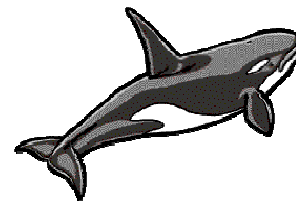


NOR'WESTING 2005

WATER MAGIC



Victoria

Thursday, 15 Sept 2005

Vancouver Island, BC

Today's Agenda

0800, Skippers' Meeting. Meeting in the parking lot above the gates to Wharf Street Floats for captains to discuss the cruise to Roche Harbor and the process of clearing US customs and immigration.

0900, Depart for Cruise to Roche Harbor. The fleet departs on its own schedule for Roche Harbor Resort on San Juan Island. Customs processing will be slower than planned, due to shortage of agents. Faster boats may want to go to Friday Harbor for clearance, then 10 miles to Roche.

1100-1700, Roche Harbor Resort. Customs Clearance. Contact the Docking Support Team on **Ch 72A** for a customs wait number. They will be on the dock to help boats come and go quickly. If the wait is long, boats may want to go to Friday Harbor for clearance. Vessels must tie up to the Customs Dock at the end of G Dock and the captains must clear customs personally.

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Lost, Found, Etc.

Have you lost or found something?
Contact Bob Miller on *Loon Song 2*.

Lost – white ice cooler labeled AYC from the dock near *Truan Sea*. Please return.

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Today's Weather

http://www.atmos.washington.edu/data/marine_report.html

COASTAL WATERS FORECAST FOR WASHINGTON
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SEATTLE WA
258 PM PDT WED SEP 14 2005

SYNOPSIS FOR NORTHERN AND CENTRAL WASHINGTON COASTAL AND INLAND WATERS... ONSHORE FLOW WILL PEAK OUT TONIGHT AS A FRONTAL SYSTEM APPROACHES THE AREA FROM THE NW. ONSHORE FLOW WILL WEAKEN ON FRI AND SAT BEHIND THE FRONT. ANOTHER FRONT WILL APPROACH THE COASTAL WATERS FROM THE WEST ON SUN AND MON.

NORTHERN INLAND WATERS INCLUDING THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS-258 PM PDT WED SEP 14 2005

TONIGHT...SW WIND 10 TO 20 KT. WIND WAVES 1 TO 3 FT.

THU...SW WIND 10 TO 15 KT. WIND WAVES 1 OR 2 FT. CHANCE OF SHOWERS.

THU NIGHT...S WIND 10 TO 15 KT. WIND WAVES 1 OR 2 FT. CHANCE OF SHOWERS.

FRI...S WIND 10 KT IN THE MORNING BECOMING LIGHT. WIND WAVES 1 FT OR LESS.

FRI NIGHT...LIGHT WIND. WIND WAVES 1 FT OR LESS.

Scavenger Hunt

Join in the photo scavenger hunt in Roche Harbor on Thursday. It will take an hour or so. Turn in completed forms to *Loon Song* by 1600 on Friday. Great prizes, lots of fun, form a group.

Boating Suggestions

1. While rafted up, watch where your diesel furnace exhaust outlet is located (or that of your neighbor boat). We already had a fender melt from the exhaust heat of the boat next door.
2. Need water? Fill up your tanks in Victoria. Its water is far better than the sometimes colored water of Roche Harbor.
3. Need a pump-out? In Roche Harbor, hail the *My Phecal Phreak* for a water-side pump-out.

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Vessels which have all crew members carrying the new I-68 clearances can phone in while underway for clearance. Bring proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers).

1100-1700, Roche Harbor Resort – Docking

Support. After receiving a customs clearance number, call “**Roche Harbor**” on **Channel 78A** for a slip assignment. Staff of Roche Harbor will help tie up boats.

1700, Party Dock, Impromptu Dock Party.

Very casual dock party on the Party Dock on the guest docks. Bring your own stuff to drink and nibble on, and share surplus.

Afternoon and Evening, Roche Harbor – On Your Own.

After clearing customs, you are on your own for exploring Roche Harbor and San Juan Island and arranging dinner.

San Juan Island Events:

- ◇ Photo Scavenger Hunt – organized by Friday Harbor squadron. See page 1.
- ◇ Airplane sight seeing rides – on your own.
- ◇ Bus tour of San Juan Island – on your own.
- ◇ Bus transportation to Friday Harbor for evening meals has been arranged .



Roving Reporter

Your secret correspondent floats through the fleet picking up tidbits of gossip and flotsam and jetsam. Today's tidbit:

Quote of the Day: “Never slap a man who is chewing tobacco.” by Dennis Morris, *Twanoh*.

Cruisers Cover Fellow's Memory Lapse

Three cruisers reported being accosted by a bar maid at Darcy's Pub claiming that a fellow cruiser absconded with an unpaid meal and stiffed her on the tip as well. The cruisers covered the tab and are now open to negotiations with the forgetful (?) member regarding recompense and damages.

Do you have an item for the mysterious **Roving Reporter**? Pass it to his assistants, Bobbi Jensen or Trudy Brown, both on *Talisman*. Only they know how to contact the mysterious rover.

Leftovers?

Do you worry about having leftover beer, pop, wine, or snack stuff on the boat? If so, bring it to the Impromptu Dock Party on Thursday night, 1700-1800, and let your fellow cruisers polish off the surplus “stuff.”

Bus Schedule

Buses for dinner runs to Friday Harbor are in two groups. Boats whose names are from *Blue Belle* to *Nifty-Fifty* have buses departing Roche at 1700 and returning from Friday Harbor at 2000. Boats whose names are from *Ocean Lady* to *Twanoh* have buses leaving at 1745 and returning at 2045.