



WANDER THE WAVES | BESPOKE SAILING ADVENTURES

Our itineraries are flexible and the below is a rough guide to get you acquainted with a few of the possibilities that our sail in Desolation Sound can offer us. We always strive to tap into the rhythm and desires of the crew, rather than sticking to a rigid route, as usually that's when the magic happens.

DESOLATION SOUND - ITINERARY

We begin our journey in Nanaimo on Vancouver Island, heading North towards our first stop on Hornby Island - famous for its rustic charm and stunning beaches.

The following day we will cross the straight and hug the Sunshine Coast - making our way past the quaint town of Lund, then entering Thulin Passage, a narrow waterway with charming resemblance to little Sweden. Soon after, we'll round Sarah Point, where an awe-inspiring sight unfolds before us.



Jagged mountains cascade into the warmest waters of Canada. Beneath these towering giants lie countless islands and secluded bays. **Welcome to our playground for the week.**

Desolation Sound



We will weave our way through the maze of narrow passages and diverse scenery, from secret coves to famous hot spots. We'll take short hikes (or long if the mood strikes!) leading to clear lakes, witness petroglyphs and tie up next to nameless islands.

After a delicious dinner on anchor, we can make a fire on the beach (if permitted at time of sail), watch the stars - perhaps with a wee dram in your hand. And if we're lucky, a **visit from an eagle or whale will connect us all the more deeper to this ancient wilderness.**

In these moments, it becomes **crystal clear**: All that truly matters is **NOW**. This moment.

Life doesn't get much better than this.

We'll set sail next towards Pendrell Sound, located in the heart of East Redonda Island. As we approach, we'll be welcomed by warm waters (reaching up to **26°C in the height of summer**), perfect for long swims and mingling with fellow boaters. Admittedly, it can

get pretty busy with a mishmash of powerboats, sailboat cruisers, super yachts and floatplanes.

But when you start **craving peace and quiet again**, we raise the sails, brave the tide of Dean Point and head out into the serene solitude of...

Toba Inlet

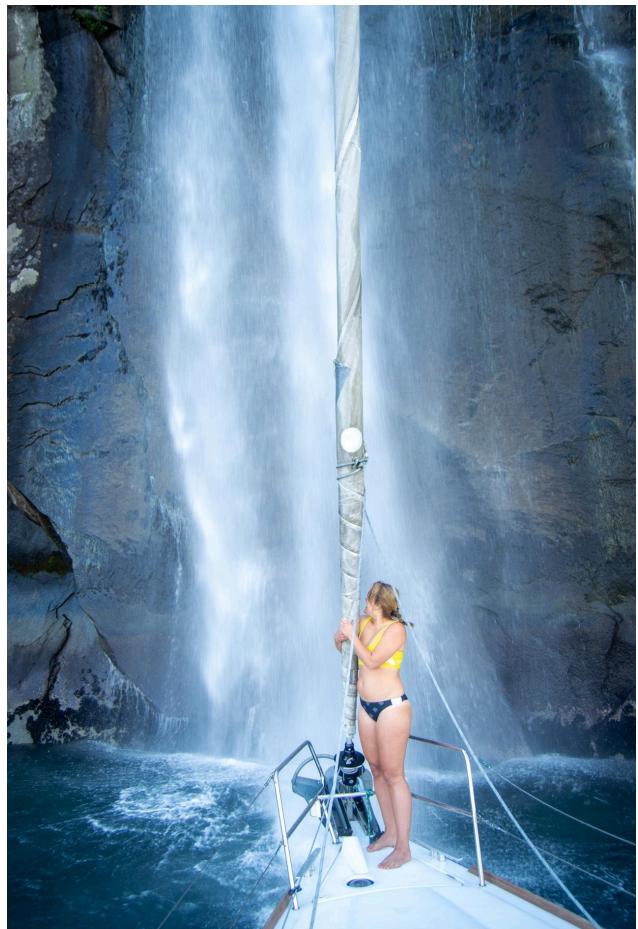
Suddenly, you **feel very, very small**. Next to the imposing cliffs, waterfalls, thermal winds, and **glacial melt water**, our boat is a visitor to another planet.

Yet there is something calming about this seemingly rough and unwelcoming fjord.

The walls are so steep, and the fjord so deep, that you can drive the **bow of the boat** into **a waterfall**. It makes for a **VERY** refreshing and natural massage shower (we dare you! ;o)

Unsurprisingly, there are no anchorages - none. However, we have discovered a few secret spots where, over millions of years,

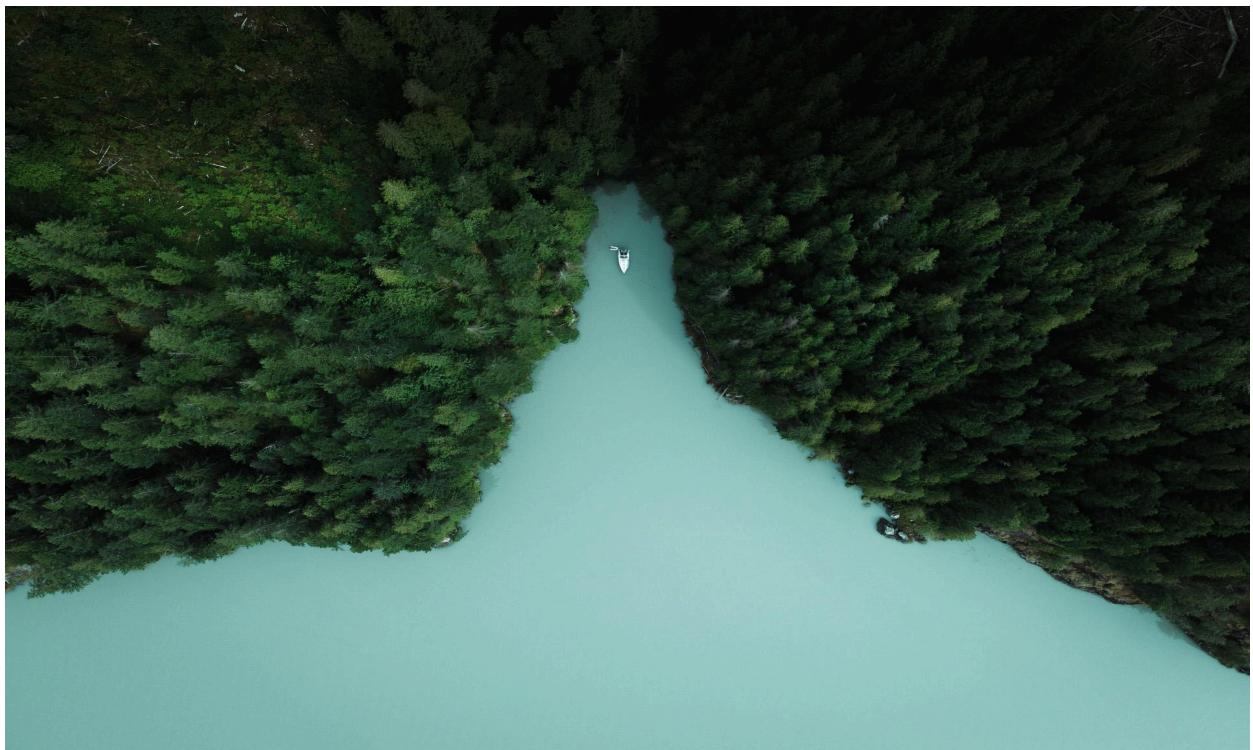




the glacial creeks carved their way through the mountains to create a dent in the cliff. Enter **Swedish mooring** - a technique not for the faint hearted.

The massive delta at the head of Toba Inlet is traditional Klahoose nation land, and prime grizzly bear territory. If we are lucky, we can do some grizzly **bear watching** from the safety of our boat and watch seals play in the river rapids.

Nights in Toba Inlet are **etched into our memory** as some of the strongest moments on a boat. With no light pollution, the stars are brighter than anywhere else we've sailed. The sounds of waterfalls, wind through the trees, and the occasional splash of a jumping fish create a symphony of nature that **lulls us to sleep**.



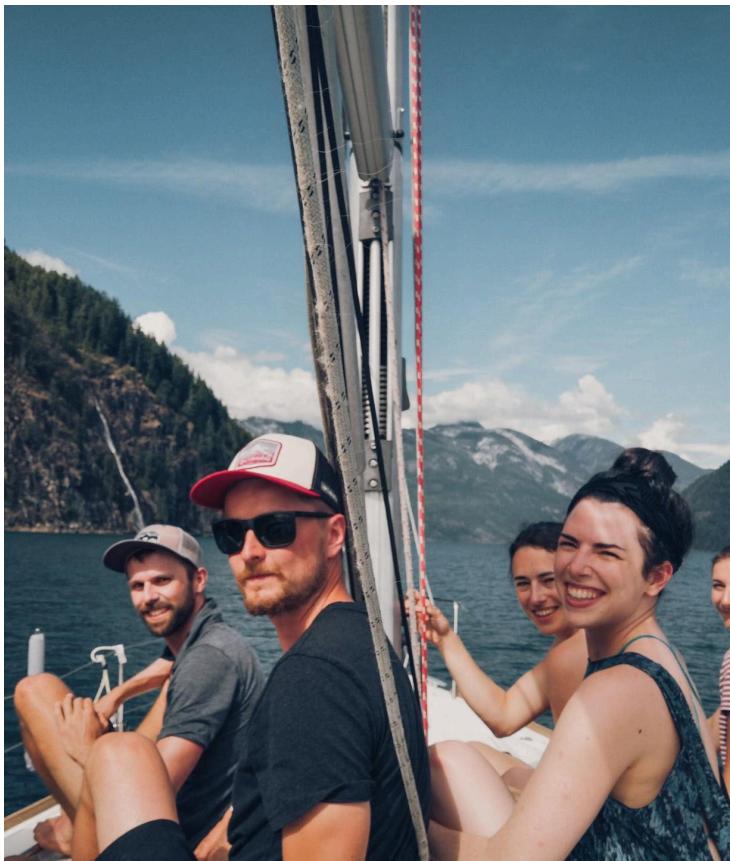
Refuge Cove



Leaving the frigid waters of Toba Inlet behind, we set sail to circumnavigate West Redonda Island. Our first stop is Teakerne Arm, where we'll spend an afternoon near an impressive waterfall and the **warm, inviting Cassell Lake**. The lake can get busy, but it's a chance to re-adjust to civilization before our next stop: Refuge Cove, the only **enclave of civilization** in the area. It has a wild west feel and is a great place to restock on some basics, top up our water tanks, buy locally hand-made souvenirs, and send unique post cards back home!

Refuge Cove is a small community in the true sense of the word, founded in the 1940s by a group of war veterans who settled there after World War II. Today, it has a small year-round population and serves as a popular stopover for boaters exploring the park. The **cinnamon buns are to die for**.

Discovery Islands



As we ride the boundary of Lewis Channel, we enter new territory: Discovery Islands. Interestingly enough, this seems to be the **favorite playground of humpback whales**. So far, we have met these majestic creatures every. single. time.

Indeed, wildlife seem to love Cortes Island, with its sizable wild wolf populations, bald eagles, and Jurassic rainforests.

Cortes Island boasts **unique topography with protected lagoons**, providing us with a calm and serene place to anchor, hike, swim and play. Von-Donop inlet is accessed via a narrow isthmus that is only passable during high tide.

On the south side of Cortes Island, past the proverbial Whaletown, we discover a deep and protected natural harbor that has been used since ancient times. The Gorge, entered through a narrow gate in sheer cliffs, contains a treasure trove of ancient First Nations petroglyphs.

Mitlenatch Island

As we begin our journey back to Nanaimo, weather permitting, we will make a stop at an island that few know about - and even fewer visit. The minuscule Mitlenatch island, lying remotely in the Salish sea, has a unique Mediterranean microclimate.



The island lies in the rain shadow of Vancouver Island, which means it receives much less rainfall than the surrounding areas. This, combined with its exposure to the sun and wind, creates a warm and dry climate unusual for coastal British Columbia.

As a result, the island is home to a diverse range of plant and animal species, including many that are

rare or endangered. Home to the second-largest seabird colony in the area, including pelagic cormorants, pigeon guillemots, rhinoceros auklets, and black oystercatchers. The island is also home to a large population of seals, sea lions and otters. We had our closest ever encounter with an Orca pod while at anchor here - literally a boat length away. We weigh anchor and set sail with the setting sun behind us and make our way back South to Nanaimo. Our final dinner ashore and an ice cold beer will be well deserved.

YOUR CREW | PATRIK & SARAH-JAYNE | WANDER THE WAVES

Wander the Waves



Wander the Waves was founded in 2018 by Patrik and Sarah-Jayne - two adventurous souls with a shared love of sailing, exploration, and meeting new people. From the moment you step aboard our sailboat, you'll feel the difference. We're not a holiday company, **we're your hosts and friends**, doing everything in our capacity to make **your journey with us a once-in-a-lifetime experience**.

Our trips are **carefully curated** to offer the perfect blend of adventure, relaxation, and learning - with a focus on safety and respect for the environment. Whether you're a seasoned sailor or a complete beginner, we'll help you develop new skills and create memorable experiences. Get ready to step out of your comfort zone and into an immersive [Blue Mind](#) experience.

Patrik



Patrik is a highly qualified RYA Yachtmaster Instructor with over 35,000 nautical miles under his belt as an instructor and skipper. He holds a Commercially Endorsed MCA/RYA Yachtmaster Offshore and Master 200gt certification, Yachtmaster Ocean theory exams, and an MSc. in Air Transportation Engineering.

Originally from land-locked Czech Republic, Patrik left a career in engineering to pursue sailing and has since spent most of his time

on water, and teaching others to do the same. His passion for adventure and wealth of experience ensure that you'll be in expert hands when joining us on one of our sailing adventures.

As a professional RYA instructor, Patrik is always happy to share his knowledge and experience with those who have a deeper interest in sailing. Check out his sail training project - the [Yacht Master Class](#).

Sarah-Jayne



Sarah-Jayne, our First Mate and Host, grew up in Wales and moved to New York City at 18 to attend acting school. Since then, she has been exploring her passions for storytelling, psychology, philosophy, creative arts and travel. Sarah fell in love with sailing while crossing the Biscay Bay with Patrik, and since then has found that sailing brings her incredible joy.

Curiosity leads the way in her endeavours as an Integral Coach, Blue Health Coach, Awakening Yoga Teacher 200HR, Songwriter and Digital Content Creator. Sarah-Jayne

is passionate about helping you discover the freedom to be the captain of your own ship and step into who you truly are, not what the World told you to be.

She has recently started a writing publication on Substack called 'Midlight Lightbulbs' that you can [check out here](#).

Why this may be the adventure of your lifetime

- The warmest water north of Mexico
- Bears come down from the mountains to have breakfast just a stone's throw away from where you eat yours
- You can anchor in places that likely no one has ever touched
- Whales are playing in front of Whaletown
- While some holidays offer you fine dining, we can promise that the views will make for some of the finest dining of your life
- Paddle / wakeboard / kayak / swim under 8000 ft snow capped mountains
- You can forget about phone signal, so switch off your device and get your Blue Mind on
- Waterfalls pour into water so turquoise that Bora Bora gets green with envy
- Morning warm-up includes climbing along the rock to retrieve the lines during low tide
- If it rains you hide in the water
- Rainforests so deep that even the wolves cannot find you
- Deep conversation and connection inspired by nature immersion



Land Acknowledgement for the First Nations of Howe Sound, Sunshine Coast, and Desolation Sound

We respectfully acknowledge that the lands we explore and enjoy are the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), Shíshálh (Sechelt), Kwikwetlem (Coquitlam), Kwikwasut'inuxw (Kwakiutl), Tla'amin (Tla'amin), Klahoose (Sliammon), Pentlatch (K'omoks), and Homalco (Xwemalhkwu) First Nations.

We recognize their enduring presence on these lands since time immemorial, and honor their ongoing cultural and spiritual connections with these territories, their ancestors, and their cultures. **We are grateful for the opportunity to learn from and be inspired by their wisdom, resilience, and stewardship of the land, sea, and sky that sustains us all.**

