



water adventures

Most of the boating charter companies offer a variety of experiences. Here is a list of companies searchable by activity, with details for each company on the following pages.

WHALE WATCHING

All boating businesses hope to see whales on their trips, but these offer specific whale watching cruises.

- San Juan Cruises
- Island Mariner Cruises
- Outer Island Expeditions

MOTOR BOAT CRUISES

- San Juan Cruises
- Bellingham Yacht Charters
- Island Mariner Cruises
- Outer Island Expeditions

SAILING

- Bellingham Bay Community Boating Center
- Gato Verde Adventure Sailing
- Sail the San Juans
- The Zodiac Schooner

KAYAKING

- Bellingham Bay Community Boating Center
- Moondance Sea Kayaking Adventures
- Outer Island Expeditions
- Northwest Navigation Co., Inc.

RIVER RAFTING

- Wild and Scenic River Tours

FISHING

- Outer Island Expeditions

WATER TAXI SERVICE

- Outer Island Expeditions

**Bellingham Whatcom
County Tourism**

904 Potter Street
Bellingham, WA 98229

360.671.3990 | 800.487.2032

bellingham.org

tourism@bellingham.org



Bellingham Bay Community Boating Center

555 Harris Avenue

360-714-8891

boatingcenter.org

Rents kayaks, rowboats, canoes, stand-up paddle boards and small sailboats. Storage available.

Bellingham Yacht Charters

1801 Roeder Ave. #174

Bellingham, WA 98225

877-310-9446

bellinghamyachts.com/charters.html

Offers **bareboat and crewed** charters by the week. The fleet is comprised of the most current diesel-powered yachts available, privately owned and meticulously maintained. Vessel sizes and passenger capacity vary, view the web site or call.

Gato Verde Adventure Sailing

Bellingham Cruise Terminal

360-220-3215 / gatoverde.com

Provides clients of all ages and with all abilities a unique outdoor adventure. Offers customized, educational, or carefree skippered charters lasting from 1-7 days aboard the comfortable and efficient **42-foot catamaran**, the *Gato Verde*. Accommodates 12, or 9 for overnights.

Island Mariner Cruises

2621 S. Harbor Loop - Bellingham

877-734-8866 / 360-734-8866

orcawatch.com

"Guaranteed" **nature watch/whale search** cruises departing from Bellingham's Squalicum Harbor. Runs June through mid-September. Departs at 10am, call for reservations. Historic **Bellingham Bay cruises** are Thursday evenings late June - mid Aug. Private charters available.

Moondance Sea Kayaking Adventures

360-738-7664

moondancekayak.com

Guided **sea kayaking** adventures around Bellingham's local waters, the San Juan Islands or Canada's Vancouver Island. Kayaks, gear and guides are included. Catered meals are a delicious option. Flexible scheduling for groups.

Outer Island Excursions

360-376-3711 / outerislandx.com

With a variety of vessels, Outer Island's boat tours can incorporate many activities into one trip. Scheduled **whale watching** cruises, and custom trips offering fishing, crabbing, kayaking, light-house tours and gourmet island picnics. Departs from the Lummi Island Ferry Terminal with pick-up van service in Birch Bay and Bellingham.

Sail the San Juans

PO Box 5186

Bellingham, WA 98227-5186

800-729-3207 / 360-671-5852

sailthesanjuans.com

Offers **6-day "fully crewed" charters** (no day trips) in the San Juan Islands and 13-day wilderness trips up the Inside Passage in Canada. Sail aboard a magnificent Catalina 50 that comfortably accommodates up to 6 guests in private staterooms. Your hosts **ARE COAST GUARD** licensed captain Jon Baker and cuisine by chef Jeannette. Amenities include use of an ocean kayak and a 13' sport boat. Season: April-Oct.

The Schooner Zodiac

1221 Harris Ave., PMB 2

Bellingham, WA 98225

206-719-7622

schoonerzodiac.com

The Zodiac is a **127-foot gaff-rigged schooner** built in 1924. She has more than 7,000 sq. feet of sail. Step aboard on a unique **scheduled cruise** or contact them for a private **group charter** such as weddings, family reunions and corporate events. They take up to 49 passengers for day cruises and up to 26 for overnight trips. Be prepared to help hoist the sails!

San Juan Cruises

355 Harris Ave. #104

Bellingham Cruise Terminal

800-443-4552 / 360-738-8099

whales.com

Offers a variety of scheduled excursions as well as charter services. Vessels carry up to 42, 56 and 149 passengers.

•**San Juan Adventure** - narrated tour through the San Juan Islands, which includes a 2-hour shore visit in Friday Harbor, whale watching and a home-style salmon & BBQ chicken lunch. Full bar service. Runs May-September.

•**Chuckanut Crab Cruise** - this 2 1/2 hour sunset cruise provides spectacular views of the bay and shoreline. Dine on crab & chicken with accompaniments. Full bar. Fri/Sat, June to mid-Sept.

•**Wine or Beer Tasting Cruises** - beer tasting on Wed. and wine on Thurs. mid-July to mid-Sept. Check website or call for dates.

•**Bird Watching Cruise** - bring your binoculars for this all day trip with a naturalist on board. Offered Saturdays, May-August.

•**LaConner & Deception Pass Cruise** - scenic cruise to LaConner with a lasagna lunch included. Check website for the dates.

•**Sucia Island Picnic Cruise** - enjoy a picnic on the beach and nature walk. Sundays in July/Aug.

Wild and Scenic River Tours

800-413-6840 / 360-544-3115

wildandscenic.com

Offers white water rafting on the Nooksack River out of the town of Glacier. Rated as a Class III, it is always an exciting ride.

INSTRUCTION

Salish Sea Kayak School

888-858-8411 / salishseakayakschool.com

Offers courses for beginner and intermediate paddlers in fresh water and salt water.

HISTORIC FOOT FERRY

Plover Ferry (Memorial Day - Labor Day)

Blaine Marina, Blaine WA

360-332-5742

draytonharbormaritime.org

The Plover was restored by the Whatcom Maritime Historical Society and is now owned by the Drayton Harbor Maritime Society. It crosses Drayton Harbor from the **Blaine Marina** (Visitor Dock II) to **Semiahmoo Resort** hourly Fri-Sun during summer. The Plover accommodates 17 passengers and bicycles (no cars). Fri & Sat Noon-8pm, Sun 10am-6pm. \$2/\$1.

SMALL CRAFT BOAT RENTALS

(Most are seasonal businesses)

Bellingham Bay Community Boating Center

501 Harris Avenue

360-714-8891 / sailpaddlerow.org

Rents kayaks, rowboats, canoes, stand-up paddle boards and small sailboats. Storage available.

Kite Paddle Surf

2620 N. Harbor Loop Dr.,

360-775-2741 / kitepaddlesurf.com

Stand-up paddle boarding, kite and wake boarding.

Paddle and Pedal Adventures

Birch Bay and Semiahmoo Resort

360-224-0707 / paddleandpedaladventures.com

Rents kayaks, paddle boards, bikes and more.

Samish County Park

673 N. Lake Samish Dr,

360-733-2362 / 360-733-2900

co.whatcom.wa.us/parks/index.jsp

Non-powered boat rentals on Lake Samish.

Silver Lake County Park

9006 Silver Lake Rd., Maple Falls

360-599-2776 / 360-733-2900

co.whatcom.wa.us/parks/index.jsp

Rents rowboats, pedal boats and canoes.

FERRY INFORMATION

Alaska Marine Highway System

Alaska Ferry's Southern Port

355 Harris Ave., Bellingham Cruise Terminal

Bellingham, WA 98225

Advance reservations required.

800-642-0066

Bellingham Terminal (recording)

360-676-8445

Port of Bellingham

360-676-2500

alaska.gov/ferry

Weekly car and passenger ferry from Bellingham through Alaska's breathtaking Inside Passage.

Lummi Island Ferry

360-671-3990 (Whatcom County Engineers)

360-758-2190 (Islander Store on Lummi Is.)

co.whatcom.wa.us/publicworks/ferry/schedule.jsp

Car ferry across Bellingham Bay to beautiful, scenic Lummi Island. 10-minute crossing, hourly.

Cost: \$10/car & driver, \$4/passenger round trip.

Washington State Ferry System

Anacortes, WA departures

206-464-6400 / 888-808-7977 (WA State only)

wsdot.wa.gov/ferries

Car and passenger ferries to the San Juan Islands and to Vancouver Island. Leaves from Anacortes, 40 miles south of Bellingham on Hwy. 20.

Reservations only accepted for service to Sidney, B.C. (Victoria). Victoria ferry runs once per day in spring & fall, and twice per day in summer.

B.C. Ferries

British Columbia, Canada, Ferry System

888-223-3779 (in Canada and U.S.)

800-435-5622, B.C. Tourism Information

bcferries.com

Multiple crossings from mainland British Columbia to Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island and Prince Rupert. The ferry to the Victoria area runs odd hours in winter and every hour in summer.

Reservations accepted for an additional fee, but are not usually necessary.

MOORAGE

(See Marina sheet for more details)

Port of Bellingham

360-676-2500

Harbor Master, 360-676-2542

portofbellingham.com

Drayton Harbor, Blaine

360-332-8037

Point Roberts Marina

360-945-2255