



## Sunshine Coast Newsletter

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### Eleven Boat Flotilla

As this sailing trip gets closer and closer, the excitement grows. Some of you are wondering how you are going to get everything done before this trip. Especially after that snowstorm destroyed our weekend and shredded every hope of working on the boat or any other outdoor projects that needed completing.

We'll forget about all that and start working on your skit for **Talent Night**. This will be hilarious; it shouldn't be too tough to put together 5 minutes of something funny. And if you had some props and costumes even better. Since we have quite a few boats, we will hold the skits on the deck of the boats. I envision doing this while at anchor; everyone could gather around the boat in their dinghy or rafted together. We will probably have to do it over a few different nights, 3 or 4 skits per night. Lighting could be a problem unless one of the boats has a good deck light. Maybe we could use lanterns and spotlights. This will go good in a video so if you have one please bring it along.

**Race Day**, will be a lot of fun especially if we get a nice day with good steady winds. Malaspina Strait is quite large so the fleet will be spread out. This will also make for good photo and video opportunities. See the Word doc. Called "**Race Day**" for more details.

As far as provisioning on this trip goes it is actually not too bad. Pender Harbour has everything you will need. After that there will be limited goods and services at Secret Bay (Egmont) Fuel, Ice and a shower should be no problem. A few days later we will go by Secret Cove on our way to Smugglers Cove. You will find a Marina, fuel, stores, showers and Pubs at Secret Cove if you're needing. It might be a good place to fuel up before heading back across the Strait of Georgia.

The Trailables are heading out early. One of them is leaving Calgary Thursday morning the 8<sup>th</sup> of May and two more that afternoon or early evening. We also have one more in Point Robert's, who might trailer his boat and launch at Sunset Marina with the others. They hope to launch Friday and sail to Gibson's for the night. They will then decide if they will sail across the Strait to Nanaimo on Saturday morning. It looks like the "**Party**" will start in Nanaimo. Two boats coming from the Sidney area and three Charters out of Nanaimo plus the Trailables are planning to meet at the Dinghy Dock on New Castle Island late Saturday afternoon. They will head (with their sore heads) to Jedediah Sunday morning and meet up with the other two boats coming out of Deep Bay Vancouver Island (South of Comox)

**Class Act, (Petersen 35)** is looking for one more crew member.  
If anyone knows anyone who would like to go, contact Steve DeLong 726-1245.

Well that's all for now, happy sailing!  
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