



2022 “The Broughtons” Six Week Flex Cruise Description



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A Flex Cruise, according to PTYC conventional wisdom, is one in which boats come and go and join together from time to time along the way. This is what our 2022 Flex Cruise to the Broughton's will be. This will be a challenging adventure and will test your seamanship skills. We will be transiting rapids (during slack of course) and possibly bashing against strong seas (which we will endeavor to avoid). Experienced anchoring skills are a requirement, if memory serves, we never anchored in more than 30 feet.

Now that I've scared everyone off, if you haven't done this cruise before it may turn out to be the highlight of your boating experience. Our goal is to make it safe and doable for anyone that throws in with us. Captain Craig has made the trip several times and will be doing navigation and weather planning. We have established what we are calling “hard points.” They will be destinations that the captains will definitely be at, on a certain date, so everyone can gather for the assaults on the tricky bits coming up and using the Safety in Numbers reasoning.

It was decided early on that we would more or less “bomb” up to the Broughton's, to be able to enjoy them for ten days or so, and then take our time coming south and smell any roses along the way. Six Knots was used for our navigation planning speed and the longest distance we will go in a single day is 31 NM. Some of the launch times will be at first light. Every day Captain Craig will be sending texts via satellite to everyone who signs up stating current location, intention for the day, and any significant weather considerations. Sketchy service means text messages are best and will usually “sneak” in.

Our first hard point will be Nanaimo on July 8, where we plan to spend two nights for our first gathering. We will have ample time there to get to know one another and discuss strategies. We have planned three separate nights on moorage/anchoring, as we head up the Straits of Georgia to Campbell River where we spend two nights and do our serious provisioning. Our days after Campbell River take us through Seymour Narrows, Blind Channel, Sunderland Channel and lastly, thirteen NM of Johnstone Strait—a “first light” launch day. That puts us at Port Harvey and unlocks the Broughton's to us. You are welcome to stay with the “fleet” as you wander the Broughton's or head off on your own.

Our current float plan going north puts us in Port Harvey on July 20 with 12 days to explore the Broughton's. Our next hard point is Port McNeill on Aug 2 to gather for our downhill run home. Our intention is to take the eastern route via Yuculta and Dent Rapids into Desolation Sound. Captain Paul is planning on spending a short time there and more along the Sunshine Coast. Hey, it's a Flex Cruise, do what you want. Also, certain details may change before July. *See Float Plan Next Page*



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DATES	ITINERARY	DISTANCE
July 5	Leave Reid Harbor clear customs at Poets Cove Easy 3 days to Nanaimo to explore along the way	45 nm (3 days)
July 8	RENDEZVOUS NANAIMO:	
July 10	Nanoose Bay anchorage: & set up for Hornby Island	12 nm
July 11	Hornby Island Anchorage: leave at first light	28 nm *first light
July 12	Comox: leave at first light. Docks and restaurant(?)	20 nm *first light
July 14	Campbell River: leave at first light, two nights, major provisioning	31 nm *first light
July 15	Anchor in Menzies Bay near Seymour Narrows	7 nm
July 16	Sleigh ride through Seymour Narrows, at 0730 +/- slack, Anchor at Rock Bay Marine Provincial Park	13 nm
July 17	Blind Channel : 2 nights, nice marina, hikes, great restaurant	10 nm
July 19	Blenkinsop Bay Anchorage via Chancellor Channel, Wellbore Channel and Sunderland Channel, 2 easy	24 nm
July 20	Blenkinsop to Port Harvey via Johnstone Strait: leave at first light	13 nm *first light
July 20 +/- Aug. 2	EXPLORE THE BROUGHTONS Three major marinas with fuel and some food	Options TBD

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DATES	ITINERARY	DISTANCE
Aug. 2	RENDEZVOUS PORT MCNEILL: for an Aug 3 departure south, Get there a few days early to provision and explore Alert Bay and Telegraph Cove.	
Aug. 3	Depart the Broughton's. Johnstone Strait is much more agreeable heading east. Our intention is to arrive in Desolation Sound via Yuculta and Dent Rapids vs. Seymour Narrows. Explore Desolation Sound or head to the Sunshine Coast of BC and maybe Princess Louisa.	

AUGUST 16 IS SIX WEEKS.



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