

MYCBC CRUISE GUIDELINES

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These are the Guidelines that Cruise Organizers should use when planning Club Cruises. These are only guidelines and if unique opportunities arise they can be modified by popular vote at the AGM planning meeting.

The objective of all Club Cruises should be to encourage and foster sailing skills and fellowship among MYCBC Club Members.

1. Regatta – Focus on Sailing and Sailing Skills

1. Scheduled to occur at the beginning of the sailing season on May Long Weekend
2. Location should be chosen to facilitate the following objectives
 1. Moorage for all Club boats wishing to attend
 2. a regatta sailing experience around a sailing course to foster the skills of sailing to a mark in various conditions.
 3. Review of onboard safety equipment
 4. Launching and recovery of a Macgregor Sailboat
 5. Checking and adjusting the rigging .
 6. Opportunity to practice skills such as Crew Overboard and Heave To during the Safety Sail
 7. Opportunity to practice emergency anchoring during the Safety Sail
 8. A facility for early season Pot Luck Social Evening
 9. A pancake breakfast (Budget TBA)
 10. Recommended Location – Blaine Marina

2. MacRendezvous - Focus on Boating Education

1. Scheduled to occur in early June
2. Location should be chosen to facilitate the following objectives
 1. Close enough for most members to reach location on Friday Evening.
 2. Moorage for all Club boats wishing to attend
 3. Facilities for Pot Luck Social
 4. Facilities for on land seminars
 5. Wine & Cheese Social (Budget TBA)
 6. Pancake Breakfast (Budget TBA)
 7. Recommended Location – Union Steamship Marina, Snug Cove, Bowen Island

3. Commodore's Cruise - Focus on Destination & Cruising Skills

1. Scheduled to occur around July 1 Canada Day Holiday
2. Location and dates to be set by Commodore based on survey of Club Membership
3. The location and date will be announced at the AGM
4. Location should include a significant distance to either Sunshine Coast, Gulf Islands or San Juan locations.
5. Maximum recommended time/distance travelling at 5kt is 7 hour/35 nautical miles from either the northern (Vancouver) area or Southern (Semiahmoo Bay) area.
6. Flotillas must be organized to provide safe passage across open water and through tide gates.

7. Locations should be chosen that will allow members to experience new areas they may not have been to before.
8. A mix of marina, anchoring and mooring should be offered whenever possible but a trip should not be eliminated by the lack of any of these 3 opportunities.
9. Opportunity for a Pot Luck Social
10. Opportunity for Pancake Breakfast (Budget TBA)
11. Commodore and Rear Commodore should coordinate to ensure their cruises are to different locations. Ideally one should be located for easy access from the Vancouver Harbour area and the other one for easy access from Semiahmoo, Point Roberts and Victoria locations.

4. Rear Commodore's Cruise - Focus on Destination & Cruising Skills

1. Scheduled to occur August Long Weekend
2. Location and dates to be set by Rear Commodore based on survey of Club Membership
3. The location and date will be announced at the AGM
4. Location should include a significant distance to either Gulf Islands or San Juan locations.
5. Maximum recommended time/distance travelling at 5kt is 7 hour/35 nautical miles from either the northern (Vancouver) area or Southern (Semiahmoo Bay) area.
6. Flotillas must be organized to provide safe passage across open water and through tide gates.
7. Locations should be chosen that will allow members to experience new areas they may not have been to before.
8. A mix of marina, anchoring and mooring should be offered whenever possible but a trip should not be eliminated by the lack of any of these 3 opportunities.
9. Opportunity for a Pot Luck Social
10. Opportunity for Pancake Breakfast (Budget TBA)
11. Commodore and Rear Commodore should coordinate to ensure their cruises are to different locations. Ideally one should be located for easy access from the Vancouver Harbour area and the other one for easy access from Semiahmoo, Point Roberts and Victoria locations.

5. Raft -Up – Focus on Anchoring and Rafting Skills

1. Scheduled to occur on Labour Day Weekend
2. Provide an organized experience of rafting boats together on anchors
3. Location should be chosen to facilitate the following objectives
 1. A large enough anchorage to provide room for all the Club boats that want to attend.
 2. Flotillas must be organized to provide safe passage across open water and through tide gates.
 3. Onshore facilities for a Group Pot Luck Social Evening
 4. Access to onshore washrooms or outhouses

Confidence Cruises

Cruise Objectives:

- Short on-the-water group sails that build confidence in different areas of seamanship
- Everyone sails together on-board member host boat(s) in a controlled environment.
- Host boats must be equipped with full safety gear, and operate with full ballast at all times.
- All participating members must wear PFD's at all times.
- Maximum of six members per boat.

1. Night Sailing

- Conducted during one or all of our annual Summer Cruise's.
- Go onboard at night with other members for a short night sail.
- Experience sailing at night.
- Practice navigation lights recognition, basic do's and don't.

2. Securing for the Night (On and Off the Hook)

- Conducted once annually during the summer months. Day-sail between 10:00-15:00.
- Anchoring: (under power and sail)
 - Review of anchoring techniques, dragging, ground tackle options, scope and swing.
 - Double anchoring and stern lines techniques.
 - Trip lines, slip rings, anchor floats.
- Mooring Balls: (under power and sail)
 - Identifying different styles of mooring balls.
 - Techniques for getting on and off a ball.
- Dock Lines:
 - Securing breast and spring lines. Springing-off the dock in confined space.
 - Securing techniques and knots for standard; dock-cleats, dock-rings, and dock rails.

3. MacSkills - B.O.A.T. 101 (Basic Operation And Techniques)

- During this 4 hour on the water day sail, we will review most key aspects of general seamanship and basic safety, along with practical hands-on participation that include; casting off and docking, boat handling and piloting, navigation, marine etiquette, VHF radios, and an introduction to sailing and boat balance. We also review the differences between the late model sport hulls (X, M) that allow planning ability and higher speeds verses the displacement hull models (S, D).
- We highly recommended this 4 hour day sail for people who are new to boating, new to sailing, but also for those who have previous keel boat experience so as to understand the functions of adjustable keels and retractable rudders and water ballast verses lead keel ballast. This session is also a prerequisite for those wanting to sail with us on our MacFoulie. This is not a substitute for certified instruction.
- Participants will sail on a members boat with a sail coach in the early spring in the protected waters of Indian Arm. Sign up is first come first serve (maximum 5 participants) on the MYCBC website BOAT 101 page under Water Mactivities/Club Cruises

4. Fall Mac Foulie

- We focus the day on sharing foul weather sailing strategies, techniques, and preventive measures one might consider using when encountering inclement weather conditions while underway, including; wet, cold, strong wind, high waves, reduced visibility, safety and overboard emergencies.
- During this day-sail we share heavy weather concepts and apply practical techniques using standard equipment found onboard most MacGregor boats that may help us better understand the principles of boat balance, sail reefing and trim, piloting, and general seamanship that go well beyond the basic fundamental skills that we explore during our BOAT-101 session. (Basic Operation and Techniques)
- This “Open Water” MacFoulie day-sail is not recommended as a first time experience on the MacGregor water ballast trailer sailboat, or the first time being under sail. We recommend that participating members have previously sailed with us on our “BOAT-101” session in preparation for a MacFoulie, or have previous sailing experience in adverse weather conditions. This is not a substitute for certified instruction.
- Participants will sail on a members boat with a sail coach. Sign up is first come first serve (maximum 5 participants) on the MYCBC website MacFoulie page under Water Mactivities/Club Cruises
- first Saturday/Sunday in October, Open Water – Advanced techniques. Suggested location English Bay. Focus on advanced techniques in bigger waters. Conducted in weather that may be inclement and require foul weather gear.