



**FACS Spring Thaw 2006 Barkley Sound, Vancouver Island BC  
Itinerary Routes & Anchorage's  
May 12<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Draft 2:**

**May 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday:  
Kamloops BC**

**Trailables** travel to Kamloops BC in a convoy if possible.

**Note:** Trailables to arrange their own convoy.

Sleep in boat or truck.

**Note:** In the past we stayed in the Petro- Canada 24 hour Truck Stop located on the number one on the west side of town up the long hill.

**May 13th, Saturday:  
Trailables  
China Creek Marina  
Alberni Inlet**

**Entrance  
49, 09.30' N  
125, 47.86' W**

**Trailables** travel to China Creek Marina (Alberni Inlet) Vancouver Island BC via BC Ferry from Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo. Drive to Port Alberni and on to China Creek Marina.

(See attached map for detailed directions)

**Note:** You can provision in Nanaimo or Port Alberni.

**China Creek Marina** 250-723-9812 Bruce Kramer (Owner)

Launch \$12.00

Parking \$10.00 per day (truck & trailer)

Moorage \$25.00 (over 25 ft)

General Store, Fuel, Washrooms, Showers & Fresh water boat wash area.

Four-lane launch ramp (Power wire above launch ramp)

**Note:** Launch with mast down and erect on the water while tied to the dock.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>, Saturday:  
Cruisers & Charters  
Meeting place**

**ODAS Buoy  
48,17.00' N  
123,31.00' W**

**Cruisers & Charter Flotilla Boats** meet in the vicinity of the ODAS Buoy located mid channel Juan de Fuca Strait, south of Race Rocks around 1800 – 1900 hours Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>. Sail to Banfield (Barkley Sound) via Juan de Fuca Strait to Pacific Ocean.

Plan to sail over night approximately 82 NM. At an average speed of 5 knots; you should make Banfield by noon.

**Note 1:** I will set up a “Net” on “PS Hakuna Matata” using cell phones and VHF radio. If you are interested in joining this flotilla, please let me know ahead of time and provide cell phone numbers and boat name.  
I will try and contact your cell in the early afternoon to confirm ETA’s.

**Note 2:** Banfield will only be a Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> rest and fuel stop. Continue northeast on Trevor Channel to Poett Nook Marina approximately 5 NM. See below for details.

**May 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Poett Nook Marina,  
Barkley Sound**

**Entrance  
48, 53.06' N  
125, 02.97' W**

**Trailables** Sail to Poett Nook via Alberni Inlet to Trevor Channel, 21.5 NM. Take a slip for the night or anchor in the bay.

**Poett Nook Marina** 250-720-9572 Connie

**48,52.70' N, 125, 02.80' W**

Moorage .80 / foot, Washrooms, Showers \$2.25, General Store, Fuel (regular gasoline only)

**Note:** Poett Nook Marine has a “Fire Pit” Connie will supply the wood. This will give us a great meeting place while we stumble around the fire and swap tales of our adventure to Barkley Sound.

**Anchor: 48,52.79' N, 125, 03.08' W**

**Tides, Port Alberni: May14<sup>th</sup>, corrected for DLST**

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|-------------|--------------------------|
| <b>0111</b> | <b>10.8 FT High Tide</b> |
| <b>0812</b> | <b>.7 FT Low Tide</b>    |
| <b>1439</b> | <b>8.5 FT High Tide</b>  |
| <b>1947</b> | <b>4.6 FT Low Tide</b>   |

**May 15<sup>th</sup>, Monday:  
Effingham Bay  
Broken Group  
Barkley Sound**

**Entrance  
48,52.69' N  
123, 19.22, W**

Sail to Effingham Bay via Trevor Channel, Satellite Passage, Imperial Eagle Channel to Coaster Channel 12.8 NM, anchor for the night.

**Anchor: 48, 52.44' N, 125, 18.31' W**

Effingham Island is very special place. This island was home to an ancient Indian village for over a thousand years. Hike the trail at the head of Effingham Bay. Walk through the lush old growth rain forest to the east side of the island. Explore the old village marked by old shells 10 feet deep and 100 yards long. Check out the large sea caves towards Meares Bluff. (Enter at less than a ½ ebbing tide)

**Note 1:** Before heading to Effingham Bay you might want to sail to Banfield and check out the inlet. Some provisions can be found as well as fuel (diesel and gasoline)

Tie up at the government docks on the west side at **(48, 49.76' N, 125, 08.41'W)**  
Take a walk along the wooden boardwalk and pick a few souvenirs.

Banfield was home to Transpacific Cable Company, it connected North America to Australia and sent it's first message in November 1, 1902 and it's last in 1959.

The building located near the entrance on the east side of the inlet, is now a Marina Research Station owned by four BC Universities and one Alberta University.

**Note 2:** A **Hospital** (Red Cross Out Post) located just north of the government docks on the west side. Fulltime Registered Nurses are available and a visiting Physician. This hospital will work closely with the Coastguard Station located on the west side near the beginning of the inlet. They will arrange "**Emergency Helicopter Transportation**" if required.

**Tides, Port Alberni:      May 15<sup>th</sup>, corrected for DLST**

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| <b>0147</b> | <b>10.8 FT</b> | <b>High Tide</b> |
| <b>0851</b> | <b>.3 FT</b>   | <b>Low Tide</b>  |
| <b>1523</b> | <b>8.5 FT</b>  | <b>High Tide</b> |
| <b>2026</b> | <b>4.9 FT</b>  | <b>Low Tide</b>  |

**May 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday:  
Small Craft Harbour  
Ucluelet Inlet,  
Barkley Sound**

**Entrance, Ucluelet Inlet,  
48, 55.16' N  
125, 31.00' W**

Sail to Ucluelet, Small Craft Harbour, 11 NM, via Effingham Bay, Couster Channel, Clark – Benson Passage, Loudoun Channel, Newcombe Channel to Ucluelet Inlet.

Take a slip for the night in the Small Craft Harbour.

**Pub Night:** Put the BBQ away and hit the pub for cold beer and fish & chips.  
**Let's do a group dinner at 1800 hours.**

If I remember correctly the Pub is located just a few minutes walk at the **Island West Fishing Resort**. (You would of sailed by it on you way in)

**Small Craft Harbour:** 250-726-4241 Steve, cell 250-266-0345  
Moorage .69 / foot on docks C, D & E. Power \$3.00/ day, washrooms & showers available.

**Small Craft Harbour entrance, 48, 56.86'N, 125, 33.02' N**

**Note:** You will find just about everything you need in Ucluelet.  
Don't forget to take the hike to and around Amphitrite Point. This is a spectacular hike but could take a few hours. I suggest doing in first thing Wednesday morning and be ready to sail by 1200 hours.

**Tides, Port Alberni:      May 16<sup>th</sup>, corrected for DLST**

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| <b>0227</b> | <b>10.8 FT High Tide</b> |
| <b>0935</b> | <b>.7 FT Low Tide</b>    |
| <b>1611</b> | <b>8.2 FT High Tide</b>  |
| <b>2111</b> | <b>4.9 FT High Tide</b>  |

**May 17<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday:  
Useless Inlet  
Barkley Sound**

**Entrance  
48, 58.50' N  
125, 05.10 W**

Sail to Useless Inlet 22.5 NM via Ucluelet Inlet, Newcombe Channel, Loudoun Channel, Peacock Channel, Sechart Channel, Imperial Eagle Channel to Useless Inlet. Anchor for the night.

**Anchor: 48, 59.55' N, 125, 02.67' W**

By the law of averages, this should shape up to be an excellent sailing day. When the landmass begins to heat up, it causes the cooler sea air to flow inland replacing the warmer air rising. Some call this a "Sucking Thermal" This combined with a flooding tide starting in Port Alberni at 1023 hours and ending at 1705 hours. Means not only wind, tied and possible swell in our favor but high water for traversing the tricky entrance to Useless Inlet. I would plan to be out of Ucluelet Small Craft Harbour by noon and enjoy the sailing. Maybe stop for lunch in the Broken Group or Pinkerton Islands. Or start an impromptu race. Getting some practice before tomorrows race is always a good idea.

**Tides, Port Alberni:      May 17<sup>th</sup>, corrected for DLST**

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| <b>0313</b> | <b>10.5 FT High Tide</b> |
| <b>1023</b> | <b>1.0 FT Low Tide</b>   |
| <b>1705</b> | <b>8.2 FT High Tide</b>  |
| <b>2204</b> | <b>5.2 FT Low Tide</b>   |

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday:  
Port Alberni Yacht Club  
(Outstation)  
Robbers Passage  
Barkley Sound**

**Dock  
48, 53.58' N  
125,07.04' W**

**“Race Day”** (see the separate doc. Called **“Race Day”** for racing instructions)  
Race 12.6 NM via Imperial Eagle Channel, Satellite Passage and finish in Trevor Channel by Sprout Bay.  
After the race, sail back up Trevor Channel 2.5 NM and tie up to the dock for the night at the Port Alberni Yacht Club Outstation located in Robbers Passage, Fleming Island. (Anchoring is also available in the bay)

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A modest moorage charge? Via “Honor Box” if the caretaker is away.  
Limited power and water available with picnic tables and outhouses.  
I believe washrooms and showers are available if the caretaker is available or a Club Member is present.

**Note Hazard:** The entrance from Trevor Channel into Robbers Passage requires close attention. Take the “Day Beacon” to starboard and follow the sailing directions closely up Robbers Passage towards Tzartus Island. A shoal extends from Fleming Island with drying rocks at the beginning of the passage. Watch out for another shoal about 300 yards south of the “Day Beacon” in Trevor Channel.

**Potluck Dinner Night, 1800 hours**

This is a great place to have our annual potluck dinner. Cook up your favorite dish and share with the others. This will not be limited to food. Bring out that special bottle you have been saving and offer it up to a toast.  
Picnic tables are available and maybe the club has a BBQ we can use. If not cooking will be done onboard.

This island has a great trail to hike and some interesting caves to explore. Just remember to watch the tide if you venture into the caves.

**Please Note: (Cruisers & Charters)** This will be our last night as a group. I plan to sail back aboard PS Hakuna Matata to Deep Bay starting Friday afternoon, with one possible stop in Banfield for fuel.

I will set up a “Net” for the returning vessels joining this Flotilla using VHF radio and cell phones.

If you plan on joining us please let me know.

**Tides Port Alberni: May 18<sup>th</sup>, corrected for DLST**

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| <b>0406</b> | <b>10.2 FT High Tide</b> |
| <b>1117</b> | <b>1.3 FT Low Tide</b>   |
| <b>1805</b> | <b>8.2 FT High Tide</b>  |
| <b>2310</b> | <b>5.2 FT Low Tide</b>   |

**May 19th, Friday:  
Pinkerton Islands  
Barkley Sound**

**Entrance  
48, 57.55' N  
125, 17.48' W**

Sail to the Pinkerton Islands 9 NM, via Robbers Passage, Imperial Eagle Channel to Sechart Channel. Anchor for the night in 30 feet of water in a safe and well-protected anchorage.

**Anchor 48, 57.55' N, 125, 16.75' W**

**Note Hazard:**

Keep a close eye out for a rock awash at a seven-foot tide in the entrance to the Pinkerton Islands. It is located just west of islet 40. At less than a seven-foot tide you can see the rock.

This can be a great day to explore the nooks and crannies of the Deer, Broken and Pinkerton Islands. With only 9 NM to sail before your next anchorage you will find lots of time to sail around exploring.

**Tides Port Alberni: May 19<sup>th</sup>, corrected for DLST**

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| <b>0509</b> | <b>9.5 FT High Tide</b> |
| <b>1216</b> | <b>1.6 FT Low Tide</b>  |
| <b>1908</b> | <b>8.2 FT High Tide</b> |
| <b>0132</b> | <b>4.9 FT Low Tide</b>  |

**May 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday:  
Franks Bay:  
(Vernon Bay)  
Barkley Sound**

**Entrance  
48, 59.79'N  
125,08.87'W**

Sail to Franks Bay, 10 NM via Sechart Channel, Imperial Eagle Channel to Vernon Bay.  
Anchor for the night.

**Anchor: 49, 00.24' N, 125, 08.85' W South Cove (42 FT)  
Anchor: 49, 00.58' N, 125, 08.71' W North Cove (24 FT)**

This can be another exploration day with only 10 NM to sail. Maybe check out Effingham Inlet before settling in for the night at Franks Bay.

**Note:** Franks Bay is home to the Eagle Nook Resort. This resort features **“Fine Dining”** 1-800-760-2777 [www.eaglenook.com](http://www.eaglenook.com)

**Note:** Unfortunately they don't open for the season until June 2, 2006

**Tides Port Alberni: May 20<sup>th</sup>, corrected for DLST**

**0621 8.9 FT High Tide  
1317 2.0 FT Low Tide  
2007 8.9 FT High Tide**

**May 21<sup>st</sup>, Sunday:  
China Creek  
Alberni Inlet**

**Entrance  
49, 09.30' N  
125, 47.86' W**

**Trailables** sail to China Creek 23 NM via Vernon Bay, Imperial Eagle Channel, Junction Passage to Alberni Inlet.

Pull the boats, shower and drive to Nanaimo. Sleep in the boat for the night in the parking lot just across from the Ferry Terminal.

**Note:** The sail up Alberni Inlet can be exhilarating, when the wind will pick up in the late morning or early afternoon. As I mentioned before the “Sucking Thermal” affect will blow you down the channel at hull speed and then some.

**Tides, Port Alberni:      May21st, corrected for DLST**

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| <b>0157</b> | <b>4.6 FT Low Tide</b>  |
| <b>0742</b> | <b>8.5 FT High Tide</b> |
| <b>1416</b> | <b>2.3 FT Low Tide</b>  |
| <b>2058</b> | <b>9.2 FT High Tide</b> |

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> Monday:  
Calgary, Alberta**

**Trailables** catch the first morning Ferry in Nanaimo bound for Horseshoe Bay. Relax, have breakfast on the Ferry and maybe a short snooze.

Drive straight through to Calgary or take it over two days.

Remember this is a holiday Monday and the traffic can build late in the afternoon when approaching the Revelstoke – Golden area. It will continue to be congested until the hi-way twins after Lake Louise.

**Note:** This is a long drive but you can be in Kamloops by 12:00 – 1:00 PM and in Calgary by 9:00 – 10:00 PM.

**Warning: Don't drive tired, take plenty of rests stops and switch drivers if possible. You have a place to sleep, use it if you are tired.**

**Only one thing matters, that's getting home safe!!!**

**List of Cruising guides:**

Vancouver Islands West Coast by Don Douglass  
Waggoner Cruising Guide 2005

**List of required Charts:**

**All vessels:**

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| <b>3646</b>       |          |
| Banfield Inlet    | 12,000:1 |
| Ucluelet Inlet    | 15,000:1 |
| Uchucklesit Inlet | 18,000:1 |
| Fatty Basin       | 7,500:1  |

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| <b>3668</b>               |          |
| Alberni Inlet             | 40,000:1 |
| Entrance to Useless Inlet | 10,000:1 |
| Port Alberni              | 10,000:1 |
| Robbers Passage           | 10,000:1 |

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| <b>3671</b>   |          |
| Barkley Sound | 40,000:1 |

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| <b>3670</b>  |          |
| Broken Group | 20,000:1 |

**Cruisers & Charters:**

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| <b>3461</b>                           |          |
| Juan de Fuca Strait (Eastern Portion) | 80,000:1 |

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| <b>3606</b>         |           |
| Juan de Fuca Strait | 110,000:1 |

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| <b>3602</b>                       |           |
| Approaches to Juan de Fuca Strait | 150,000:1 |

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| <b>3647</b>                       |          |
| Port San Juan and Nitinat Narrows |          |
| Port San Juan                     | 18,000:1 |
| Nitinat Narrows                   | 12,000:1 |
| Nitinat Narrows                   | 2,000:1  |

**Charters:** Island Cruising Yacht Charters (Sidney BC) will have boats available for charter. They have worked out a deal with the insurance companies to extend the “Trading Area” to include Juan de Fuca Strait and Barkley Sound.

Contact: Cathy Parris (Owner/ Manager) Phone 1-800-663-5311 or  
[cathy@islandcruising.com](mailto:cathy@islandcruising.com)

Ask her for the FACS group discount and the pre-season discount.

**Please note:** All distances are approximate and sailed the most direct route over safe water. Sailing against the wind could add many miles to your route.

Tides are from **Canadian Tide and Current Tables 2006 volume 6.**

All times are in PST and corrected for daylight savings time (DLST).

Please use the above information as a guideline only. Each Skipper is responsible for the safety of his or her vessel. Plot each waypoint on your own charts and double check the Tide and Current Tables for depths and tidal flows.

Always keep a diligent watch.

Happy sailing.

Robert Dyer  
Cruising Director FACS