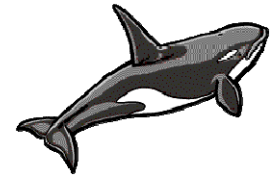




# NOR'WESTING 2010



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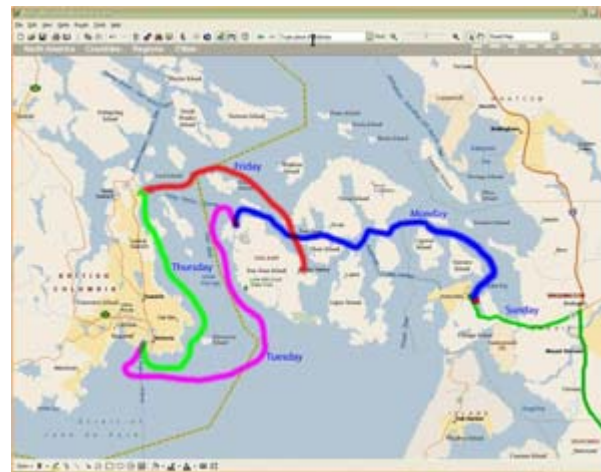
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## Cruise Agenda and Itinerary

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### Cruising Area

Click on the map below to get an overview of the US San Juan Islands and Canadian Gulf Islands



### Cruise Agenda

Participants' Meeting: 02 September 2010 - Thursday: Bellevue, WA

1500-1700, (new time!!) Auditorium, Bellevue Hyatt:  
Participants' Meeting - General meeting for skippers and crew, cruise packet handout, presentation on what to expect, time to ask questions of local cruisers for their special "local knowledge."

Bus Transportation: 05 September 2010 - Sunday: Bellevue to Anacortes, WA (90 miles)

0900, Lobby, Bellevue Hyatt: Bus departure for Anacortes -- Please check-in with luggage by 0845. The ride takes 90 minutes and we are in a hurry. Please don't be late. NO EXCEPTIONS.

1030, Anacortes: Bus delivers charterers to Anacortes Yacht Charters and ABC Yacht Charters - Get checked out by the charter companies, provision boats, evening on own.

### Supplementary Participants' Meeting: 05 September 2010 - Sunday: Anacortes, WA

1700, Cap Sante Boat Haven, Anacortes, in open space near office complex -- Supplementary Participants' Meeting for those not attending the one on Thursday. Pick up your shirts, carry bag, and ask questions. Download the presentation done during the Thursday meeting [here](#).



#### **Anacortes information:**

Chamber of Commerce - [www.anacortes.org](http://www.anacortes.org)

Cap Sante Boat Haven, location of Sunday Skipper's meeting and home of some of the charter boats -

[www.portofanacortes.com](http://www.portofanacortes.com)

Anacortes Marina, home of some of the charter boats, 10 minute walk to Cap Sante - [www.anacortesmarina.com](http://www.anacortesmarina.com)

### Day 1: 06 September 2010 - Monday: Anacortes to Roche Harbor, WA (31 nmiles)

0800, No Skippers' Meeting - Because of the various starting points for the cruise, there will be no skippers' meeting this morning.

1000, Cruise to Roche Harbor - The fleet departs on its own schedule for Roche Harbor on San Juan island. Plan on arrival after 1300 to give the docking crew time to cruise over themselves and for the marina to clear out last night's customers.

Afternoon, Roche Harbor - On your own - Enjoy the charms of historical Roche Harbor and its shops.

- Mystery Boat Name Hunt - organized by the Friday Harbor Squadron.

1700, Roche Harbor - Welcoming Wine and Cheese Reception - The organizing committee, with the aid of the Bellevue Squadron, invites all cruisers to come and have a glass or two of wine before dinner.

1800, Roche Harbor - Dinner - Our kickoff dinner follows the wine and cheese reception. Menu: All American BBQ Buffet (Home-style red jacket potato salad, Miss Ruby's macaroni salad with lemon-basil dressing, Freshly baked Parker House rolls with butter and honey, Wild Bill's Barbeque Station with flame-grilled chicken quarters with honey glaze and slow-smoked baby back pork ribs with huckleberry BBQ sauce, Fire-roasted corn on the cob with garlic butter, Grandma Wilks' barbeque beans, Coffee). A no-host bar will sell wine and beer with dinner.

1930, Roche Harbor - Flag Lowering Ceremony - The National Bridge will lead the traditional flag lowering ceremony.

Roche Harbor Activities:

- Moped tours - rent a moped from [Susie's Mopeds](#) and cruise the the island.
- Kayaking - on your own, just visit the [shop on the main dock](#) to rent a kayak
- Walking tours - there are lots of [places in close walking distance](#) to visit.



**Roche Harbor/San Juan Island information:**

Roche Harbor Marina - [www.rocheharbor.com](http://www.rocheharbor.com)

San Juan Island Chamber of Commerce -

[www.sanjuanisland.org](http://www.sanjuanisland.org)

Real-time view of Roche Harbor -

[www.islandcam.com/roche.html](http://www.islandcam.com/roche.html)

San Juan Islands Visitor's Guide -

[www.guidetosanjuans.com](http://www.guidetosanjuans.com)

Day 2: 07 September 2010 – Tuesday: Roche Harbor, WA to Victoria, BC (30 nmiles)

0800, Skippers' Meeting – Meeting on the main dock for captains to discuss the cruise to Victoria on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and the process of clearing Canadian customs and immigration.

0900, Cruise to Victoria – The fleet departs on its own schedule to the Causeway Floats in Victoria's Inner Harbor. Plan on arrival after 1300 to give the docking crew time to cruise to Victoria themselves.

1300-1700, Causeway Floats – Clear Canadian Customs – Nexus carriers can phone in and go directly to their slips after clearing. Pre-clearance people phone into and get clearance, then go to docks. Other people need to clear by going to one of the approved customs reporting stations. Read the [Clearing Customs](#) page **completely**.

Afternoon and Evening, Victoria – On Your Own – After clearing customs, you are on your own for exploring Victoria and arranging dinner. Please note that Canadian liquor laws strictly prohibit alcohol on the docks, so no dock parties please.

Victoria Activities: on your own, form a small group and enjoy the sites of Victoria. More information on the [Activities and Events](#) page.

- Butchart Gardens – easy public transportation takes you to these lovely gardens.
- Cycling – ride the Galloping Goose Trail or one of the many great bicycle routes.
- Whale Watching – catch a ride on one of the professional whale watching tour boats.



### Victoria information:

Victoria Chamber of Commerce -

[www.victoriachamber.ca](http://www.victoriachamber.ca)

Victoria Harbour Authority - [www.victoriaharbour.org](http://www.victoriaharbour.org)

Tourism Victoria - [www.tourismvictoria.com](http://www.tourismvictoria.com)

Butchart Gardens - [www.butchartgardens.com](http://www.butchartgardens.com)

Cycling -

[www.tourismvictoria.com/Content/EN/187.asp](http://www.tourismvictoria.com/Content/EN/187.asp)

Royal BC Museum - [www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca](http://www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca)

### Day 3: 08 September 2010 – Wednesday: Victoria, BC

Morning and Afternoon, Victoria – On Your Own – Full day in Victoria.

1800, Victoria – Reception with no-host bar in the nearby Harbour Towers Hotel, followed by Dinner at 1900 – The reception starts at 1800 and features a no-host bar. Here is your chance to tell others of your discoveries of the day in Victoria. Following the reception is a banquet dinner. Menu: Towers Buffet (Assorted rolls & butter, Organic mixed greens and dressings, Sliced tomatoes & cucumbers, Crispy pancetta & Yukon Gold potato salad, Two additional chef's seasonal salads, Fresh vegetable platter, Sweet pickle & olive tray, Seafood Medley (Pacific shellfish & sockeye salmon, Champagne, lobster cream), Roast strip loin with Fresh horseradish demi, Selected starch & seasonal vegetable accompaniments, Water, Coffees and teas, Fresh fruit chocolate fondue)

Victoria Activities: on your own, form a small group and enjoy the sites of Victoria. More information on the [Activities and Events](#) page.

### Day 4: 09 September 2010 – Thursday: Victoria to Sidney, BC (25 nmiles)

0800, Skippers' Meeting – Meeting on the Causeway in front of

the docks for captains to discuss the cruise to Sidney, BC

0900, Cruise to Sidney- The fleet departs on its own schedule for the Port of Sidney Marina. Plan on arrival after 1300 to give the docking crew time to cruise to there themselves. Please clear the Victoria marina before 1100.

Afternoon and Evening, Sidney - On Your Own - You are on your own for exploring the many bookshops of Sidney and arranging dinner. The Vancouver Island South District of the Canadian Power Squadrons has developed a Shopper's Passport program with many of the local businesses of Sidney-by-the-Sea. Drop your ballot in specially marked boxes in participating shops and enter a drawing for a prize offered by the Sidney Merchants Association. Details will be handed out at the Skippers Meetings.

1700 - Cocktails on the Party Dock, Port of Sidney. Join your cruising friends for a BYOD cocktail. Have any snacks left? Well then, bring them along to share. This is an opportunity to clear the fridge of food items that can't be brought into the USA.

Sidney Activities:

- In planning by CPS Vancouver Island South District

**Sidney information:**

Sidney tourism - [www.sidneybc.com/](http://www.sidneybc.com/)

Photos of Sidney - <http://www.sidneybc.net/>

Day 5: 10 September 2010 - Friday: Sidney, BC, to Friday Harbor, WA (20 nmiles)

0800, Skippers' Meeting - Meeting on the Party Dock for captains to discuss the cruise to Friday Harbor and the process of clearing US customs and immigration.

0900, Cruise to Friday Harbor - The fleet departs on its own schedule for Friday Harbor on San Juan Island. Please plan on arrival after 1300 to give the docking crew time to cruise to Friday Harbor themselves.

1300-1700, Friday Harbor Marina - Clear US Customs - Nexus and I-68 carriers can phone in and go directly to their slips after clearing. Pre-clearance people tie up at the

special pre-clearance dock and meet with customs officials, then go to their slips. The rest need to clear by going to the real customs dock on the breakwater or in Roche Harbor. Read the [Clearing Customs](#) page **completely**. If your boat is 30 feet or over and doesn't have a 2010 US Customs decal, then you will have to pay a \$27.50 decal fee. Most of the charter boats should already have a customs decal. Since the customs dock is next to the ferry landing, please stay out of the way of the ferries. They are much larger than your boat and are made of steel.

Afternoon, Friday Harbor - On your own - Enjoy the charms of Friday Harbor and its shops and museums.

- Airplane sight seeing rides - on your own.
- Bus tour of San Juan Island - on your own.

1800-2200, San Juan County Fairgrounds - Reception and Awards Banquet - Buses will transport everyone to the fairgrounds for the gala awards banquet. A cash bar operated by the Friday Harbor squadron will be open during the reception and for wine purchases for the meal. The bar sells margaritas, red and white wine, and beer. A sit-down dinner has the following menu: Plated dinner (Appetizer, Prime Rib with horseradish, Salmon, Mixed greens salad, Summer vegetables, Baby red new potatoes, Marionberry Cobbler, Water, Coffee)



### **Friday Harbor, San Juan Island and Lopez Island Information:**

Port of Friday Harbor -

[www.portfridayharbor.org/marina/marina.html](http://www.portfridayharbor.org/marina/marina.html)

Friday Harbor Web - [www.friday-harbor.net](http://www.friday-harbor.net)

San Juan Islands Visitor's Guide -

[www.guidetosanjuans.com](http://www.guidetosanjuans.com)

Real-time view of Friday Harbor -

[www.islandcam.com/fridayhrbr.html](http://www.islandcam.com/fridayhrbr.html)

Real-time view of Fisherman Bay, Lopez Island -

[www.islandcam.com/fishermansbay.html](http://www.islandcam.com/fishermansbay.html)

Lopez Island Chamber of Commerce - [www.lopezisland.com](http://www.lopezisland.com)

11 September 2010 – Saturday: Friday Harbor to Anacortes,  
WA (20 nmiles)

0800, No Skippers' Meeting – The Nor'westing 2010 National  
Cruise is over. Everyone is on their own today. Most  
charter boats will return to Anacortes or their point of  
origin.

Safe cruising.

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