



2019 CRUISING SCHEDULE AND GUIDE

ROUGH DRAFT

6 December 2018

You have your boat, you have taken NOSPS classes and clinics and the cold winter months *will* be gone. Soon it will be time to throw off the dock lines and cruise the beautiful waters of the Pacific Northwest. Whether this will be your first time taking your boat beyond the bay or you are an Old Salt, the NOSPS 2019 Cruising Guide and Schedule will have something for all. Do all of the cruises, some or even part of any cruise, it's up to you. Whatever you do, we promise you, cruising with NOSPS boaters will be the highlight of 2019.

The United States Power Squadron *is* AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB and our North Olympic Sail and Power Squadron provides you the best classes, clinics and On-the-Water Training available. When our 2019 boating season begins, NOSPS will have provided within the last 12 months the beginners *American Boating Course (ABC)*, and advanced courses in *SEAMANSHIP, PILOTING, ADVANCED PILOTING, JUNIOR NAVIGATION and SENIOR NAVIGATION*. Also many elective courses like *Marine Engine Maintenance, Cruising and Course Planning, Marine Electrical and Weather*. NOSPS has provided members and non-members several great and valuable Clinics including *AIS, Navigating in the Fog, Anchors and Crossing the Border*. We have had On-The-Water

activities including *Man Overboard* and our wonderful women's organization *NOWW (North Olympic Women on the Water)* did an On-The-Water training using the *Hook n Moor*. They also had get-to-gathers' and shared interests such as their *Galley Time*.

Some more of the classes will be held during the winter months so make sure you take advantage of them and there will be monthly clinics every month through April. Some OTW training will be repeated prior to and during the cruising season so stay tuned.

In 2019 the NOSPS Cruising Schedule will take us to familiar places and hopefully new places. There will be plenty opportunities for visiting marina's, state and provincial parks, tying up to docks, mooring balls and anchoring. If you have not tied up to a mooring ball or attempted to anchor before, that can be a little intimidating. That's where being a member of the squadron comes in. We will teach you. There will be knowledgeable and willing members to help you.

You have been taught in the several classes about weather conditions that *you will encounter*. Tides and Currents predictions determines the time you depart and arrive, but Wind determines *if and when* you go. Our Sail boaters in the squadron often looks forward to the winds while Power boaters like the calm days.

By request, this year we will have a scheduled *DUDES cruise*. A cruise for the guys. And maybe the gals will decide to do a Princess cruise.

Some cruises will be short, others be scheduled longer. Some will be focused in the south sounds and many going north. Some in the U.S. San Juan Islands and many in the Canadian Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island and further north to Desolation Sound.

We will explore new islands and adventures. We will visit *exotic* cities and ports. 2019 cruise schedules will often coincide with *local events*. In some places we will make our own special events, like taking a van to East Sound town and up to Constitution Mountain on Orcas Island or the famous Organ Recital in Roselleo and farmers markets at Ganges or Sidney. We will visit the

famous Bchart Gardens on Vancouver Island. We will join our friends in the PA and Sequim Bay Yacht Clubs and other USPS squadrons for fun Rendezvous and cruises. In short 2019 will be a great year for fun with NOSPS friends.

NOSPS cruising is team effort that begins long before we throw off our lines. Each cruise will have a cruise team with a cruise captain to pull each cruise together. Pick the cruise you would like to be a team of and let me know.

As mentioned this is still a very rough draft of times and places but it should give us something for us to start to work with. One of the reasons for an early effort is that for some of you, it is not too early to get ready.

CROSSING THE BORDER

Some of the most beautiful boating in the world is in our own backyard and the further north we go, the more beautiful and exciting it becomes, which means crossing the border into Canadian waters. If you do not have a passport, now is the time to get one. If you do have a passport consider getting a NEXUS card or I68 for easier entry into Canadian and US waters. Also as of 31 August 2018 U.S. Custom and Border Protection has come out with a new APP for your smart phone called CBP ROAM that will allow you to check into with the U.S. Customs and Boarder Patron using your smart phone.

MARCH *FROST BITE* CRUISE 6 days 25-31ST NOSPS CAPTAIN

Day 1 Sequim to FRIDAY HARBOR (San Juan Island) 31 nm

Things to know about Friday Harbor: This is a large and active marina that has fuel, water, electrical and free garbage collection. Nice bathrooms. Showers for a fee. Ask for discount for fuel if you have BOATUS tow insurance. Ask for your 4 night stay get the 5th free certificate when you register. There often concerts at the marina on the green. Nearby grocery store, many shops and restaurants and nearby West Marine. Don't leave without your favorite flavor ice cream cone. The Washington state ferries come in and out of the marina often.

Day 2 and 3 DEER HARBOR (Orcas Island) 6 nm from Friday Harbor.

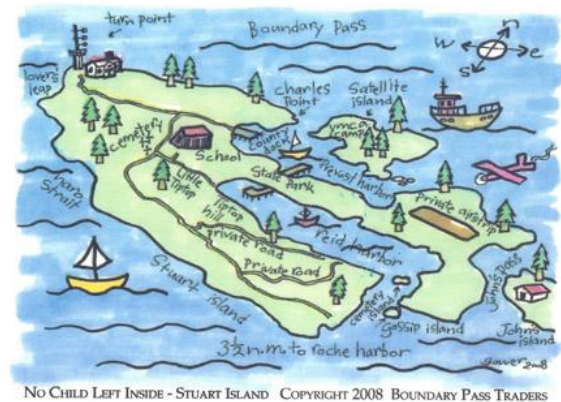
Things to know about Deer Harbor: Make sure to pre-qualify this short transit and practice Danger Bearings (Chapter 4 from Advanced Piloting Class) on our charts to avoid the Yellow Islands. Deer Harbor is a favorite small marina for many boaters. It is tucked away from the busy San Juan Channel on the largest of the



San Juan Islands, Orcas Island. Deer Harbor though small is a resort in that it has a swimming pool (may not be open in March though). Fuel and pump out available, a small store and hot food at the marina. Across the street is a pizzeria. There is a nice trail through the trees near the beach and place to walk the dog and a nice people walk too. There is a very nice restaurant up the street (they will come and get you in a limousine). Plan on a dock party on the party dock. The marina provides a van for use. We will plan a trip to East Sound town and then up to Constitution Hill. From there you will be able to see almost a 360 view and the islands. You will want to come back to Deer Harbor again and again.

Day 4 REID HARBOR (Stuart Island) 9 nm from Deer Harbor

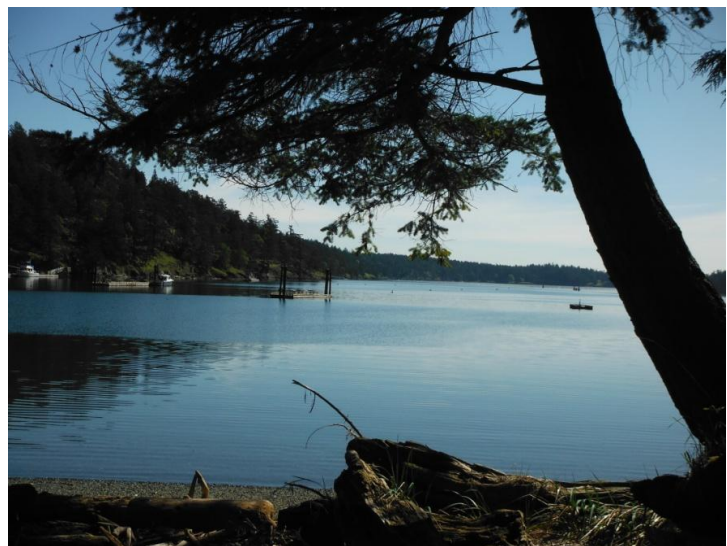
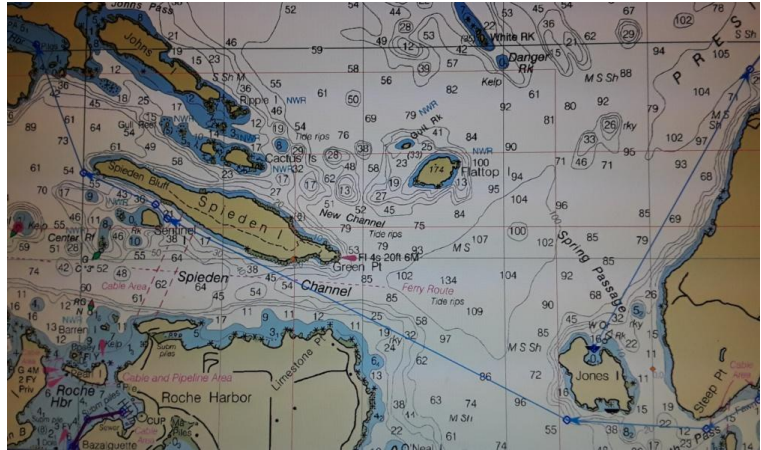
Things to know: We transit North Pass out of Deer Harbor and transit past Jones Island, one of the most beautiful and well maintained state parks in the islands (Jones is scheduled for the next cruise in April). As we approach Spieden Island you have the choice of going around it north using New Channel or south up Spieden Channel. Expect



strong currents and Tide Rips, especially on the north side. Spieden is uninhabited and very unique. The north side is lush and green, while the south side looks like desert with few trees. But enjoy a slow cruise between Spieden and the small Sentinel Island and look for wild animals roaming the hills and eagles in the trees (south and west of Sential are rocks that we have seen boats run aground on).

You will fall in love with Reid Harbor which is a State Park. So close to home, yet so tranquil and beautiful. This time of year there will be few boats. There is a dock with a ramp. At the top of the ramp is where you will pay* and a toilet. There are several trails you can take. A short one takes you across the island to another bay, Prevost (scheduled later in the year). Stuart Island is famous for the walk to the Light House to look for Orcas and the very famous library in the toilet by the Light House. Along the way is the One Room school house and the outdoor Kiosks of Stuart Island hats, shirts and sweat shirts (an honor system. You take what you want and pay when you get home).

In Reid you can use the dock by the ramp or at one of the floating docks or anchor out. We will probably use one of the floating docks where we can all be close by and have a dock party. Oh Yea.





Day 5 GARRISON BAY (San Juan Island) *Shake Down Cruises are normally kept short 6nm from Reid Harbor.*

Things to Know: San Juan Island at one time had a military presence from Great Brittan and the U.S. at the same time. The American Camp was near Cattle Point and was under the command of George Pickett, yup that George Pickett who fought

with Robert E. Lee in Gettysburg. The British Camp was at Garrison Bay (they had it much better than the Americans). The U.S. and the British forces almost went to war over a pig. The crisis came on June 15th, 1859. Well, if you want to know more you will either have to Google it or go on the cruise and anchor out and visit some of the remaining buildings and learning center. During the summer months on Saturday's they have reenactments. No, I don't think they kill a pig! (The Dudes will return here in July to watch the reenactments).



Our transit from Deer Harbor will pass through some dangerous shoals and rocks heading towards Roche Harbor so plan your route carefully. Some of you may decide to stay at Roche Harbor marina (a very nice marina) instead of Garrison Bay, but if you want the opportunity to anchor out, proceed to Garrison Bay through Mosquito Pass. This is a narrow passage that is also windy. Remember Red Right Return from sea. Pre-qualify your route. You will pass by a little island which you need to keep to your right and then zig and zag through

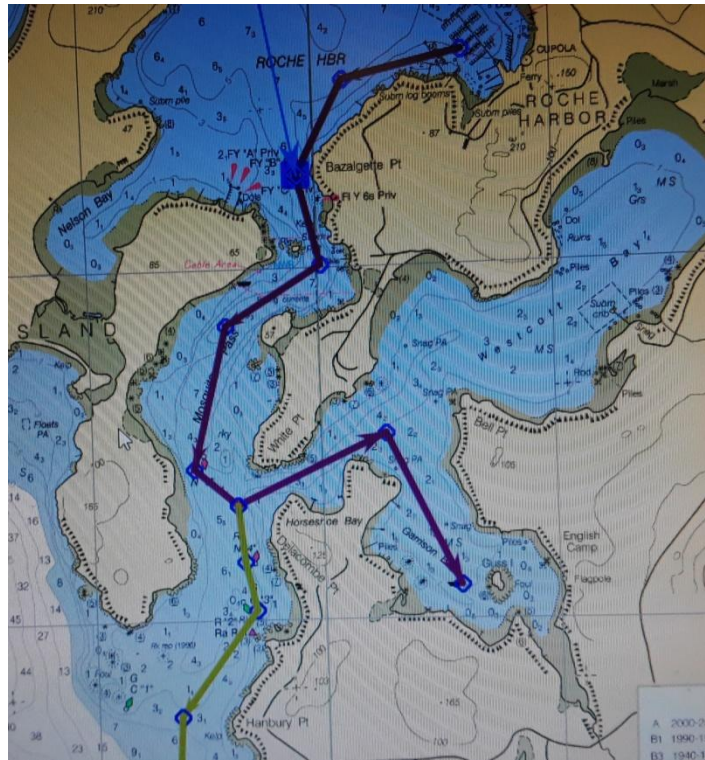
Mosquito Pass keeping the Red buoy to your left (remember you are heading to sea, not from sea) approaching White Point. Take caution entering between White Point and Delacombe Point, especially the shoals around White Point (staying closer to Horseshoe Bay side). You will find Garrison Bay fairly shallow,



but safe for anchoring but stay away from Guss Island even in your dinghy. The island is surrounded by shallow rocks. Drop and set your anchor and anchor watch/alarm. Then and take your dinghy over to the dinghy dock. At the top of the

ramp you will find information and history about the English Camp and the Pig War. The trail going to your right leads to an open field. Off to your left you will see two toilets and to the right are the English camp buildings. Ask about the very old tree from the camp volunteers.

Day 6 Return home 34 nm It's time to pull up anchor and head for home. But first you still need to carefully navigate out of Mosquito Pass. Study your chart and you will see that after you pass Horseshoe Bay and turn left into Mosquito Pass do not wander to far right (into the middle) as it gets very shallow. You will see another Red buoy which you need to keep to your left, but also note the shore between Delacombe Point and Hanbury Point has extended shoals, so you have to pay attention to where you are and where you are going. Make sure you pre-qualify your route and set your Waypoints. You will see the approaching open water, but you are still in very shallow water. You will be doing another zig and zag with Red to your left and the approaching Green to your right, then to open water (you will see one more green marker to your right. Then look for a Red day beacon



which you need to keep to your left). As you approach Lime Kiln Light House, if you have timed your departure with the currents you may find strong currents pushing you home or if not you may find strong currents impeding your progress. Remember to keep a good distance from the Light House (voluntary) as this is often an area where the Orcas transit.

SHAKE DOWN CRUISE (4 days) APRIL 9-12 *Ted Shanks (Ted Shanks)*

Day 1 Port Hudson (Port Townsend)

Day 2-3 Port Ludlow (2 days)

Day 4 Mystery Bay (Marrowstone Island)

SAN JUAN ISLANDS SPRING (8 days - short cruise) APRIL 22-29

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Another chance to enjoy a short cruise to the San Juan Islands. For those that could not go on the Shake Down cruise, this cruise could also help shake out the winter cob webs.

22-23 depart JWM for JONES ISLAND (2 days)

24-25th Day 3 head north for SUCIA ISLAND (2 days)

26th Day 5 depart for Deer Harbor, Orcas Island (1 day)

27th Day 6 depart for Rosario Resort, Orcas Island Saturday 27th for the 4 p.m. Organ and Piano concert and Rosario Historical Narrative)

28th depart for Fisherman Bay, Lopez Island

29th Day 8 depart for JWM

SEQUIM BAY PARK SBYC

BBQ and OTW Training May 6th

TELEGRAPH HARBOR / DESOLATION SOUND CRUISE MAY 20th -June 11th

_____PAYC_____ Cruise Captain

The Telegraph Harbor Rendezvous (3 days) is coordinated with the PAYC and is over Memorial Weekend. There are two portions to this cruise. The Short Cruise focused on Vancouver Island destinations and the Gulf Islands. The second half for those who want to continue north to Desolation Sound.

Telegraph Harbor dates and Places are fixed, other dates and places may change

Day 1 JWM to **SIDNEY**, Vancouver Island for customs, shopping, dinner

Day 2 Sidney to **BUCHART GARDENS** (possible mooring ball or anchoring)

Day 3 Buchart Gardens to **GENOA BAY** (Dock Party)

Day 4 Genoa Bay to **CHEMANUS** (walking tour to the city park and view famous Wall Murals throughout the town). *Note, a large grocery store a few miles from lower town offers shuttle service to and from the store.*

Day 5-7 24-26TH Chemanus to **TELEGRAPH HARBOR**, Thetis Island (3 day Rendezvous with PAYC) (Memorial Day weekend)

Day 8 Telegraph Harbor to **LADYSMITH**, Vancouver Island

Day 9 transit through Dodd's Narrows to **NANIAMO**, Vancouver Island. *Note some larger boats may want to go to the large S Dock. However the inter-*

marina docks past the fuel dock are next to the dock restaurants and marina office, bathrooms and showers. Much easier walk then from S Dock. Close to store and a wonderful Military Museum.

Day 10 transit to **Powell River** marina.

Day 11 Transit to **DESOLATION SOUND** (7 DAYS *less or more*)

Day 19 Transit to **Pender Harbor** (possible John Henry or Port Authority dock)

Day 20 Transit to **NANIAMO**

Day 21 Transit to **MONTEGEU**

Day 22 Transit to **FRIDAY HARBOR**

Day 23 Transit HOME

JUNE 8-9TH PA MARITINE FESTIVAL

JUNE DISTRICT 16 RENDEVOUZ and Sound Cruise 8 days 22-28TH

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Day 1 22-23rd (two days) JWM to **POULSBO**

Day 3 24TH transit from Poulsbo to **BREMERTON** marina

Day 4 25TH transit to **SEATTLE** (optional 2 days)

Day 5 26TH transit to **KINGSTON**

Day 6 27TH transit to **Mystery Bay**, Marrowstone Island

Day 7 28TH transit home

JULY DUDES CRUISE (FOR THE GUYS - BUDDY UP) TBD

_____TBD_____ Cruise Captain_____

Day 1 PREVOST, Stuart Island

Day 2 BEDWELL, Pender Island (customs)

Day 3 SANTURNA ISLAND

Day 4 Montegue Harbor

Day 5 Wallace Island

Day 6 Otterbay, Pender Island (or Ganges on Salt Springs)

Day 7 STUART ISLAND or ROCHE or GARRISON BAY

AUGUST either a South Sound or VANCOUVER CITY CRUISE - 12-23RD

TBD _____NOSPS_____ Cruise Captains

Possible destinations for South Sound

GIG HARBOR, OLYMPIA, TACOMA area

Or Possible destinations for Vancouver area ...transit to Montague and through or Active Pass or from Nanaimo or Silva Bay to Vancouver, with possible stays at Union Steamship Marina, Granville Island, Coal Harbor Marina and Lynwood Marina

NOSPS ACTIVITY Annual Picnic Sep 7th NOSPS Admin Officer

SEPTEMBER NORTH CRUISE 9-20TH

DESOLATION AND OR CHATTERBOX FALLS CRUISE

____*TBD (NOSPS)*_____ Cruise Captains

SEQUIM WATERFRONT DAY September 21st

OCTOBER 2-4th Victoria and Sidney *SBYC*

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