

VOYAGE MAKERS

TRAIN - EXPERIENCE - BRITISH COLUMBIA

EDUCATIONAL FLOTILLAS WITH NANAIMO YACHT CHARTERS

Departing Nanaimo B.C.

*Intimate – Curated - Transformative
Limited to 8 vessels.*

Dates	Experience	Duration
June 5–13, 2026	Gulf Islands Gourmet Loop	8 Days / Nights
July 29–Aug 9, 2026	Desolation Sound Explorer	12 Days / Nights
Sept 4–19, 2026	North Island Explorer	11 Days / Nights

Gulf Islands Gourmet Loop – June 5–13, 2026

A delicious and educational journey through the South Coast's best anchorages, harbours, and shoreline restaurants. Learn navigation, crew and skippering skills while enjoying farmers markets, gourmet dining, and Vancouver Island's vibrant local food scene.

Training Focus: Introduction to Cruising • Competent Crew • Bareboat Skipper

Desolation Sound Explorer – July 29–August 9, 2026

Make this summer unforgettable. Sail through the Sunshine Coast, Desolation Sound, and Discovery Islands — BC's most iconic cruising waters. Learn advanced navigation and anchoring while building your sea miles.

Training Focus: Coastal Navigation • Coastal/Bareboat Skipper (IYT-ICC)

North Island Explorer – September 4–19, 2026

Refine your seamanship in dynamic fall weather as we navigate world-class rapids, Johnstone Strait, and the Broughtons. Perfect for sailors who want to learn expedition cruising.

Training Focus: Coastal Navigation • Yachtmaster Coastal (IYT)

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SMALL YACHT ADVENTURES IN COASTAL BRITISH COLUMBIA

Pricing	Bareboat Vessel (up to 6 people per vessel)	All-Inclusive (Per Person)
Gulf Islands Gourmet Loop (3 nights moorage)	\$1,997	\$6,995
Desolation Sound Explorer (5 nights moorage)	\$2,445	\$10,450
North Island Explorer (5 nights moorage)	\$2,445	\$10,450

GULF ISLANDS GOURMET LOOP JUNE 5-13, 2026 (8-DAYS/NIGHTS)

Build your navigation, crew and skippering skills on this cruise in the Gulf Islands that will be a delicious as it is educational. Gourmet dining, farmers markets and the best tastes of Vancouver Island as you explore the South Coast's best anchorages, harbours and shoreline restaurants.

Open to sailors at all skills levels – including anyone who just wants to experience cruising for the first time in one of the world's most beautiful cruising grounds.

Certification & Training Focus: Introduction to Cruising, Competent Crew, Bareboat Skipper and Coastal Navigation

Itinerary Stops

Thetis Island	Clam Bay, Telegraph Harbour
Salt Spring Island	Ganges Harbour
Gabriola Island	Montague Harbour
Saanich Peninsula	Brentwood Bay
Vancouver Island	Genoa Bay, Cowichan Bay, Ladysmith
Wallace Island	Princess Cove

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DESOLATION SOUND EXPLORER JULY 29-AUGUST 9, 2026 (12-DAYS/NIGHTS)

Summer weather, fast currents, delicious food. Make this summer one that you will never forget as we explore the Sunshine Coast, Desolation Sound and the Discovery Islands during the best time of year. Enjoy learning new navigation and anchoring skills while enhancing your boating resume. This experience will help you gain valuable seamiles in complex waters, introduce you to BC's most beautiful waterfalls.

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Certification & Training Focus: Coastal Navigation, Coastal/Bareboat Skipper (IYT-ICC)

Itinerary Stops (Weather Dependent)

BC Mainland	Pender Harbour, Secret Cove, Toba Wilderness Marina
Dent Island	Dent Island Marina
Cortez Island	Gorge Harbour, Squirrel Cove
West Redonda	Roscoe Bay
Quadra Island	Heriot Bay, Waiatt Bay, Octopus Islands
Sonora Island	Thurston Bay

NORTH ISLAND EXPLORER SEPTEMBER 4-19, 2026 (11-DAYS/NIGHTS)

Refine all of your seamanship skills in dynamic fall weather as we explore the fast running currents and anchor in quiet anchorages that will prepare you for more adventurous explorations at home and abroad. Experience world-class rapids, sail the Johnstone Strait and experience the Discovery Islands and Broughton Archipelago while you learn the skills you need for more adventurous explorations on your own boat or to prepare to circumnavigate Vancouver Island with us in 2027.

Certification & Training Focus: Coastal Navigation, Yachtmaster Coastal (IYT)

Itinerary Stops & Passes (Weather Dependent & Subject to Planning by Participants)

Vancouver Island	Comox, Forward Harbour
Quadra Island	Heriot Bay, Waiatt Bay, Octopus Islands
Sonora Island	Owen Bay, Thurston Bay
Cortez	Gorge Harbour,
West Thurlow	Blind Chanel
Mainland B.C.	Port Neville

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Certifications calibrated to your individual needs. 1:1 coaching designed to ensure your success.

Introduction to Cruising (CRYA):	Perfect for the curious who have never stepped on a boat.
Crew/Day Skipper (CRYA) International Crew (IYT):	Introduction to sailing that teaches you the skills needed to be an active crew member. Mastery at this level is required to advance to become Bareboat Charter qualified.
Coastal Navigation	Learn how to understand charts, use electronic navigation and understand coastal waters, including tides and currents. <i>(Pre-requisite for Coastal and Bareboat Skipper certification.)</i>
Coastal Skipper (CRYA) Bareboat Skipper with ICC (IYT):	Gain a certificate of competency to command a vessel your own vessel or bareboat charter. This is a comprehensive course that includes training to dock, anchor and navigate unfamiliar coastal waters in moderate wind and sea conditions. <i>(Pre-requisite: Coastal Navigation)</i>
Yachtmaster Coastal (IYT)	This course is for experience sailors who want to learn more advanced navigation, weather, anchoring and docking and how to master a vessel up to 60 miles offshore in coastal waters. <i>(Pre-Requisite: Coastal Skipper/Bareboat Skipper and Coastal Navigation)</i>

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CHOOSE HOW YOU CRUISE - SELECT YOUR OWN BOAT
OR ENJOY ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICING

All Flotilla Fees include:

- Certification Theory Materials for One (1) Course
- Local Provisions Box filled with locally sourced pantry items to enhance your on board cooking.
- Voyage Makers "Coastal Field Guide" - Our curated guide to the best dining and provisioning on the BC Coast.
- One (1) Fine Dining Experience per Flotilla
- One (1) Guided Shore Experience
- Provisioning Services (Cost of food not included)
- Moorage
- Daily Morning Briefings, Evening "Sundowner" Gatherings & Ongoing Coaching
- Two (2) Scheduled Pre-Departure Online Training & Planning Sessions (per vessel)
- New Friends

Flotilla Fees Do Not Include:

- Vessel Costs for Bareboat Vessels
- Instructional Skippers for Bareboat Vessels (Instructional Skipper Cost \$550 per Day)
- Fuel
- On-Board Food
- SUP or Kayak Rentals
- Additional Shore Activities (options vary per Flotilla)

All-Inclusive Pricing Per Person:

- All of the above plus the costs of the vessel, moorage, fuel, onboard instructional skipper.
- Provisions for all onboard meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) – prepared together as a crew.
- Your own fully appointed cabin (unless you choose to share).