

**Cruising to Princess Louisa Inlet in BC, has challenges.** Meeting those challenges will be part of or next phase of our instruction. Your Club's educators, Bridge Officers, and experienced senior members are compiling a series of instructional points to prepare you for that voyage or any of your planned voyages.

**Cruise Planning, Tides and currents. Overview.**

**Navigation and Charting**

Crossing the boarders (US and Canada) (**CANPASS** is **discontinued**, now **NEXUS** Pass recommended)

Canada's boating regulations. VHF Radio, Fishing, Pump outs,

Anchoring in Canada, including Stern Tying!

Provisioning your boat

Meal Prep on your boat.

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**Our Winter focus series, *Lets cruise to Princess Louisa Inlet in British Columbia.* Target Date is June 2024.**

**To get the juices flowing, the following videos will give a taste of the cruise and the destination.**

**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7ZTBAZyKWk \*Great Drone pix!**

**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yje6C1bhbBY In the winter**

**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUN2TWmIuN4**

**What to expect**

* **Preliminary Chart your trip. Can be changed as you are aware of challenges / On line prep via the Navionics.com App or similar / Best idea to make sure you have backup paper charts with you**
  + **Review the chart and Identify obstacles.**
  + **Terrain, depth, Military operations space in BC. How to get permission to cross or Go Around.**
  + **Limit your distance and time in the open deep water during rough water conditions.**
  + **Develop a clear picture of all the space between departure and destination.**
  + **Tides and Currents**
  + **Know the performance of your boat MPG or GPH is based on calm water.**
  + **Calculate fuel**
  + **Plan for a problem**
  + **Safe harborage and Safe Anchorage. PRE LOCATE on your chart.**
  + **Plan for your best Tides and Currents FREE MILEAGE IF YOU PLAN CORRECTLY.**
  + **Give yourself extra time! An extra day at anchorage or fighting rough weather in an open ocean situation.. NO BRAINER Don’t rush.**
  + **During this course of training we will cover the essentials, then it is up to you to PRACTICE and become proficient.**
  + **Pre Planning**
  + **Research your departure, cruise, arrival at ports, fuel stops, food provisions, Preparation of your boat, and for you.**
  + **Check Lists. Make the and Use them.**
  + **Familiarize yourself with you boats systems**
  + **House water, drinking water, refrigeration, heat, propane, black water**
  + **Radio use in BC, Different radio frequencies used in BC, Radio Station License is required, Special MMSI # requirements, HOW TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS**
  + **Anchoring**
  + **Stern Tying Quite common in BC**
  + **Navigating Deception Pass**
  + **Navigating the San Juan Islands and the Gulf Islands in BC**
  + **Crossing the border to BC (CANPASS HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED)**
  + https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/prog/canpass/menu-eng.html
  + **BC PROVISIONING… What's allowed and what's not allowed. NO GUNS, Restricted food and equipment items.**
  + **Keep trash and CARDBOARD (and bananas) OFF the Boat!**
  + **Fuel in BC**
  + **Pump Out in BC**
  + **Fresh water.**
  + **How to provision your boat, store provisions**
  + **How to meal prep on a boat.**
  + **Showering on board**
  + **Dish washing**
  + **Returning to the US**
  + **Clearing Customs in the US**

**Plan your fuel requirements for best prices.**

**There will be break out sessions to discuss**

**On the water training,**

**spare parts and tools to bring with**

**MARK YOUR CALLENDER The 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 (Series starts October 17, 2023). Pot luck dinner and training that ensures you will be a safer and better informed boater. Be sure to RSVP early and invite a friend!**

**Hope to see you there**

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