



Water; whether a serene creek, breathtaking waterfall, tranquil lake or invigorating sea spray, water rejuvenates the spirit.

Encounter nature's spontaneous wonders while kayaking, sailing, cruising, ferrying, enjoying a whale watch charter or simply strolling the docks.

Bellingham Whatcom County
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Bellingham, WA 98229
t: 360-671-3990
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www.bellingham.org

WATER ADVENTURES

CRUISES ~ CHARTERS ~ KAYAKS ~ FERRIES

CRUISES

Bellingham Bay Tour

355 Harris Avenue #104
Bellingham, WA 98225
(360) 738-8099, (800) 443-4552

The 49-passenger "Fairhaven" crosses Bellingham Bay connecting the Historic Fairhaven District with Squalicum Harbor. This 45-minute crossing runs several times a day Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. \$14 round trip, \$7 one way.

Island Mariner Cruises

#5 Squalicum Harbor Loop
Bellingham, WA 98225
(360) 734-8866, (877) 734-8866, www.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.

Victoria-San Juan Cruises

355 Harris Avenue #104
Bellingham, WA 98225
(360) 738-8099, (800) 443-4552, www.whales.com

From mid May through September, the *Victoria Star Two* makes daily round-trip excursions to **Victoria** on Vancouver Island. The cruise takes you through the San Juan Islands. Departs Bellingham at 9am and Victoria at 5pm. Overnight packages available. The return trip offers an optional salmon & chicken dinner. Special event sailings for private groups.

San Juan Island Commuter

355 Harris Avenue, Ste. 104
Bellingham, WA 98225
1-888-734-8180, (360) 734-8180, www.islandcommuter.com

Offers a daily foot-passenger cruise mid-May through Labor Day to **Orcas Island** and historic **Friday Harbor** on San Juan Island. The *Island Commuter* vessel comfortably seats 66 passengers and has a top viewing deck. During the layover enjoy the attractions of Friday Harbor, or climb back on board for a 3 1/2-hour **whale watch** cruise from 1-4:30pm.

Bellingham Bay Sailing

355 Harris Ave. / Bellingham Cruise Terminal in Fairhaven
(360) 393-9160, www.bellinghambaysailing.com

Have a sailing experience in a lighthearted environment aboard a 34-foot sailing sloop. Design your excursion choosing a sunset cruise, day cruise, multi-day skippered charter or a sailing course with knowledgeable staff.

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Gato Verde Adventure Sailing

1842 Governor Road
Bellingham, WA 98229
(360) 220-3215
www.gatoverde.com

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

Paraclete Charter Service, Inc.

Skyline Marina, Anacortes, WA
(360) 293-5920, 1-800-808-2999
www.paracletecharters.com

Offers charter service throughout the San Juan Archipelago 24 hours a day. The fleet of three vessels meet a variety of customer needs. They can stop at secluded beaches, resorts, and they offer custom packaged tours. The largest vessel holds 64 people.

Valhalla Marine Adventures

1608 Valhalla Lane
Bellingham, WA 98226
(360) 671-0646
www.vmatours.com

Want to slow down and feel the special excitement of sailing by the wind? Come aboard a 32-foot sailing vessel and cruise to Chuckanut Bay, Lummi Island or the "inner" San Juans. Learn basic sailing skills as you relax and enjoy a gourmet snack on this low key adventure.

Sail the San Juans

PO Box 5186
Bellingham, WA 98227-5186
www.stsj.com, E-mail: sailnorth@aol.com
(360) 671-5852, (800) 729-3207

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.

Shawmanee Charters

PO Box 2516
Bellingham, WA 98227
(360) 734-9849
www.bellinghamsailing.com

Getaway on this 65-foot ketch sailing vessel for a few hours or a few days. Great for group outings. The Shamanee holds up to 40 or 6 for overnight trips. Wednesdays in summer are the popular sunset "Chowder Charters." Dine on smoked salmon chowder served in a bread bowl.

Rosy Custom Cruises

Squalicum Harbor
Bellingham, WA
(360) 676-0740, cell: (360) 201-9231
www.rosycruises.com

Cruise local waters aboard *Rosy* a 36-foot cruiser which takes up to six passengers. Comfortable, safe & affordable. She's outfitted with stabilizers and all-weather seating and viewing. The skipper is Coast Guard licensed with 24 years of experience operating commercial vessels.

Northwest Navigation Co, Inc.

The M/V David B.

P.O. Box 1431
Bellingham, WA 98227
1-877-670-7863
www.nwnavigation.com

Cruise the San Juan Islands or Alaska aboard the historic 1929 motor vessel *David B.* Enjoy hiking, kayaking, sightseeing and wildlife viewing. Trips are fully crewed, feature gourmet meals, private cabins and are limited to just 6 guests.

Mystic Sea Charters - in Anacortes

Cap Sante Marina, Dock A
Anacortes, WA
1-800-308-9387
www.mysticseacharters.com

The 100-foot *Mystic Sea* offers 5-6 hour cruises. View the San Juan Islands, marine wildlife and search for Orca whales. Naturalist on board and an underwater TV camera. Departs daily at 11am late May - Aug. Discounted Spring/Fall rates. Private evening charters available for groups up to 75 people. Will pick up at other ports of call.

Waypoint Charters - Broker Service

Bellingham, WA

(360) 656-5934

www.waypointcharter.com

Waypoint is a worldwide broker that helps people find and plan boating vacations. Locally, they broker more than 20 companies offering crewed or bareboat yachts and sailboats. They will plan "assessable" cruises for disabled individuals.

KAYAKING

Elakah Expeditions

P.O. Box 28514

Bellingham, WA 98228

1-800-434-7270, (360) 734-7270

www.elakah.com

Guided sea **kayaking trips** departing from Bellingham and Lopez Island. Offers half-day trips to multi-day adventures for individuals, small groups, corporate outings, wedding parties or educational field studies.

Moondance Sea Kayaking Adventures

(360) 738-7664

www.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.

FLOAT TRIPS

Pacific NW Float Trips

(866) 389-1349, (360) 757-1201

www.PacificNWFloatTrips.com

Has been offering family float trips, white water rafting, and nature eco-tours for over 30 years. Trips include winter bald eagle trips on the Skagit River, bird watching tours, rafting on a variety of rivers, boat tours through Deception Pass, and more. Some trips are offered year-round.

Zodiac Wildlife Quest - in Alaska

(866) 389-1349

www.alaskafloattrips.com

Offers exciting raft trips down the Chilkat River through the world famous Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve. This adventure takes you through the site of the world's largest concentration of Bald Eagles. The 4-5 1/2 hour trips depart from either Skagway or Haines, Alaska. Other trips available.

MOTORIZED BOAT RENTALS

Good Time Boat Rental

P.O. Box 5004

Bellingham, WA 98227

(360) 920-7784, (360) 319-5624

www.goodtimeboats.com

Rents watercraft for use on lakes in Whatcom County. Currently they have **pontoon boats**, **ski boats** and 3-person **jet skis**. All vessels are new models and fully insured. Rental includes delivery and pick up.

SALMON & FISHING CHARTERS

Jim's Salmon Charter

4434 Boblett Rd.

Blaine, WA 98230

(360) 332-6724

www.JimsSalmonCharter.com

Jim Jorgensen is in his 40th year of salmon fishing out of Blaine Harbor. Jim is the licensed owner/operator of a fully equipped 24' Orca boat which will accommodate up to six passengers. Other water-related services are offered by Jim.

A Trophy Fishing Charters

P.O. Box 2444

Friday Harbor, WA 98250

(360) 378-2110

www.fishthesanjuans.com

Fish for salmon, ling cod, cabezon, halibut and other bottom fish. Year around chartering since 1993 with a fast comfortable 29-foot power boat. All the latest in electronic fishing gear and safety equipment. Six persons max, no experience needed. Call Captain Monty for reservations.

HISTORIC FOOT FERRY

Plover Ferry (Labor Day - Memorial Day)

Blaine Marina, Blaine WA

(360) 332-5742

www.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 foot-passengers, bicycles. Fri & Sat Noon-8pm, Sun 10am-6pm. Admission by donation. \$1-\$2.

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

www.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: \$7/car & driver, \$2/passenger round trip.

Washington State Ferry System

Anacortes departures

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

www.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 accepted for Sidney, BC (Victoria) runs only. Victoria ferry runs once per day in winter and twice per day in summer.

B.C. Ferries

British Columbia, Canada, Ferry System

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

(800) 663-6000, B.C. Tourism Information

www.bcferries.com

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

MOORAGE

Port of Bellingham

(360) 676-2500

Harbor Master, (360) 676-2542

www.portofbellingham.com

Drayton Harbor, Blaine

(360) 332-8037

Point Roberts Marina

(360) 945-2255

*Ask for the Marina information sheet for more details.