



YACHT CHARTERS & SAILING SCHOOL



The Best in
Yachting Vacations!

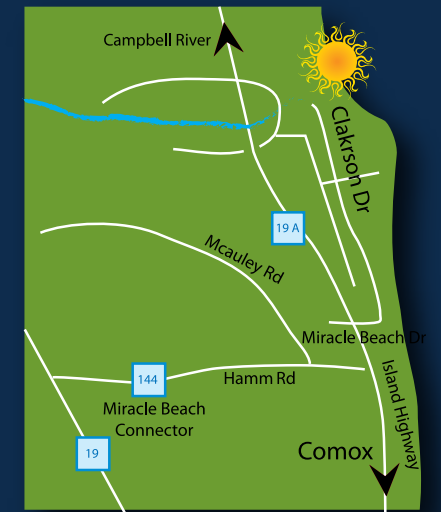
The perfect holiday, *the perfect location!*

Visit us and see why the Pacific Northwest is rated as one of the world's top cruising grounds. Over 2154 Islands to explore, offering a fabulous variety of marine parks, quaint seaside towns and world-class resorts.



COMOX BASE

Pacific Playground, B.C.



- Easiest access to Desolation Sound
- Daily WestJet flights
- Portside amenities: showers, laundry
- Shoreside amenities: pub, grocery store, liquor store, and gift shops
- 20 minutes from Comox Airport

SIDNEY BASE

Port Sidney Marina, B.C.



- Top destination marina
- Easiest access to Gulf & San Juan Islands
- Portside amenities: showers, laundry, customs
- Shoreside amenities: restaurant, pub, grocery stores, liquor store, museums, chandleries and gift shops
- 5 minutes from Victoria Airport, Swartz Bay Ferry and Sidney - Anacortes ferry.

Vacation Options



Sail Yourself!

Bareboat Charters suit qualified skippers who appreciate superbly equipped yachts. Enjoy the flexibility of going where you want, when you want. It's the ultimate escape!

Be Sailed!

Skippered Charters suit those with little to no sailing experience, who wish to enjoy sailing with an experienced Island Cruising skipper. Let us guide you through some of the most beautiful islands in the Pacific North West. Participate in sailing as much or as little as you would like. Our skippers are well versed in the wonders of sailing in the Gulf Islands. If there are whales or dolphins to be found, your skipper will find them. Take your vacation sailing!

Learn the Ropes!

Boating Courses suit individuals wanting to Cruise 'n Learn. This is an all inclusive program, available on a per person basis. In a week of fun and excitement in the Gulf Islands we can teach you how to sail, handle a yacht and navigate safely through Coastal waters. All you bring is your desire to learn.

Whatever You Want!

Private Courses suit couples, families and friends looking for a customized learning package designed specifically around the desires and experience of your group. You bring your desire to learn and we do the rest!



Live the Dream!



Cruise 'n Learn

Our certifications are internationally recognized with an unsurpassed modular system and the highest quality of instruction. Course manuals are issued to allow for pre-study and are marked onboard during your practical evaluation. Upon successful completion of each course level, achievements are documented in a personal logbook. This logbook will assist the successful student in chartering and skippering vessels Internationally. Your certification qualifies you for significant insurance discounts on privately owned vessels and meets the requirements for the new Canadian Coast Guard Operator Licensing Standard.

ISPA or CYA instruction available.

Courses are available weekly!

See web site for dates!



SAIL LEVEL 1&2

Competent Crew / Day Skipper
\$1,295 per person (\$1,395 in July & August)
4-6 students

Based in the scenic cruising grounds of the Gulf Islands, this comprehensive course covers boat handling and safe seamanship practices as well as the basics of navigation. You will live aboard a 34'-38' yacht, cruising and learning through some of the most spectacular waters in the world. You will spend each night at anchor under the stars or secured at a cozy marina. For those students looking for a more relaxed holiday, the Competent Crew standard will provide a sufficient level of knowledge to assist in the safe operation of a vessel.

SAIL LEVEL 3

Coastal Navigation Correspondence
Set your own dates. Call to order!
\$299 plus shipping includes:

- Required publications
- Online or phone help
- Navigation tool set

Upon completion of the correspondence theory, in order to be fully certified, you will undergo a practical assessment on the water during your next Cruise 'n Learn. Coastal Navigation topics include course plotting, bearings and fixes, variation and deviation, set and drift, tides and currents, collision regulations and the use of government publications.

RESERVATIONS

Call 1.800.663.5311 or e-mail info@islandcruising.com to book your sailing course. A 25% deposit holds your reservation. The balance is due 45 days before departure.

Rates subject to 5% GST + 4% insurance.

SAIL LEVEL 4

Coastal Skipper
\$1,295 per person (\$1,395 in July & August)
4-6 students

The Coastal Skipper course expands your Gulf Islands experience by navigating some of the stronger current passes which leads into the more open waters of Georgia Strait. This course touches on the basics as a review, and continues on to more intermediate levels of anchoring, sail trim, use of a cruising chute, heavy weather tactics, cruise planning, navigation and night passages.
Prerequisites: VHF and Level 1,2,3

Location Options: Gulf Islands or Port Hardy

SAIL LEVEL 5

Advanced Yachtmaster Offshore
4-6 students
\$1,450 per person **BOOK EARLY!**

This intensive course will challenge the abilities of the most experienced sailor and enhance the skills developed in previous levels. The development of a watch system for an extended night passage, MOB drills at night, performance sail trim, spinnaker handling, and the use of electronic aids to navigation are a few of the skills which will be covered on this extended cruise. Get ready to go wherever the wind blows.

Prerequisites: VHF, Level 1,2,3 & 4, First Aid, CPR

PRICE INCLUDES

- Live-aboard stay
- Instruction
- Course material
- Linen
- Foul weather gear
- 3 hearty meals per day



POWER BOATING

VHF + PCOC!
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call us for details!



Learn from the Best!



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Adventure Sailing



AROUND VANCOUVER ISLAND YACHTMASTER

\$3,495 per person

Rates subject to 5% GST + 4% insurance

14 Day Circumnavigation of Vancouver Island

Join us for an exciting Yachtmaster Offshore Cruise 'n Learn around Vancouver Island. The first leg of this voyage will take you from Sidney to the northern tip of Vancouver Island via the Inside Passage through a maze of islands with tidal currents running up to 15 knots. Occasional stops will be made in remote anchorages. After the Inside Passage, students will get a taste of some serious open ocean sailing with occasional landfalls as we make our way back to Sidney via the West Coast of Vancouver Island.

The skills covered will include:

- Advanced day and night navigation
- Heavy weather sailing
- Maintenance and repair procedures
- Trip planning and provisioning
- Successful cooking at sea

Prerequisites: Coastal Skipper, Coastal Navigation, Advanced certification or equivalent, First Aid & CPR

Course Level: Yachtmaster Offshore.

Course material and food is supplied. Spinnaker Endorsement not available. Cruising Spinnaker only.

What to bring: foul weather gear, strobe light, safety harness, flashlight, knife, thermos, earplugs, water bottle & whistle

SWIFTSURE INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE

\$1,395 per person

Rates subject to 5% GST + 4% insurance

We are looking for participants for the West Coast's Premier Long Distance Race!

Date: May 22-25, 2009

www.swiftsure.org

PIRATES ON CALL FLOTILLA

Date: September 10-20, 2009

Head to sea for fun and adventure! Don't forget your pirate hat and be prep'arrrr'ed for cruising miles and salty tales with our experienced Pirates who know the waters and the way!

WINERY COMPETENT CREW

The Pacific Northwest's superb cruising grounds combined with its award winning coastal wine industry! Join certified sailing instructors and sommeliers for a course ripe with learning and adventure!

CARIBBEAN CHARTERS

Let Island Cruising book you on a Caribbean dream vacation. With years of experience sailing these waters, and local knowledge of the many charter companies to choose from, Island Cruising can help navigate you through the choice of companies and book you on the vacation of a lifetime.

Call to have our reservations staff begin working on your dream vacation.

? READY TO BOOK OR HAVE A QUESTION?

For more details or photos from previous years see website or contact info@islandcruising.com.



Experience of a Lifetime!



Escape to Tropical Paradise



CRUISING ROUTE - Gulf Islands
Canada

DAY 1 - Port Sidney to Poet’s Cove

Sail across Haro Strait with the porpoises at your bow. Spend the night anchored at the Marine Park or at Poet’s Cove Resort & Marina on South Pender Island.

DAY 2 - Poet’s Cove to Montague Harbour

A relaxing sail up Swanson Channel to Montague with several lunch stops available en route. At this beautiful anchorage and marine park relax and enjoy a night under the stars.

DAY 3 - Montague Harbour to Ganges

Take a short sail over to the artisan town of Ganges. Relax and enjoy this quaint seaside town.

DAY 4 - Ganges to Maple Bay

Cruise up the light thermal winds of Trincomali Channel and around the top end of Salt Spring Island before bearing away for a gentle run down to Maple Bay.

DAY 5 - Maple Bay to Butchart Gardens

Explore the Saanich Inlet via the gorge-like waters of Sansum Narrows. Dinghy ashore and wander through the world famous Butchart Gardens.

DAY 6 - Butchart Gardens to Port Sidney

Sail through Saanich Inlet past some of the most beautiful homes on the West Coast. Skirt around Coal Island and back into our base. Spend the final night aboard your yacht and depart the next morning.



CRUISING ROUTE - San Juan Islands
USA

DAY 1 - Sidney to Roche Harbor

An enchanting sail across Haro Strait with the porpoises, Orca and Minke Whales as your guides to this popular San Juan Island marina resort.

DAY 2 - Roche Harbor to Friday Harbor

A lunch stop on Jones Island and a lovely sail up San Juan Channel to Friday Harbor

DAY 3 - Friday Harbor to Rosario

Beautiful passages through tidal waters into East Sound on Orcas Island with numerous bays for lunch stops. A brisk sail to “life styles of the rich and famous” Rosario Resort.

DAY 4 - Rosario to Sucia Island

Navigate through Hidden Passage into Rosario Strait with a lunch stop at Doe Bay. Then, sail out to one of the many-fingered bays of Sucia Island Marine Park.

DAY 5 - Sucia to Prevost Harbor

Sail into Boundary Passage and watch for porpoises at your bow before dropping anchor at Prevost Harbor Marine Park.

DAY 6 - Prevost to Port Sidney

Easy sail to Sidney Spit for lunch stop and quick dip before sailing back to Port Sidney for a relaxing last night aboard.



CRUISING ROUTE - Desolation Sound

DAY 1 - Depart from Pacific Playgrounds for a beautiful 13 nautical mile sail to Manson's Landing where you can explore the lagoon or hike into Hague Lake for a swim. Stay at Manson's Landing for the night or head over to Shark Spit or Gorge Harbor where marinas or anchorages await you.

DAY 2 - Enjoy an easy day en-route to Von Dunop Inlet Marine Park. Numerous anchorages abound in this 3 mile long inlet. Once secured you can explore the lagoon with your dinghy or follow the trail to Squirrel Cove.

DAY 3 - Head around the North end of Cortes Island for Teakerne Arm where the spectacular photo op of Cassel Lake falls awaits you. Anchor here with a stern line and shower under the falls or hike up to Cassel Lake for a swim.

DAY 4 - A reprovisioning opportunity awaits you at Refuge Cove, just around the corner from Teakerne Arm. Refuge Cove is a unique coastal co-op with a small store, liquor outlet and some mouth-watering homemade cinnamon buns. Stay here

for the night or carry on to the anchorage in Roscoe Bay (check the tides as it shallows out in the entrance). The warm waters of Black Lake await you only a 5 minute walk from the anchorage.



WOW! Check out the water temp. in Desolation Sound! Image taken July 5th, 2006.

DAY 5 - Enjoy a leisurely cruise to Pendrell Sound where you can experience some of the warmest waters north of Panama. Scenic anchorages await at Oyster Cove and the head of the inlet. Pendrell Sound is renowned for its Oysters and Hieroglyphics.

DAY 6 - Hoist anchor and set sail to the pride of Desolation Sound, Prideaux Haven. Prideaux Haven is a beautiful maze of anchorages nestled in amongst the majestic coastal mountain range. Enjoy Prideaux or carry on to Tenedos Bay for another evening at anchor under the stars. Tenedos Bay offers a lovely hike up to Unwin Lake for a warm freshwater dip.

DAY 7 - Easing back into civilization we suggest heading over to Lund and exploring what this enterprising community has to offer. Stay for dinner in the historic Lund Hotel or just sample one of the many pastries offered at Nancy's Bakery. A relaxing way to wind down from a great adventure through Desolation Sound!

DAY 8 - Depart Lund for a short stop at Savory Island (the jewel of the Georgia Strait) and quick dip before embarking on a brisk sail back to Pacific Playgrounds. Relax aboard for your final evening or hike the trail to the Salmon Point or Fisherman's Pub.



Escape to a world of ocean, lakes, mountains, waterfalls, fjords, pristine anchorages, sea life and adventure!





Lots of options!



CORPORATE SAILING

If you want your company to be on the tip of your client's tongue. . . take them sailing!

If you are looking for bonuses or incentives to retain employees. . . take them sailing!

If you need some time with one or sixty of your employees away from the phone but with access to activities, meeting rooms, restaurants and adventure. . . take them sailing!

Many thanks for the outstanding job, yet again, on dealing with the Super Stars. We had a fantastic time and the boats were in perfect shape as per usual. Great dealing with you, and once again, gracias.
Bruce MacLennan, Century Services, Calgary AB
(12 years and counting of corporate sailing with Island Cruising)

All-inclusive and Custom Programs delivered. Call to have us design a program just for you! See web site for a list of our corporate clients.

PROVISIONING OPTIONS

Island Cruising offers two types of provisioning packages from which to choose during your charter.

Full Provisioning: includes delicious choices of breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks and is available for \$25/person per day (with a minimum of 4 people for 5 days).

ShopPlus: let us shop according to your personalized list for cost, plus a \$50 shopping fee.

Thrifty Foods online grocery shopping: Shop before your charter at www.thriftyfoods.com. Ask for free delivery to your yacht.



FREE SERVICES

Guest Shuttle
We can happily greet you and your crew at the Victoria International Airport, the Swartz Bay Ferry or the Anacortes Ferry Terminal.

Cruising Comforts
Bedding, towels, rain gear, crab trap, gift basket, ice and starter pack: aluminium foil, zip-lock bags, garbage bags, scouring pad, spray cleaner, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, matches, liquid hand soap, salt & pepper shakers, baking soda, Band-Aids, sponge, rubber gloves.

Vessel Orientation
The orientation is designed to make sure you are comfortable with all aspects of handling your yacht. Boat systems, boat handling and suggested route planning will be covered. We ensure you feel at home in our waters.

SAILING CLUB

Membership for frequent sailing out of Port Sidney Marina October-March for 37'-47' vessels. Available by monthly, pay-as-you-go & pre-paid packages!

CLOSE TO HOME!

Visit us or come aboard at the following events close to home!
Vancouver International Boat Show, Feb. 4-8, 2009
Calgary Boat & Sportsman Show, Feb. 12-15, 2009
Edmonton Boat & Sportsman Show, Mar. 12-15, 2009
Victoria Harbor Floating Boat Show, April 16-19, 2009



Lots of extras!



Owning a boat was never this easy!

CHARTER BOAT OWNERSHIP

We work closely with you to choose the yacht that matches the needs of you and your family while retaining maximum charter revenue potential. We professionally maintain your investment and generate revenue too!

FRACTIONAL OWNERSHIP

Escape to an ownership style with the highest quality, lowest investment and perfect amount of time set aside to enjoy it in! We professionally manage the vessel and its financial plan so you can relax and simply enjoy cruising with family, business associates or corporate clients on the beautiful West Coast!

If you'd rather your boat didn't charter our yacht care program can cover everything from monthly deck washes and bilge checks to major reconstruction. See full services below.

YACHTCARE

The goal of our yachtcare program is to protect your investment by implementing strict maintenance schedules and checks and having them carried out by experienced and conscientious staff.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

Engine Outboard Electrical Heaters, Sail Repairs, Rigging, Propane, Bright Work, Detailing, Diving, Fiberglass, Haul Outs, Plumbing, Parts Supply, Stainless Steel Fabrication, Upholstery
Ask us about our monthly or annual packages!

