

Our Straits of Juan De Fuca provides opportunities for all kinds of boaters –fishing, day cruising and the pathway to the San Juan Islands, Canada and other destinations. But no matter what kind of boat, how we use it or where we go,we all face the challenges and even dangers of being on our local waters. Without notice, boaters can be surrounded by fog or heavy rain and rough seas making navigation difficult. Besides the many recreational boaters that use these waters, large commercial ships use the shipping lanes in the Straits and in bad weather they can transit without being seen or heard creating potential unpleasant situations and even grave danger. Eventually most boaters will likely experience a dangerous situation on the water.

AIS is a powerful tool that boaters need for Collision Avoidance in good and bad weather. Even if these conditions are not present, there is still pertinent information one can utilize even on a perfect weather day with flat waters.

This free clinic will cover:

What AIS is;

What it does;

How it works; and most importantly

How to interrupt the information and apply it while at the helm.

You will learn the value of identifying and tracking other vessels which could save your life. Hope to see you there.