

Around-Vancouver-Island Flotilla



Cruisers dream of exploring beautiful yet rugged Vancouver Island. They yearn to experience the majesty of the open sea and its rhythmic swells as well as the glacier-carved sounds with their myriad protected inlets, rustic outposts and pristine anchorages. Our around-the-island flotilla gives you the opportunity to do just this with a U.S. Coast Guard Captain and American Sailing Association Instructor who will serve as your flotilla leader, skills “coach” and knowledgeable guide. You’ll venture into magnificent and new cruising destinations in the company of like-minded adventurous cruisers who, together with you, will enhance the enjoyment of everyone on the trip. You’ll experience sights that can only be seen by sea! And you’ll bring back memories (and photos) of a lifetime!

Dates: Flotilla

Saturday May 22 to Friday June 25.

Leader:

Ron Johanson, USCG Captain & certified instructor.

Bareboat Charter Option:

Pick a boat from our charter fleet that best meets your needs. To the charter cost, please add \$250/boat/week as your flotilla fee. Five-week charter plus flotilla fees. (Joining the flotilla for just the first two weeks to Port Hardy may be possible. Please contact us at 1-800-677-7245 or e-mail charter@sanjuansailing.com to inquire.)

By-The-Stateroom Option (aboard the Manta 42 Catamaran):

Weeks 1 and 2 (Bellingham to Port Hardy): \$1900 per stateroom + \$400 per person*.

Weeks 3 - 5 (Port Hardy to Bellingham): \$2850 per stateroom + \$600 per person*.

Weeks 1-5 (round trip): \$4500 per stateroom + \$1000 per person*.

** The “per person” fees cover your portion of the flotilla fee, food/beverages, fuel, moorage/dock fees, etc. They are intended to be all inclusive other than alcoholic beverages and personal shopping.*



Around-Vancouver-Island Flotilla Itinerary

Weeks 1 & 2 (14 days)

Sat, May 22 - Fri, June 4: Bellingham - Port Hardy



This 2-week leg will take you from Bellingham up through the intricate waters between Vancouver Island and mainland British Columbia to Port Hardy. Journey up into the Gulf Islands, stopping in Naniamo for provisions. Then across the Strait of Georgia to the Sunshine Coast's Pender Harbour. North to Desolation Sound's Squirrel Cove. From there we'll meander our way through the islands of Desolation Sound, the Discovery Islands, Johnstone Strait and The Broughton Islands Group. Highlights include Cordero Island, Burial Cove and Alert Bay. Our flexible schedule allows us plenty of time to slow down, perhaps even pause overnight, when we find ourselves particularly inspired by our truly awesome surroundings and beautiful weather!



Weeks 3, 4 & 5 (21 days)

Sat, June 5 - Fri, June 25: Port Hardy - West Coast of Vancouver Island - Bellingham



This 3-week leg will start off in Port Hardy. We'll venture up Queen Charlotte Strait, around the top of Vancouver Island and down along the beautiful wilderness of Vancouver Island's west coast, returning through the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Bellingham. Departing Campbell River we'll head up to Bull Harbour and pause to wait for the perfect time to cross the Nahwitti Bar, then around Cape Scott to Sea Otter Cove. So many exceptional options on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, and we plan to spend each evening in another idyllic location. (The longest stretch between overnight stops is 40 nautical miles.) Discover destinations like Winter Harbour (Quatsino Sound), Battle Bay (Quoukinsh Inlet), Walters Cove (Kyuouot Sound), Dixie Cove (Kyuouot Sound), Queen Cove (Esperanza Inlet), Friendly Cove (Nootka Sound) and Hot Springs Cove (Sydney Inlet), many of which can only be reached by sea. Then on to Tofino, Ucluelet, The Broken Group (Barkley Sound), Bamfield (Barkley Sound), Port San Juan (Strait of Juan De Fuca), Victoria, and through the San Juan Islands back to Bellingham...fabulous!



For inquiries, or to join this flotilla, please contact San Juan Sailing at 1-800-677-7245 or charter@sanjuansailing.com.