



Summer 2020 ASA Flotilla

The Gulf Islands of British Columbia, Canada

Join fellow sailors in cruising the beautiful Gulf Islands of British Columbia, Canada. The Gulf Islands, just off the northwest corner of Washington State, are a cruising paradise. These islands boast sheltered waters, magnificent marine parks, quiet villages and an abundance of welcoming marinas. Wildlife abounds on the land and in the sea, with deer, bald eagles, sea otters, seals, sea lions and orca whales commonplace. There is little rain and relatively few visitors in June, making this an ideal cruising ground.

On this flotilla we'll depart Bellingham WA, clear into Canada at Bedwell Harbour on Pender Island, then on to a welcome reception at nearby Otter Bay. The next day it's off sailing to scenic Thetis Island, which boasts the islands' best ice cream! We'll spend two nights exploring Ganges, the principal town of the Gulf Islands, with biking, hiking, fine restaurants and whale watching available there on Saltspring Island. After that we'll sail to our anchorage in isolated Genoa Bay on Vancouver Island. Our last evening will be a farewell beach barbecue on the shores of Cypress Island in the San Juan Islands.



Agenda:

Friday, June 19 – Arrive 3:30pm. Attend 4pm flotilla briefing followed by 4:30pm safety briefing and local orientation, then an onboard systems checkout. Stay aboard your boat (gear and grocery loading may begin following your onboard checkout) Friday evening.

Saturday, June 20 (9am) through Friday, June 26 (noon) - Sailing in the US San Juan Islands & along Southeast Vancouver Island.

Sailboats:

Choose any available sailboat from our charter fleet! To the charter rate add a flotilla fee of \$175 per person. View our fleet list, photos, floor plans and availability at <http://www.sanjuansailing.com/charter-detail/sail-listings.php?id=Sail>.

Notes:

- The price for your flotilla charter will include the weekly charter fee for the boat, daily damage waiver and liability coverage fee for your boat, \$40 preboard/sleepaboar on June 19, and a flotilla fee of \$175/person. You also have the option to rent kayaks or paddleboards. Charter/flotilla services include your skippers meeting, onboard systems checkout, ASA-hosted reception, flotilla fees/activities, flotilla polo shirts for each crew member, linens & towels, dinghy with 2HP outboard and all applicable taxes. The flotilla price does NOT include provisioning, meals ashore, dock/moorage fees, or fuel. ASA membership is not required to participate.
- If you reserve your 2020 ASA Flotilla Charter before 12/31/19 you will receive the 2019 charter rate for your 2020 charter.
- Your vessel's fuel tank will be full at the start of your charter and must be returned full. Please top off at the fuel dock in Bellingham. A \$100 fuel top-off fee, plus the price of fuel, will apply if your vessel is not returned with a full tank.
- 30% of your charter rate will be due at the time of booking, as a reservation deposit. After that the remainder of your balance will be due 30 days before your flotilla starts. Unless you have made other arrangements we will automatically charge the remainder of your balance to your credit card at that time.
- Please designate a skipper for your boat. The skipper will need to submit his/her sailing résumé to us for approval.
- This flotilla cruises to Canada. Be sure to pack your passports to clear customs!
- Cancellation Policy: If you must cancel your charter 60 days or more prior to its start, your reservation deposit will be returned less a \$100 processing fee. If you need to cancel within 60 days of your charter, all fees paid will be refunded if we're able to rebook the charter, less a \$100 processing fee. Please carefully consider cancellation insurance. We suggest Travelguard (www.travelguard.com).

Provisioning:

There's a full-service grocery store (Haggen Food, 24 hours, 360-671-3300) including deli, meat counter and bakery, 5 minutes by car from SJS's docks (or a \$10 taxi ride). We also have Fred Meyer, Whole Foods, Trader Joes and Costco within 10 minutes. Re-provisioning will be available at some locations during the flotilla.

Rather have someone else take care of the provisioning for you? Provisioning services are available through Brinda Honcoop at "To Do For You" (360-224-4225, <http://www.todoforyou.biz/>) or The Galley Girls (<http://www.galleygirls.net/>).

Transportation Tips:

1. Option A - Fly to Bellingham airport (BLI) via Horizon, or Allegiant Air. Horizon offers connections from other major airlines. Then taxi (approx. \$15) from airport to San Juan Sailing.
2. Option B - Fly to SEA/TAC airport in Seattle (SEA), rent a car (Hertz, Avis and Enterprise serve Bellingham) and drive (100 miles) to San Juan Sailing. Return the car to the Bellingham Airport before your charter starts and take a taxi back to SJS (approx. \$15). Advantage: You'll have a car for easy provisioning.
3. If driving, we are located next to Gate 3 at Squalicum Harbor in Bellingham, WA. Directions to our office available at <http://www.sanjuansailing.com/charters/getting-here.html>.
4. If you happen to be arriving in town a few days early we have several hotels that offer discounts to our charter guests. You will find a list of hotels and links at <http://www.sanjuansailing.com/charters/getting-here.html>.

