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North Channel Cruise--July 17-July 31

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Entering Canada

- Remember your I.D., They may not ask but make sure to have either a drivers license or passport.
- After passing customs you should request a Canada Customs Report, as proof that you arrived by road and not by water, in case you are approached by customs while in port.
- If you are traveling with a pet, a current Rabies Certificate is required.
- Firearms are a no-no.

Things to bring

- Make sure you can mosquito-proof your cabin. Bugs are not usually a problem during the day, but do come out after the sun goes down.
- Bring LONG lines to take a line ashore (I carry two strong lines each over 100 ft).
- Have a good anchor (preferably two) with some chain, and sufficient rode.
- While not essential, a dinghy is very useful for getting around the anchorages.
- Charts of the area are a MUST. (See list)
- A VHF radio is very useful, allowing us to keep in touch with each other and for safety.
- A depth sounder is very useful. This can be a simple "fish finder".
- A handheld GPS can be very useful, if you wish to sail alone in the area. There are plenty of GPS units in the group if you stay with them.
- Sun protection: sunscreen and wide-brim hat. Bimini optional but nice.
- Pictures: bring a camera and lots of film or digital memory cards.
- Walking shoes. Good shoes are desirable for hiking and trips into town.

Communication

Again this year, we will have a radio web twice a day, at 9 AM and 9 PM. This web will provide a chance to discuss the day's schedule and for people outside the main group to keep in touch.

Courtesy

Remember we are guests in these waters, so treat the area with respect. No littering, or discharging of waste or oils into the water.

Protect the trees, try to shore tie to rocks or stumps rather than live trees. Padding under your shore lines on live trees is recommended.

Noise should be kept to a minimum after dark, so as not to disturb those who turn in early.