague Harbour.
 - Sail northward (325) for 1.5 nm to marina.
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Sailing Directions
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Montague Harbour to Telegraph Harbour, Thetis Island, (via Clam Bay), 13 nm.

- Sail Westward for 1 nm to clear harbour.
 - Sail W (280) up Trincomali Channel for 10.5 nm to Clam Bay.
 - Sail SW (230) to enter Clam Bay and the channel to Telegraph Harbour for 1.5 nm.
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Telegraph Harbour to Maple Bay Marina, Vancouver Island, 12 nm.

- Sail SSE (150) for 2 nm to enter Stuart Channel.
 - Sail W (280) down Stuart Channel for 8.5 nm to enter Maple Bay.
 - Sail S (185) for 1.5 nm to Maple Bay Marina.
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Maple Bay Marina to Port Sidney Marina, Vancouver Island, 15 nm.

- Sail Northward for 1 nm to enter Sansum Narrows.
 - Sail Southward for 5 nm down Sansum Narrows to enter Satellite Channel.
 - Sail ESE (115) for 3 nm to Cape Keppel.
 - Sail ESE (105) for 4 nm to Swartz Head. **WARNING: Ferry Traffic**
 - Sail Southward for 2 nm to Port Sidney Marina.
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Port Sidney Marina to Roche Harbor, San Juan Island, 11 nm.

- Sail ENE (060) for 2 nm to clear north tip of Sidney Spit.
- Sail E (085) for 7.5 nm to Roche Harbor entrance on east side of Battleship and Henry Islands.
- Sail Southward .5 nm to enter Roche Harbor. Marina is 1 nm on east side of harbor.

Note: Clear U.S. Customs. Customs shack is in middle of end dock.

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Roche Harbor Marina to Blakely Island Marina, Blakely Island, 15 nm.

Sail Northward for 1 nm to clear Roche Harbor and enter Spiden Channel.
Sail ENE (075) 2 nm to Limestone Point.
Sail E (092) for 4 nm to Crane Island.

Note: Sail around southern side of Crane Island. (Expect adverse currents on northern side of Crane Island through Pole Pass on 9/16).

Sail E (080) for 8 nm through Harney Channel to Blakely Island Marina, Blakely Island.

Blakely Island Marina to Squalicum Harbor (Bellingham) 17 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.

WARNING: Avoid Viti Rocks .75 nm SW of Carter Point.

- Sail N (010) for 8 nm to Squalicum Harbor.
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Optional
Sailing Directions
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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.
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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, 10 nm.
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Roche Harbor to Deer Harbor, Orcas Island, 8 nm.

- Sail Northward for 1 nm to clear Roche Harbor and enter Spiden Channel.
 - Sail ENE (075) 2 nm to Limestone Point.
 - Sail E (092) for 3 nm, short of Crane Island.
 - Sail Northward for 2 nm into Deer Harbour. Marina is at northern end.
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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.
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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 around Crane Island to the south.
 - Sail ENE (075) for 7 nm to Blakely Island Marina, on north tip of Blakely Island.
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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.
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GPS COORDINATES

(dd-mm-ss)

Not Verified

Bellingham, Squalicum Harbor

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

Limestone Pt. San Juan Island

48-37-30 N
123-06-30 W

Bedwell Harbour, S. Pender Island

48-44-47 N
123-13-48 W

Maple Bay Marina, Maple Bay

48-48-00 N
123-35-54 W

Blakely Island Marina

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

Montague Harbour, Galiano Island

48-53-37 N
123-24-08 W

Cape Keppel, Salt Spring Island

48-42-43 N
123-29-23 W

Olga, Orcas Island

48-37-04 N
122-50-09 W

Carter Point, Lummi Isl. (S)

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

Peavine Pass, Blakely Island (N)

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

Clam Bay, Kuper Island

48-59-00 N
123-38-40 W

Phillimore Point, Galiano Island

48-52-20 N
123-23-37 W

Crane Island (W)

48-35-40 N
123-00-35 W

Point Migley, Lummi Island (N)

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

Deer Harbor Marina, Orcas Island

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

Port Browning, North Pender Island

48-46-30 N
123-16-15 W

Fossil Bay, Sucia Island

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

Port Sidney Marina, Vancouver Island, B.C.

48-39-08 N
123-23-32 W

Friday Harbor, San Juan Island

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

Razor Point, North Pender Island

48-46-11 N
123-14-16 W

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Reid Harbor, Stuart Island

48-40-31 N

123-12-02 W

Roche Harbor Entrance, San Juan Island

48-37-12 N

123-10-18 W

Sidney Spit, Sidney Island

48-39-17 N

123-20-42 W

Swartz Head, Vancouver Island

48-41-24 N

123-24-10 W

Telegraph Harbour, Thetis Island

48-58-58 N

123-40-12 W

Viti Rocks

48-38-00 N

122-37-20 W

Wallace Point, South Pender Island

48-44-10 N

123-13-48 W

Tidal Heights at Montague Harbour, British Columbia

September 2017

48°53.0'N123°23.0'W

	Tide		Tide		Tide		Tide	
Time Zone is PDT	Units are feet							
Fri 01 Sep	00:33	9.8H	08:34	3.9L	16:30	10.5H	21:31	8.7L
Sat 02 Sep	01:31	9.7H	09:18	3.6L	17:01	10.6H	22:11	8.3L
Sun 03 Sep	02:27	9.7H	09:58	3.4L	17:26	10.7H	22:46	7.9L
Mon 04 Sep	03:21	9.7H	10:34	3.3L	17:49	10.7H	23:18	7.5L
Tue 05 Sep	04:13	9.8H	11:08	3.4L	18:12	10.8H	23:50	6.9L
Wed 06 Sep ☉	05:04	9.9H	11:43	3.6L	18:37	10.8H		
Thu 07 Sep	00:25	6.3L	05:55	10.0H	12:18	4.1L	19:03	10.9H
Fri 08 Sep	01:03	5.6L	06:50	10.0H	12:57	4.7L	19:31	11.0H
Sat 09 Sep	01:45	4.9L	07:48	10.0H	13:38	5.5L	20:01	11.0H
Sun 10 Sep	02:30	4.3L	08:52	10.0H	14:23	6.5L	20:32	11.0H
Mon 11 Sep	03:20	3.8L	10:03	10.0H	15:14	7.4L	21:06	11.0H
Tue 12 Sep ☾	04:14	3.3L	11:23	10.0H	16:17	8.2L	21:46	10.9H
Wed 13 Sep	05:14	3.1L	12:50	10.2H	17:39	8.8L	22:34	10.7H
Thu 14 Sep	06:17	2.9L	14:11	10.5H	19:08	9.0L	23:34	10.4H
Fri 15 Sep	07:21	2.8L	15:13	10.8H	20:23	8.7L		
Sat 16 Sep	00:46	10.2H	08:21	2.8L	16:00	11.1H	21:22	8.2L
Sun 17 Sep	02:00	10.1H	09:15	2.9L	16:38	11.2H	22:11	7.5L
Mon 18 Sep	03:12	10.1H	10:05	3.2L	17:12	11.3H	22:55	6.8L
Tue 19 Sep ●	04:17	10.1H	10:50	3.6L	17:42	11.3H	23:37	6.1L
Wed 20 Sep	05:16	10.2H	11:34	4.2L	18:11	11.2H		
Thu 21 Sep	00:17	5.4L	06:12	10.2H	12:18	4.9L	18:40	11.1H
Fri 22 Sep	00:57	4.9L	07:07	10.3H	13:03	5.7L	19:09	10.9H
Sat 23 Sep	01:38	4.5L	08:03	10.3H	13:50	6.5L	19:38	10.6H
Sun 24 Sep	02:20	4.3L	09:02	10.3H	14:43	7.2L	20:08	10.3H
Mon 25 Sep	03:03	4.2L	10:05	10.3H	15:43	7.9L	20:39	10.0H
Tue 26 Sep	03:51	4.1L	11:15	10.3H	16:53	8.4L	21:15	9.7H
Wed 27 Sep ☾	04:43	4.2L	12:31	10.4H	18:12	8.6L	21:58	9.4H
Thu 28 Sep	05:41	4.3L	13:41	10.5H	19:27	8.5L	22:54	9.1H
Fri 29 Sep	06:42	4.4L	14:37	10.6H	20:26	8.2L		
Sat 30 Sep	00:04	8.9H	07:41	4.3L	15:20	10.6H	21:11	7.8L

NOTE:

The tidal times and heights at other stations are within thirty minutes and three feet of Montague Harbour.

Source: www.dairiki.org