

Kayaking Kyuquot Sound from Sea Otter Lodge

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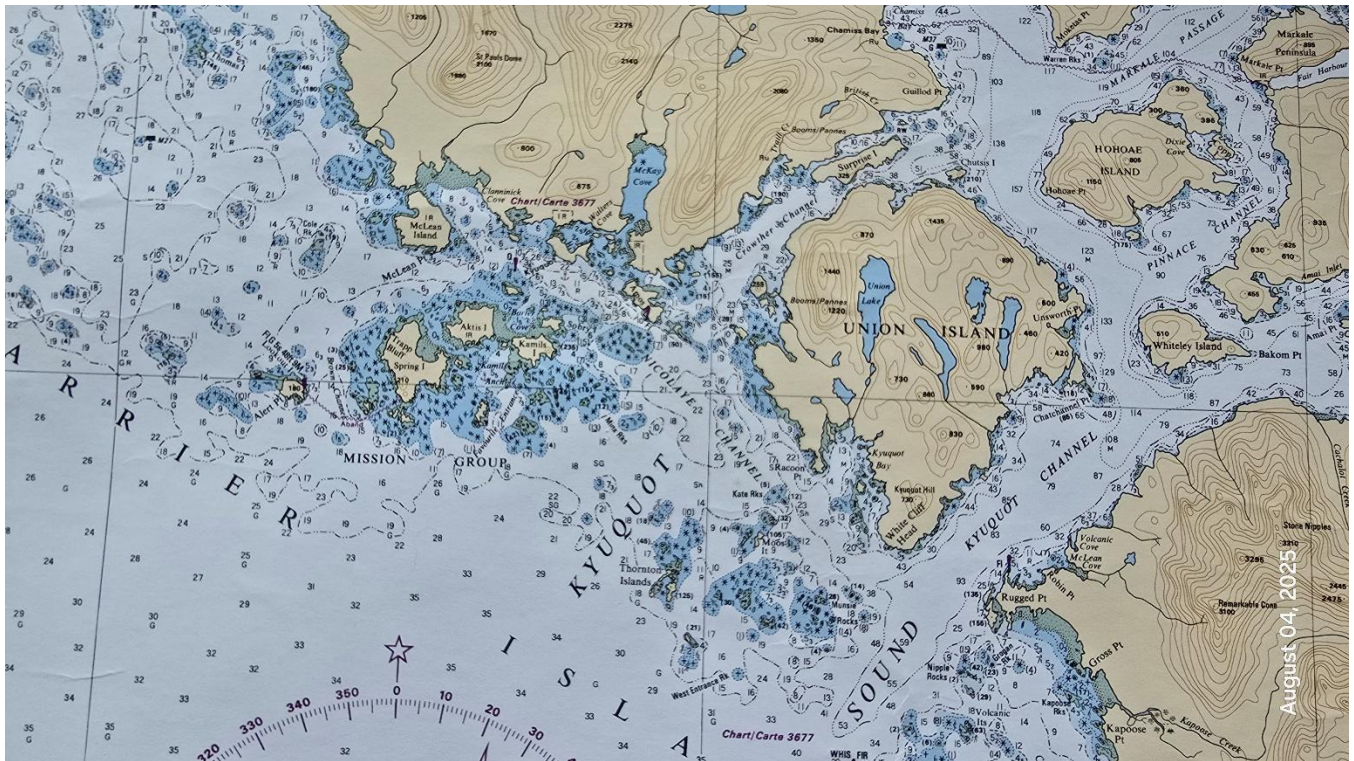
Eleven Salish Salties and guest, Jane Jacek, (who helped us find this Lodge when our plans for the Broughtons did not materialize) arrived at Sea Otter Lodge on 2 August and departed on 7 August via Leo Jack's efficient Voyager Water Taxi service from Fair Harbour. <https://www.voyagerwatertaxi.com/>

The Lodge has 4 double bedrooms and one large bedroom that can accommodate up to 5 twin beds, or a King plus a twin. It is on its own private island just east of Kyuquot – Kon Tiki island, marked in blue in the above picture. It is owned by Susan & Skip Plensky. We brought our own food, but an option is to rent it fully catered. It was a perfect location to explore the surrounding coastline over four daily paddles. Three of our group arranged a fish day with owner Skip that resulted in eight good sized fish – seven salmon and one ling cod. <https://www.seaotterlodgebc.com/>

It is a 6.5 hour drive to Fair Harbour, and the last 75 km are on an unpaved rough road through Zeballos. We arranged our water taxi pick up at 4 pm. Some left Victoria before 8 AM and others elected to spend a night before at Campbell River. We arrived at Sea Otter Lodge at 5 PM where we were greeted by the owners who helped us get settled. They live in a cabin on the east of the island. Other than Saywayd, provisions and gasoline are only available at Campbell River and Port McNeill, so we had to bring in (and out) everything we would need.

Norm Smyth organized the trip, Greg Rooney the meal plan, and Jim Lamb organized our daily paddles and led two of them. The other two paddles were led by Jane Jacek and BJ Porter. Paddles had to accommodate increasing winds every afternoon. After some morning fog, all days were sunny and clear, but we had one stormy wet day and did a short late morning paddle in McKay cove that day

We enjoyed this trip a lot. Susan & Skip were kind, caring, hosts and Skip loves fishing!



Kyuquot Sound’s Mission Group and the West Coast of Spring and Union Islands have dramatically eroded cliffs with arches and tunnels and sheltered beaches. Wildlife we saw included black bears, wolves, and sea otters everywhere.

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<div>Day 1: Through Kyuquot to McLean Isl.</div>	<div>Day 2: Around Spring Isl.</div>	<div>Day 3: McKay Cove</div>	<div>Day 4: Around Surprise Isl.</div>



Sea Otter Lodge comes with dock, two decks, a kayak friendly beach, and walking trails.



Sea Otter Lodge's spacious and comfy Great Room.



Dramatic sea stack rocks.



Dramatic scenery all around.



Surge was too rough to transit the cave.



Dan & Vic shared their catch.



Dan, Jane, Bryan, Jonathan, BJ, Greg, Jim, Susan, Katie, Barb + behind photo Vic & Norm.



Lunch stop near Surprise Isl.



Vic testing battery operated kayak.



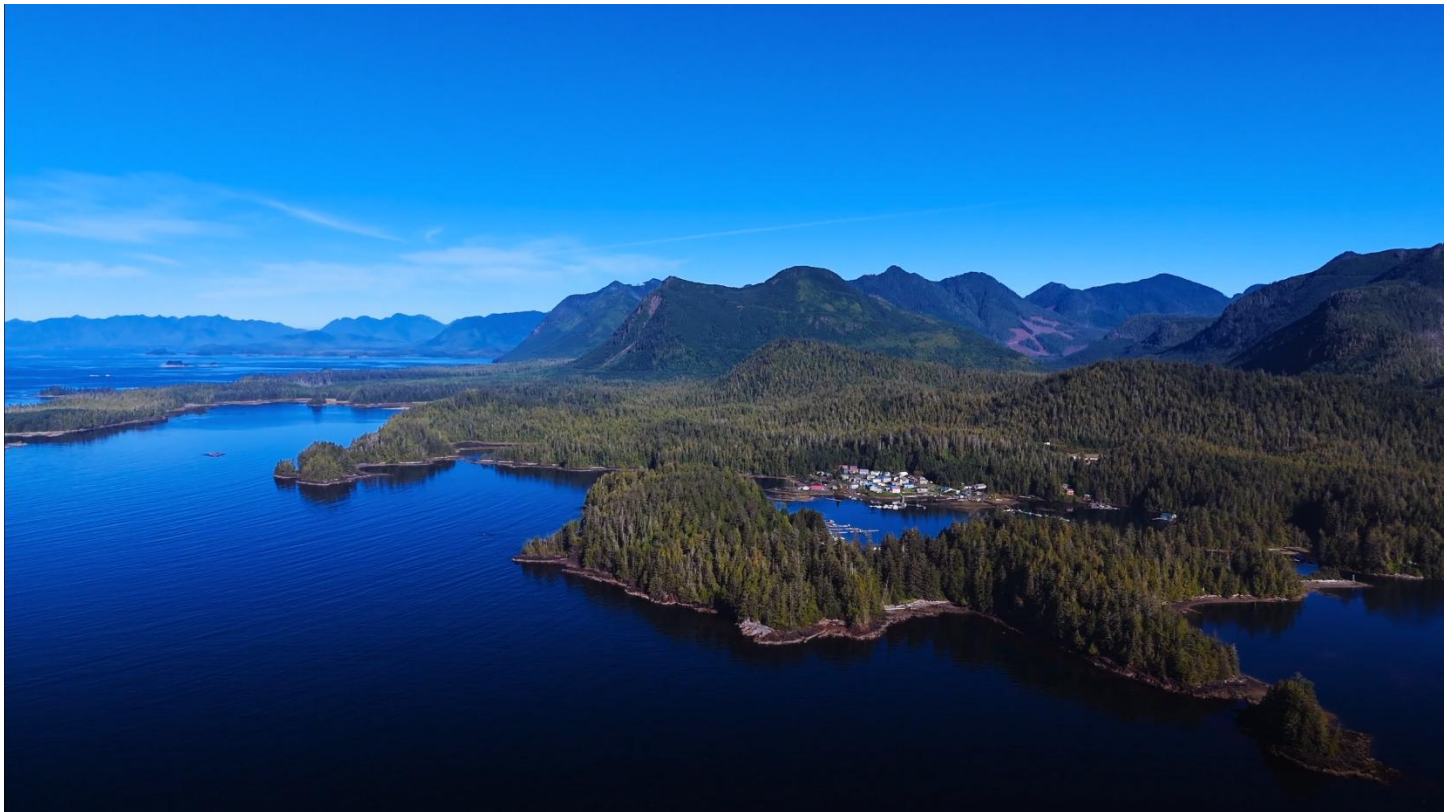
Black Bear



Wolf



Sea Otter



Kyuquot with Brooks Peninsula in the distance.