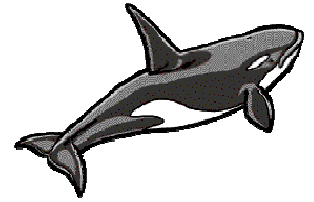


# NOR'WESTING 2005

## WATER MAGIC



Deer Harbor

Tuesday, 13 Sept 2005

Orcas Island, WA

### Today's Agenda

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

**0900, Depart for Cruise to Victoria** – The fleet departs on its own schedule for Wharf Street Floats in Victoria's Inner Harbor. Plan on arrival after 1200 to give the docking crew time to cruise to Victoria themselves.

**1200-1700, Victoria Wharf Street Floats – Clear Canadian Customs** – We have a special customs clearing process directly on the Wharf Street Floats for those boats carrying cell phones. After docking, stay on your boat until you are cleared by Canadian Customs officials after phoning 1-888-226-7277 or 250-363-0222. If you don't have a working cell phone, you will need to tie up at the Customs dock next to Wharf Street Floats and clear there, then proceed to the Wharf Street Floats.

**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 Events: on your own

- ◇ 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.

### Today's Weather

[http://www.atmos.washington.edu/data/marine\\_report.html](http://www.atmos.washington.edu/data/marine_report.html)

INLAND WATERS OF WESTERN WASHINGTON AND THE NORTHERN AND CENTRAL WASHINGTON COAST 0303 PM PDT MON SEP 12 2005

SYNOPSIS FOR NORTHERN AND CENTRAL WASHINGTON COASTAL AND INLAND WATERS... WEAK HIGH PRES OFFSHORE AND LOWER PRES EAST OF THE CASCADES WILL GIVE LIGHT ONSHORE GRADIENTS THROUGH TUE. ONSHORE FLOW WILL INCREASE TUE NIGHT THROUGH THU AS A FRONTAL SYSTEM APPROACHES THE AREA FROM THE NW.

NORTHERN INLAND WATERS INCLUDING THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS-0303 PM PDT MON SEP 12 2005

TONIGHT...S WIND 10 KT. WIND WAVES 1 FT OR LESS. AREAS OF FOG AFTER MIDNIGHT.

TUE...LIGHT WIND. WIND WAVES 1 FT OR LESS. AREAS OF MORNING FOG.

TUE NIGHT...SW WIND 10 TO 15 KT. WIND WAVES 1 OR 2 FT.

WED...W WIND 10 TO 15 KT...BECOMING NW 10 TO 20 KT IN THE AFTERNOON. WIND WAVES 1 TO 3 FT.

WED NIGHT...NW WIND 10 TO 15 KT...BECOMING SW 10 KT AFTER MIDNIGHT. WIND WAVES 2 FT OR LESS.

THU AND FRI...LIGHT WIND. WIND WAVES 1 FT OR LESS.

SAT...S WIND 10 KT. WIND WAVES 1 FT OR LESS.

### Lost, Found, Etc.

Have you lost or found something?

Contact Bob Miller on *Loon Song 2*.

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## Public Bus to Butchart Gardens

We have broken the code of bus routes and schedules at Victoria and learned that we can catch a bus (#75) to Butchart Gardens by walking three blocks from our dock at Wharf Street Floats. Catch the #75 bus at the S (for Suburban) stop on the SE corner of Douglas and Fort Streets. It costs approx \$4 for seniors (\$6 adult) for an all day pass on the buses. Admission to the gardens is CDN 22.00 per person.

## Docking Support Updates!

- The VHF hailing frequency for the Docking Support Team has been changed to **Channel 72A** to avoid conflict with marinas using Ch 78A
- Remember to hail on low power.
- Stay on **Channel 72A** after making initial contact.
- When hailing, call "Nor'westing Dock Support" and don't hail the marina itself.
- Once docked, you may want to help the adjacent boats tie-up. Remember, many skippers are on boats new to them.

## Digital Photos

Trudy Brown is collecting your best photos for a slide show for the Friday night banquet. She is on *Talisman*.

## No Skipper's Meeting On Wednesday

## Roving Reporter

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

### Birthday Time:

Gus Decock — far too many years  
Lois Neff — Sept 14

### Wild Life Sightings!

- *Solaria's* crew spotted the first orca while en-route to Deer Harbor.
- Harbor seal in Deer Harbor

Who are the Bridgettes spotted on the dock playing with devil's cards?

Which boats were chattering on-and-on while using CH 16? You were lucky that the Radio Nazis didn't jump on your case. They are tough on misuse of Ch 16.

Which boat arrived with four large plastic buckets for use as emergency heads? It seems that previous guests had warned the new passengers of "Head Issues" and the new guests brought their own "heads."

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.

## Clearance Number

Part of your clearance process with Canadian Customs is that they will issue a clearance number starting with 2005-xxxxx. This number must be posted on a dock-side window of your vessel. Also, US Customs will want that number when you return to the US.