

Much has changed in the boating community, many marinas have completely rebuilt their docks, changed dock configurations and numbering, added amenities, or changed booking procedures. Some marinas are currently in the planning stage for improvements to start in 2024.

Each year the Waggoner Editors and volunteer Waggoner Field Correspondents spend the summer months gathering all the changes at marinas and anchorages that are so important for boaters to have at their fingertips. Hundreds of updates are gathered each year, and that's equally true for the 2024 edition of the Waggoner Cruising Guide.

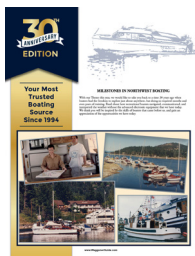
2024 marks the 30th Anniversary of the Waggoner Cruising Guide. You will find special markers throughout the guide celebrating this milestone. Many of our advertisers are celebrating with us by including the special 30th Anniversary Marker for Waggoner within their ad.

The chosen 2024 Waggoner theme also reflects our 30th Anniversary.

Here are a few of the exciting new additions to the 2024 Waggoner:

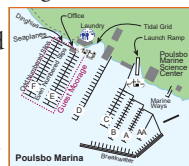
2024 Theme - Milestones in Northwest Boating

- 12 articles reflecting how boating has changed over the years.
- Articles are located throughout various chapters of the 2024 Waggoner Guide.



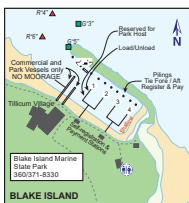
Destinations & Places to Go

- A number of marinas in BC have installed new floats in all new configurations with revised dock and slip numbering and lettering.
- Several marinas in Washington State have built new breakwaters and added guest moorage.
- You will find additional anchorages in the 2024 Waggoner Guide. With the help of our more adventuresome Field Correspondents, we have added helpful descriptions of previously undocumented anchorages.



Maps & Dock Diagrams

- 45 Enhanced/New Maps for 2024
- 28 Updated Maps for 2024
- Additional hiking trails have been added
- Over 300 Maps in the 2024 Edition



Inside Passage - Bear Viewing

- A new Sidebar listing and summarizing 10 Bear Viewing Sites and Opportunities along the Inside Passage. Some Require Permits while other are Open.
- Portland Inlet and the special Khuzeymateen Inlet are now described in sufficient detail to facilitate visiting the Khutzeymateen Conservancy (K'tzim-a-deen Grizzly Sanctuary) and its bear viewing opportunities.



Updates Throughout Each Chapter

- Marina reservation procedures, contact information, amenities & services, and where to find your assigned moorage space are all kept current and up-to-date
- Liability insurance requirements for guest moorage updated
- Southern Resident Killer Whales, new regulations
- Gulf Island's Winery with dock access
- BC Discharge practices and pumpout sites
- 100's of Updates for the waters of Washington, British Columbia, and Southeast Alaska

West Coast Vancouver Island

- All areas were visited and researched with the very latest on parks, anchorages, villages, and tribal matters.
- Updates to Tofino, Ucluelet, and Bamfield
- SRKW regulations



NOAA & CHS Charts

- The latest on NOAA and CHS Charts & Chartplotters
- NOAA and CHS Raster Charts Status
- Legacy and Re-Schemed ENC Charts
- Revised Timeline



U.S. and Canadian Customs

- Updated BC Points of Entry and US Points of Entry
- CBP Roche Harbor Changes
- ArriveCAN Status & Plans

Edifying Sidebar Tips

- Towing Another Vessel
- Bear Viewing Sites listed
- Listing of Fuel Docks on the Inside Passage by geographic region.

National Weather Service

- New, near-shore Gulf of Alaska Weather Forecast Zones
- Separate Offshore Forecast Zones



Entertaining Sidebar Vignettes

- Cosmetic Mirror, What Could Go Wrong?
- Nautical Slang - Common Expressions

Cellular, Satellite, and Internet

- Re-written by local expert, Doug Miller owner of Onboard Wireless
- Latest Starlink equipment and service plans
- Starlink competitors on the horizon
- SOS, EPIRB, PLB, MOD and other emergency devices

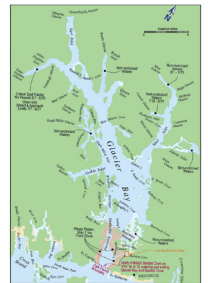


Readability and Ease of Use

- Shaded Header Titles for Water Areas
- Helpful Geographic Context

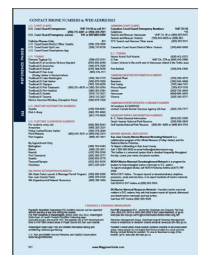
Glacier Bay National Park

- 2024 will see a number of changes in permitting and regulations for private recreational boats visiting Glacier Bay National Park.
- Private boat permit application process has changed
- Permit stay period shortened by 2 days



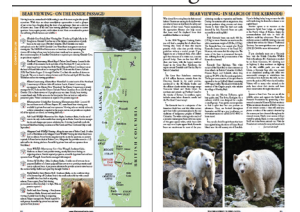
Reference Pages, end of the book

- Contact phone numbers
- VHF Radio Channels
- Speed Limit & No-Wake Zones
- Fuel Docks by area
- BC Pumpout Stations
- Index pages
- Advertiser Index



Bear Viewing Guide

- Map and descriptions to 10 bear viewing sites on the Inside Passage
- Kermode (Spirit Bear) information and guide resource





WAGGONER NAME

In 1584 the Dutch pilot Lucas Janszoon Waghenauer published a volume of navigation principles, tables, charts, and sailing directions, which served as a guide for other such books for the next 200 years. These “*Waggoners*,” as they came to be known, were very popular; and in 1588, an English translation of the original book was made. During the next 30 years, 24 editions of the book were published in Dutch, German, Latin, and English. Other authors followed the example set by Waghenauer. Soon, American, British, and French navigators had *Waggoners* for most of the waters they sailed.

Today’s *Waggoner* (pronounced wag-on-er), in honor of the Dutch pilot, is proud to carry on the respected tradition of providing first-hand knowledge, reference maps, and information to help mariners get the most out of their recreational boating adventures in the Pacific Northwest.

Lucas was not only an expert cartographer, he was also an experienced pilot. He sailed the seas as a chief officer between 1550 and 1579. His years of sailing experience and contacts with harbour officials and seamen, provided the impetus for his chart making. The Dutch were the foremost European hydrographers and cartographers of the day. Lucas Waghenauer played a major role in the early development of Dutch nautical chart-making and was one of the founding fathers of the North Holland School. After his seafaring adventures, he worked in the port of Enkhuizen as collector of maritime dues; it was here that he passed away in 1606.



Waghenauer’s published text was based on traditional navigation, but his charts added an important component, which created the world’s first published pilot guide. His charts showed coastal panoramas and land profiles as viewed from the sea. Compass intersections were used to plot prominent coastal features. Although some of these features were exaggerated, his charts were primarily intended for approaches to important harbours.

Waghenauer’s first publication, *Spiegel der zeevaerdt* (Mariner’s Mirror), appeared in 1584, which was a combination of nautical charts, sailing directions, and instruction for navigation on the western and north-western coastal waters of Europe; it was the first of its kind in the history of nautical cartography.

Waghenauer’s publications have withstood the test of time as a model for marine guidebooks with instructions, chartlets, and piloting tips. We hope you enjoy the annually updated *Waggoner Cruising Guide*, published by Fine Edge Nautical Publishing based in Anacortes, Washington.

It is inconclusive or unknown if any of Waghenauer’s publications included advertising to defray his costs of printing and publication. It is noted that he died in apparent poverty, and that the municipal authorities extended his pension a year longer for his widow.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Municipal Marinas
- Private Marinas
- Public Docks
- Gulf Islands Marine Parks
- BC Marine Parks
- Anchorage
- Local Knowledge

SOUTHEAST ALASKA

- Borough/City Marinas
- Private Marinas
- State Public Docks
- Glacier Destinations
- National Parks
- Anchorage
- Shoreside Excursions

WASHINGTON STATE

- Port Authority Marinas
- Private Marinas
- Public Docks
- State Marine Parks
- DNR Marine Parks
- County Marine Parks
- Anchorage
- Locks & Bridges

COMPENDIUM

- How To Boat The PNW
- Border Crossings
- NW Marine Weather
- Anchoring / Rafting / SOS
- And More





Our cover photo features Reid Harbor on Stuart Island, with protected anchorage, many mooring buoys, and a large dock for convenient access to Stuart Island Marine Park. Reid Harbor is one of the most popular destinations in the San Juan Islands, offering camping, hiking and access to British Columbia.

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