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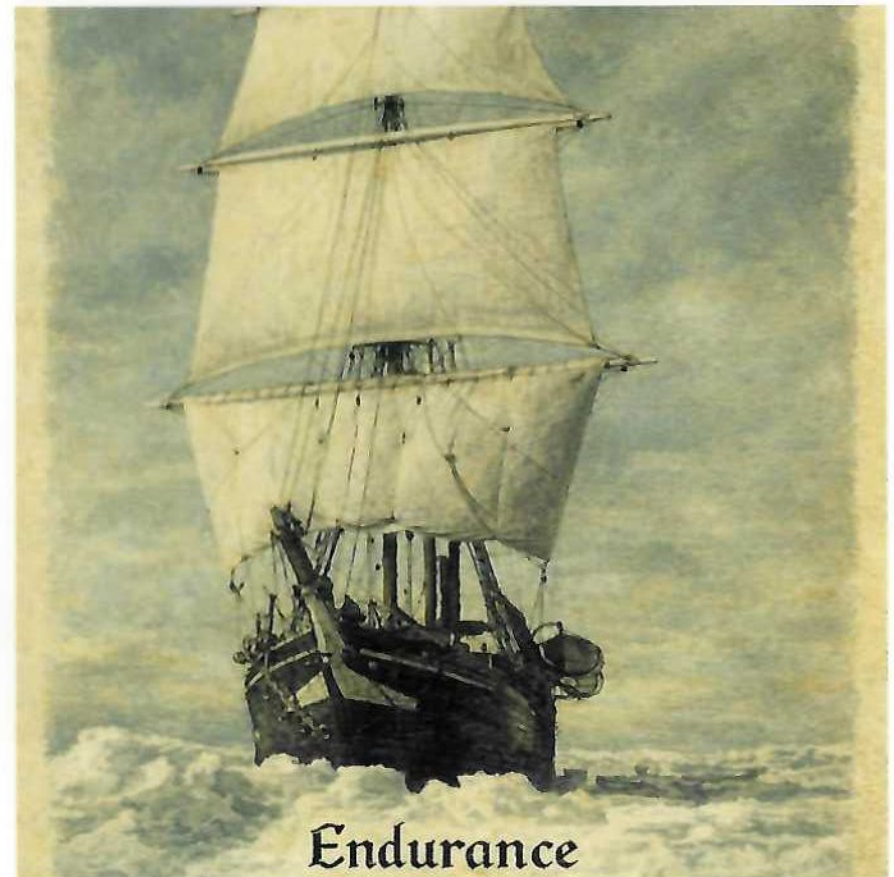
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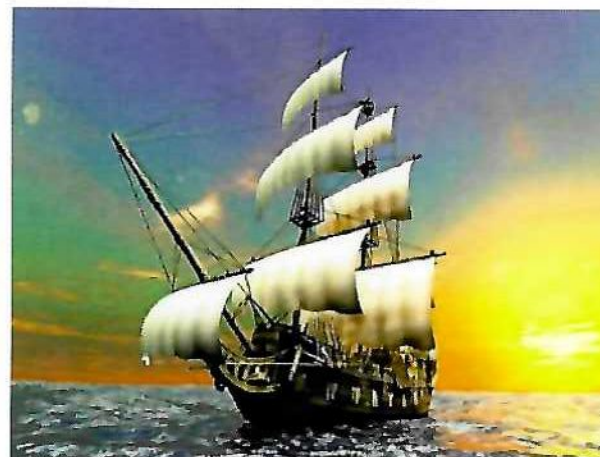
SAILING PLAN

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Route</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
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| Thursday May 14 (optional) | Climb aboard, load provisions and sleep overnight | Find ye quarters. Receive ye orders. Shiver ye timbers. |
| Friday May 15 | Short sail to Sidney Spit | <i>Anchor</i> |
| Saturday May 16 | To Winter Cove on Saturna Island | <i>Anchor</i> |
| Sunday May 17 | To Kendrick Island at outside of Gabriola Passage | Possible race day in Strait of Georgia. <i>Anchor</i> |
| Monday May 18 | To Telegraph Hbr. Enter the pass at slack @11:09 | Dock or anchor. Dinner at the bar. Make your own reservation |
| Tuesday May 19 | Sail to Montague Hbr on Galliano Is. | <i>Anchor</i> |
| Wednesday May 20 | Sail to Port Browning On North Pender Is. | Farwell dinner at dock restaurant <i>Anchor or dock</i> |
| Thursday May 21 | Sail to Tod Inlet in Sannich Inlet. | Happy Hour Music on dingy dock <i>Anchor</i> |
| Friday May 22 | Disperse to Home ports | What a Bon Voyage! |

INTRO

The Ail Sail Continuum
The Ail Sail fleet may ebb and flow,
The sailors, they may come and go,
As long as bullshit is manure,
The Ail Sail spirit shall endure.

Amen.



“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did do.

So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

- Mark Twain

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FRIDAY MAY 15

Sailing Directions:

Fleet meets up at Sidney Spit, drop anchor.

Be aware of shallow water marked on charts.

Walking trails on the island.



Le Menu

Breakfast:

Local café at your home port.

Lunch: Deli Sandwiches and Tomato Soup

Dinner: raid the fridge



Alastair with new shipmate pet - 2025

Never slap a man who's
chewing tobacco.
- Will Rogers



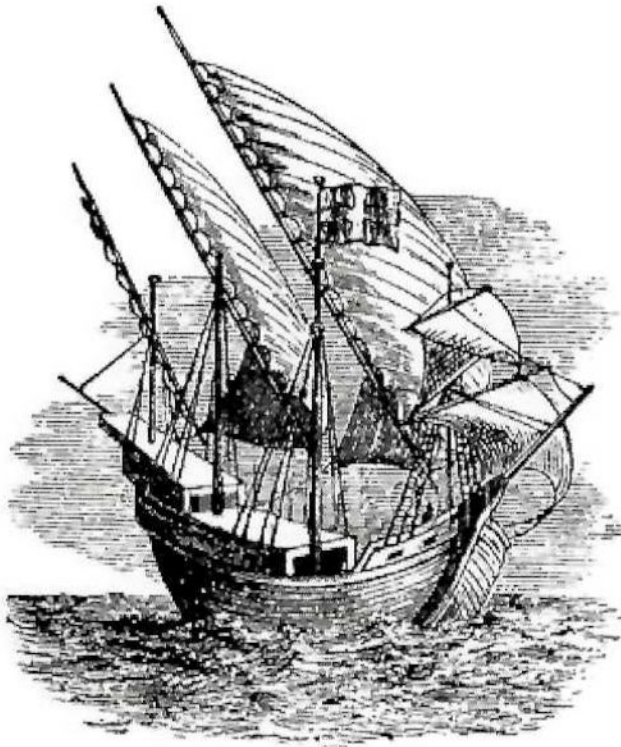
SATURDAY, MAY 16

Sailing Directions:

Morning skippers meeting aboard S/V Destiny with skipper Brent.

**Sidney Spit to Winter Cove on
Saturna Island**
approx. 18 nm - anchor

Low tide at 11:08—caution.

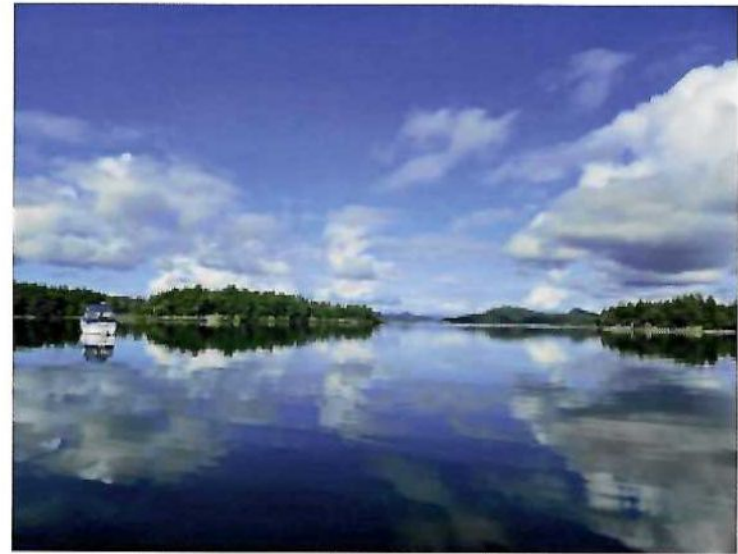


Le Menu

Breakfast: Eggs.—easy/over/under—as you like them.

Lunch: soup and sandwiches

Dinner: thaw out that store-bought salmon



Looking west from Winter Cove

Never miss a good chance
to shut up.
- Will Rogers



SUNDAY MAY 17

Sailing Directions:

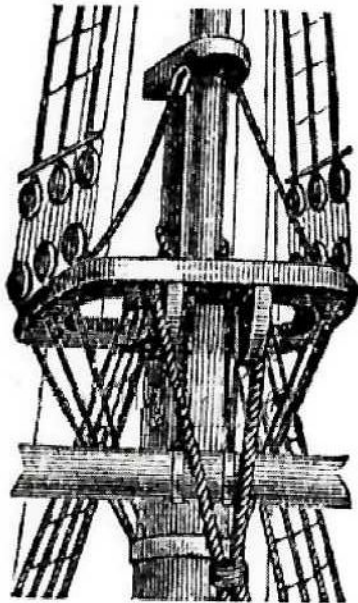
Morning skippers meeting aboard S/V Bella Maria with skipper Neil.

**Winter Cove to Kendrik Island
via Strait of Georgia
(weather permitting or inside passage)
approx. 27 nm—anchor**

Use Georgeson Passage to enter onto Strait of Georgia.

If taking the cut to the south and east of Georgeson Island, there are rocks on each side—or travel 1.2 miles to southeast where there is a wider passage to get out into Strait of Georgia.

Extreme low tide at 11:50.



Le Menu

Breakfast: Bacon & Eggs

Lunch: Tuna Bunwich & Chicken Noodle Soup

Once safely at anchor, Splice the Main Brace with yer mates. Hail Caesar!

Dinner: Steaks and beer!



S/V "Orcastrait" at ease

**If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
- Will Rogers**



MONDAY MAY 18

Sailing Directions:

Morning skippers meeting aboard S/V Silken with skipper Bob.

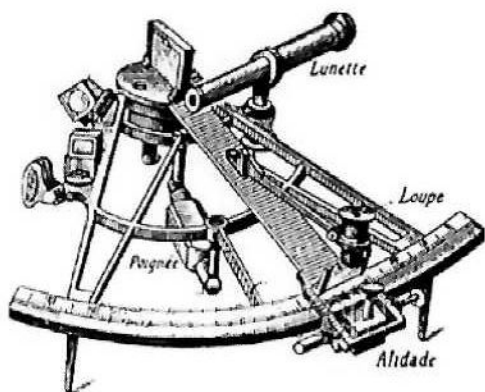
Kendrick Island to Telegraph Harbour On Thetis Island

16 nm

Anchor or dock (make own reservation)

Slack at 12:09 through Gabriola Passage.
Current in Gabriola Passage
ebbs with us until 12:09.

Dinner at pub restaurant on dock.



Le Menu

Breakfast: Pancakes & Sausages

Remember the COFFEE!!

Lunch: Deli Sandwiches.

Dinner: ashore



Capt'n Pedro at the helm of Tula

There are two theories to arguing
with a woman. Neither works.
- Will Rogers



TUESDAY, MAY 19

Sailing Directions:

Morning skippers meeting aboard M/V Desert Mariner with skipper and Nauticus Meritus Grant.

**Telegraph Harbour to Montague Harbour
on Galiano Island**
16 nm—anchor



Walking trails on shore, through camp site and on road.



Grant Stewart,
Skipper of
M/V Desert Mariner.

A founder of the
Ail Sail

There are three kinds of men:

- The ones that learn by reading.
- The few who learn by observation.
- The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.

- Will Rogers



Le Menu

Breakfast: French Toast

Use French loaf slices and dip into some whisked leftover eggs. Fry egged bread slices in a little butter. Serve with jam or syrup. COFFEE!!!!

Lunch: Deli Sandwiches and Tomato Soup

Dinner: if it don't stink, fry it and add ketchup



S/V Babylon III in Sechart Inlet.

Good judgement comes from experience, and
a lot of that comes from bad judgement.

- Will Rogers



WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Sailing Directions:

*Morning skippers meeting aboard S/V Ganesha
with skippers Dave and Jim*

Montague Harbour to Port Browning
12 nm—anchor or dock

Farewell Dinner for group at dock restaurant.
Reservation will be made for us.

A MENU FROM THE 1981 (FIRST) AIL SAIL BOOKLET

Saturday, May 16, 1981

Tsehum Harbour to Montague Harbour

En Route: Hors D'oeuvres and cocktails

En Harbour:

Montague Salad

'Bosom of Ballingal Is.' Bird

- fry chicken breasts

- add orange sauce made from chicken gravy

- add chopped oranges & juice, pepper & salt

Channel Corn

Galliano Strawberries

Ice Cream

"Saturday night will be ice-cream supper—all ladies giving milk please come early."

"The Doctors are saying that drinking is bad for us. I don't know. You see a lot more old drunks than old doctors."

- extracted from the 1981 booklet. Try it at your own risk. J.B.



Never squat with your spurs on

- Will Rogers

Le Menu

Breakfast: Laise-Affair Extraordinaire.

Lunch: Whatever Ain't Weevily.

Dinner ashore.



Anchorage at Pt. Browning - Mike Kosten

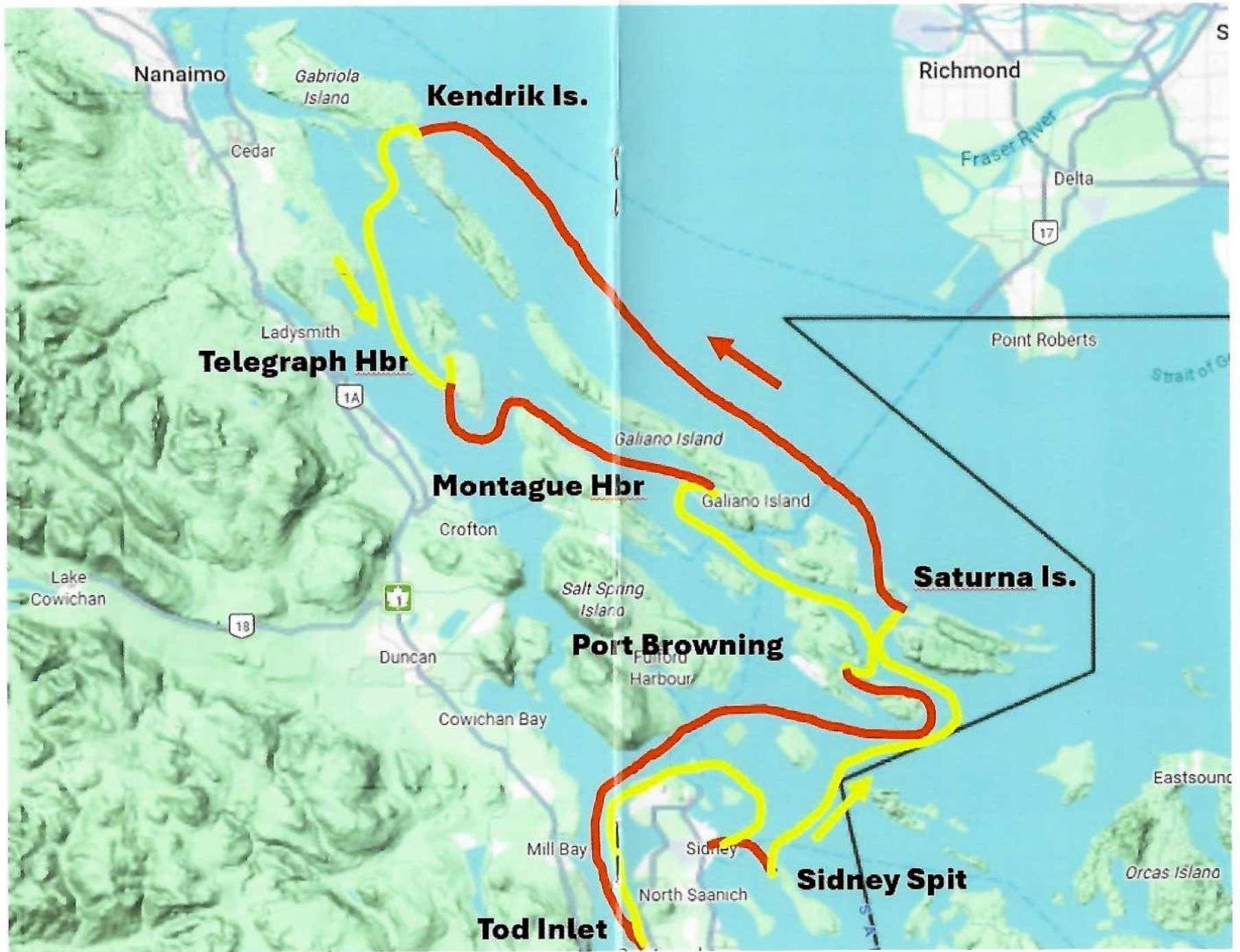


Mike and Melanie - at ease

After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: *When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.*

- Will Rogers





THURSDAY, MAY 21

Sailing Directions:

Morning skippers meeting aboard S/V Prairie Princess with skipper Lorne.

**Port Browning to Tod Inlet
in Saanich Inlet**
28 nm—anchor

Happy hour on dinghy dock with music. You can walk to Butchart Gardens (mind the parrot at one of the houses).



S/V Slipstream

Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.

- Will Rogers



Le Menu

Breakfast: Galley Dregs

Take no prisoners. What you don't eat for breakfast is fardage.



S/V Abigale

Always drink upstream from the herd.

- Will Rogers



FRIDAY, MAY 22

Sailing Directions:

Tod Inlet to home port

It's a short trip homeward.

Turf out any stowaways, click your heels 3 times, and say "All men to stations!"

Perform the Ail Sail Closing Ceremonies, which means:

- Clean up the boat, re-memorize your family's names.
- Thank your skipper. Come on, like you mean it!
- Exchange pictures & e-mail addresses with mates.

Plan for next year!



Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back

- Will Rogers

SAILING DEFINITIONS

Clew

What Ail Sailors ain't got.



Founder



Cry of surprise when your skipper actually locates an Ail Sail anchorage.

By the Board



To be broken, lost, or rendered useless. Just look around your crew and vessel after happy hour if you need an example.

Apparent Wind



A steady flow of methane gas from an Ail Sail crew on the 'Le Menu' diet.

Aka the 'Ail Sail Vapor Trail'.

Fardage



1. Loose wood and other objects used to secure cargo in the hold.

2. See 'Apparent Wind' above.

Capsize

Circumference of the Head



Head



1. (non-Ail Sail def'n) A place to think.
2. (Ail Sail def'n) A place where no thinking is done, especially if badly capsized.
3. Ultimate destiny of 'Le Menu'.

Ail Sail



Rag-tag sailors all having a **capsize** in common, with no **clew** in their **heads**, prone to **founder** at anchorage in the slightest **apparent wind**, sailing **by the board**, using only **fardage** for propulsion.

SAILING NOTES

Skippers' meeting each morning on Ch 72 at TTBA, each boat will be asked to "host" the mtg.

Departure times and any route alterations will be determined at the Skippers' meeting. • Monitor Ch 72 for fleet and Ch 16 while underway.

Skippers will need to secure their own reservations for dock space ASAP at Telegraph Harbour and Port Browning if wanting dock space.

Dinners at dock restaurant / pub at Telegraph Harbour and Farewell Dinner at Port Browning. Our Commodore will contact these restaurants to reserve space for the dinners.

Everyone is encouraged to visit with other people on boats, dock, raft together for Happy Hour, share appys, musical enjoyment, BYOD, socialize, & meet new friends.

Assist other boats with anchoring, stern tying, rafting and docking.

Each skipper and crew are responsible for their own expenses (food, docking fees, charters, fuel).

Ail Sail is not liable for any damage or injuries incurred during the sailing adventures to yourselves or boat.

In true Ail Sail Style, each boat and crew is asked to put together your best skits, poems, songs and or stories to share at the dinners. If you play an instrument, we'd appreciate the sharing of your musical talents – especially when at Todd Inlet.

PERSONAL NOTES

BOATS & CREWS

Meet the 52nd Fleet

Flagship: *S/V Bella Maria*
46-ft *Tayana*
Commodore: Neil Watson
Crew: Dory Glaser Watson
Mike Kosten
Melanie Lind Kosten
Benjamin Kosten



Skipper: Brent Seufert
Crew: Sandra Larson

S/V Destiny
35-ft *Peterson*



Skipper: Grant Stewart
Crew: Fred Fraser
Peter Cox
Ben Baxter
Marlo Salum
Quang Dang
Ronie Mangaoang
Meliton Ramos

M/V Desert Mariner
65-ft *Pacemaker*



Skipper: Simon Hatfield
Crew: Jennifer Hatfield
John Brown
Carina Van Olm

S/V Babylon III
47-ft *Bavaria*



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Skipper: Robert Smith
Crew: Mary Newman
Peter Simpson
Michelle Forest

S/V Silken
45-ft *Hanse*



Skipper: Lorne Webber
Crew: Glenn Webber
Jay Harris
Bill Pollock

S/V Prairie Princess
40-ft *C & C*



Co-Skippers: Dave Alle +
Jim Benedict
Crew: Rick Woods
Al Leeson
Juan Ovando

S/V Ganesha
50-ft *Jeanneau*



Skipper: Geoff Connerton
Crew: Ron Coutts
Greg Bullock

M/V Douglas Adrift
43-ft *Bayliner*



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☞☞☞ Meet the 52nd Fleet ☞☞☞

S/V Orcastrait
49-ft Bavaria
Skipper: Kerry Kunz
Crew: Ingrid Kunz



S/V Belle Isle
46-ft Beneteau
Skipper: Allan Bell
Crew: Frank Kortbeek
John Kortbeek
Dan Buie



S/V Abigale
33-ft Hunter
Skipper: Michael Bewza
Crew: Jamie McMahon



S/V Red Skye
37-ft Tartan
Skipper: Magnus Murphy
Crew: Ronelle Murphy



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S/V Lark
38-ft Catalina
Skipper: Alastair Hill
Crew: Esther Hill



S/V Kalista
40-ft Beneteau
Skipper: Ian Smith
Crew: Louise Smith



S/V Slipstream
36-ft Islander
Skipper: Kevin Harrison
Crew:



S/V Reverie III
34-ft Bavaria
Skipper: Shaun Murphy
Crew: Battseren (Betty) Mijid

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The quickest way to double your money is
to fold it and put it back into your pocket.
- Will Rogers



"The Ballad of Captain Pedro"

Verse 1

He sailed the coast from dawn to dark, with a chart and a weathered hand,
Taught many souls to read the wind, before they left the land.
Old *Tula* knew his every thought, she answered every call,
But the greatest ship that Pedro sails, is friendship with us all!

Chorus

*To Captain Pedro, raise a glass! The tide comes in, the tide will pass!
Good memories on the Salish Sea, the Ail Sail Fleet for company!*

Verse 2

He's read the sky and led the fleet, he's anchored in the dark,
He's logged more miles on Georgia Strait than any harbour shark.
He's made more friends with sailors than anyone can tell,
His memories made more heavenly by sailing with Michelle!

(Chorus again)

Bridge

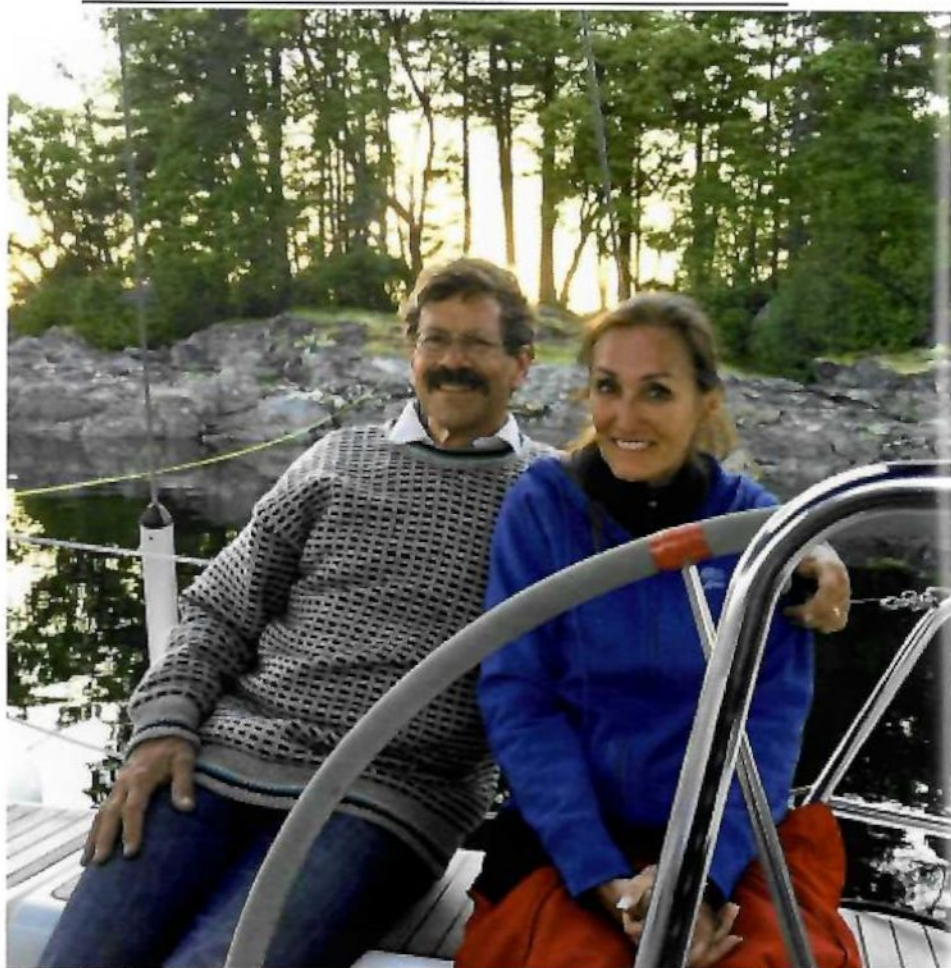
*So here's to *Tula*, Bon Voyage! And here's to Pedro too.
You've made this fleet, this Ail Sail, so glad to sail with you!*

(Chorus — twice, loud!)



Capt'n Pedro and the Admirable Michelle 2026

FAMOUS PIRATES



Neil Watson and Dory Glaser of
S/V *Bella Maria*

Arrrrgh!

This book belongs to:

THE ENDURANCE & ERNEST SHACKLETON

In 1914, the three-masted barquentine *Endurance* set sail from London under the command of Sir Ernest Shackleton, bound for the frozen frontier of Antarctica. Shackleton's bold ambition: to lead the first land crossing of the Antarctic continent — a journey of nearly 1,800 miles through the most hostile wilderness on Earth.

It was not to be. In January 1915, *Endurance* became trapped in the relentless pack ice of the Weddell Sea. For ten months she drifted, locked fast, her timbers groaning against forces no ship could resist. In November 1915, the ice finally claimed her — crushed and swallowed by the deep.

Yet what followed was the true miracle. Shackleton led all 28 of his men to safety across open ocean and frozen terrain, in one of history's most extraordinary feats of leadership and survival. Not a single life was lost. The ship was gone, but the crew endured.

It is a story that every sailor understands — that the vessel matters far less than the spirit of those aboard.

Ail Sail has carried that same spirit across 52 years of cruising. Our boats have changed, our numbers have grown, and the waters have varied — but our crews endure. Here's to the next voyage.

