



Port Moody Squadron Cruise Master Report July 2010

Well everyone here I am again, jumping into your inbox with another cruising update.

First off, what an awesome time we had with all the boats on the Gulf Islands cruise. I'm waiting on photos from those who attended so that I can get them onto our website with a small write up about the cruise.

The highlight of the cruise was the Canada Day Lamb BBQ in Winter Cove on Saturna Island. If you've read the latest Quarter Deck you may have seen a picture of the roasting lambs...fortunately they tasted much better than they looked around the fire pit.

Anyway, look for more pictures and a little write on the web site in the next week or so. I hope to get it done before we leave for the Discovery Islands cruise, but no promises. Now on to the upcoming cruise, this being the primary focus of this report.

On July 8th I sent an email out to all the skippers registered for the Discovery Island Cruise, so if you didn't get an email from me around that date, then I don't have you registered. If you thought you were send me an [email](#) PDQ.

The cruise itinerary is still on the events page of our [website](#), if you haven't already done so, do check it out. I'm really excited about this cruise as Arlene and I will be going into new territory, and that's why I love cruising with the Squadron so much...safety in numbers. It's going to be a great learning experience.

I've said it before and it deserves repeating in every report, these cruises are an excellent way to go to areas that are new to you and to cruise to destinations that may be just a little too far to attempt by yourself.

There are some very experienced skippers heading out on this trip and a number of boats capable of handling extra provisions for those of you who may have concerns in that area...in addition there are boats with generators to help charge up batteries and also carry extra water.

Thought your boat was maybe too small to head up North of Desolation...think again and contact me if you want to join us. You won't regret getting outside your comfort zone and visiting some spectacular areas of the PNW.

So, after a couple of stops along the way the cruise officially starts when we reach Gorge Harbour on Monday, Aug 2, BC Day, where we will be celebrating the occasion with a TOGA PARTY...party poopers welcome! Meaning, you don't HAVE to dress in a Toga, but there will be prizes and surprises so dress up and have some fun...after all we're on vacation and what happens on vacation.....

When planning this cruise I tried to keep it to a minimum number of days at marinas so that we can enjoy boating the way it was meant to be...out on the water not tied to a dock. But, it is nice to get in to "Port" occasionally and so after 4 days on the hook we will be doing so in Blind Channel.

Along with a well stocked store for re-provisioning and a fuel barge, there is an excellent Restaurant at Blind where I suspect many will be making reservations for a fine German inspired meal. Check out their menu and facilities at <http://www.blindchannel.com/>

After Blind Channel and a couple more days on the hook in the Octopus Islands we'll be at the lovely Taku Resort in Heriot Bay. This is where we will be celebrating the 50th B-Day of one of the Admirals. More games and prizes and Arlene will be handing out her now famous cruise keepsake. I can tell you this one is extra special, after all it will be our last major cruise with yours truly as Cruise Master.

Friday, August 13 is an ominous date and unfortunately signals the start of the trek back to Vancouver. There are the recommended stops along the way, but this skipper is planning a detour after we leave Taku.

Boy N Sea will be heading up to Princess Louisa Inlet, to me the most beautiful spot on earth. Ever since my first visit there with my folks in the late 60's "The Princess" has held a very special place in my soul, and ever since Arlene and I got back into boating 10 years ago I try to get us there as often as I can. If you've never been there, it truly is a magical place and worth the time it takes to get there.

OK, so much for the Discovery Islands cruise. There are a few other things coming up I also need to mention.

The Labour Day long weekend getaway is in Snug Cove on September 3, 4 & 5. boatini, Big Booty, Boy N Sea, Merlin, Sonador, Sea Horse and Sea Baer are the only boats with reservations so far.

All reservations must be made with the marina directly, the Marina # is 604-947-0707.

You have until August 20 to reserve a slip after which the marina will open it up to the general public. I recommend you don't wait that long...we took all available slips at our last event and some boats were turned away...don't let that be you this time.

We had an incredible pot luck dinner in the Summer house at Easter and hope we can have one more to celebrate my final event as your cruise master, but we need to have more boats to justify getting the Summer house.

For those wanting to go to a Port Moody cruise event, but find yourself without a boat, this is an excellent opportunity to join us. Snug Cove on Bowen Island is an easy ferry ride from Horseshoe Bay and there are lots of B&Bs close to the Marina. Also, should we get the Summer house for the weekend, there are rooms available for over- night guests.

One last thing I want to mention is the Jazz Festival at Pender Harbour, Sept 17, 18, & 19. Check out the entertainment with this link...

<http://www.gardenbaypub.com/events.php?month=9&year=2010>

Though this is not an official Squadron event or cruise, a number of squadron members have already booked. Dock space is extremely limited so if you want to end off the boating season with a blast, this is a great way to do it, but you need to book it now!

Well that's about it for this report. I suspect there may be one more Cruise Master's report before I retire in September so until then Safe Boating and have fun out there. OH and let me know if you want to join us for the Discovery Island Cruise.

Cheers everyone!

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P.S. I almost forgot, the circle raft we did at the Commander's sail past was published in Pacific Yachting. Check out July's edition, page 16.



This picture was taken on the last day of the Gulf Island cruise, in Montague Harbour.