

Take the MV Uchuck to Kyuquot and Paddle the Mission Group of Islands!

Do you want to experience paddling on the NW Island coast, but don't have the time or inclination to undertake a long kayak trip to get there and back? The MV Uchuck is for you!

A group of us sailed from Gold River to Kyuquot on the Uchuck, paddled for an hour to our Spring Island campsite in the Mission Group where we stayed for a week, hiking and paddling the area, before returning to Kyuquot and sailing back to Gold River on the Uchuck.

Here are some things we learned during our trip, and some related photos – see if you can match them up!

- The Uchuck is a vital connection for NW Island people, communities, and businesses
- There are many sea otters thriving in the area
- Spring Island is a good place to be weather-bound for 3 days!
- West Coast Expeditions, now owned by Kyuquot FN, operates at the N end of Spring I
- The Big Tree Trail is well worth the effort to hike
- Paddling all around the Mission Group, including Lookout Island, is a great day activity
- There is a large sea arch at the NW corner of Spring Island
- Views from the campsite at the S end are amazing, especially in good weather
- The resident sea otters in Kyuquot Harbour are very photogenic
- There is a 4-bedroom apartment above the General Store on Kyuquot's public dock that we rented for \$400 the night before our early morning Uchuck return departure



























