

Queen Charlotte Islands

Listed Alphabetically.

The West coast of the Queen Charlotte Islands has to be approached with planning and preparation. Know where you are and where you are going - be organized for all possibilities. The weather can be unpredictable and shelter hard to find. Have your boat in perfect working order.

West Coast anchorages are identified with a RED notation.

Anchor Coves & Hallet Island Cove. Chart 3891 Map 103F/12

53 12N 132 14W

A curving shoreline on the west of Kagan Bay. Open to easterly weather but sheltered from westerly winds. There are two coves. Anchor Cove to the south above Anthracite Point and Hallet Cove to the north past Hallet Is. Tuck in close as possible, good holding.

Armentieres Channel. West Coast. Chart 3891 Map 103F/1

53 06N 132 23W

South side of Skidegate Channel. One of the best anchorages on this coast. Go to the head. The chart shows three buoys. Drying flats.

Beattie Anchorage. Chart 3894 Map 103G/4

53 01N 131 54W

An active logging operation at most times, a sheltered anchorage on the south shore of the bay in Cumshewa Inlet. Open to westerly weather. There are public buoys and perhaps some tight anchorage within the rocky islets with uncertain holding. If you are nervous have a look at Gordon Cove at the extreme west of end Gillatt Arm.

Botany & Wilson Bays. West Coast. Chart 3859 Map 103B/12

52 43N 131 55W

In Tasu Sound. Botany Bay Inlet is to the S.E.. Anchorage can be found between Botany Island and the main shore of Reid Peninsula or Wilson Bay on the east side of the inlet. Also the head of Botany Bay Inlet.. Choose your location depending on prevailing conditions. Holding is uncertain;

Bottle Inlet Head. Chart 3854 Map 103C/16

52 54N 132 15W

Protect East of 132 16.660W

Christie Bay. Chart 3891 Map 103F/1

53 12N 132 12W

A secure alternative to the Anchor & Hallet Coves across Kagan Bay. The head dries. Good holding

Crescent Inlet Head. Chart 3807 Map 103B/13

52 44N 131 52W

Careful use of your chart, there are drying flats with quick drop offs. A scenic cruise and a secure anchorage in most weather except for a chance of williwaws. Good holding.

Dawson Harbour. West Coast. Chart 3891

53 09N 132 27W Map 103F/1

A deep arm north off Skidegate Channel a short distance up Dawson inlet. There's a very small bight behind some rocks on the south shore but there's public buoy at the head just around Jovanovich Bight

Douglas Inlet Head. West Coast. Chart 3865 Map 103C/16

52 55N 132 10W

Off (South) Moore Channel Not charted so difficult to advise on anchoring. Mitchell or Mudge inlets might be preferable. Any security at all is best offered at the head of any of them.

Echo Harbour. Chart 3807 Map 103B/12

52 41N 131 45W

A small but very sheltered anchorage with good holding. Favour the east side when entering. The head dries, there's a quick drop off.

Etches Cove. Louscoone Inlet Chart 3825 Map 103B/3

52 10N 131 12W

East shore between Cadman & Etches Points is Etches Cove. A secure anchorage with a public buoy. Holding uncertain if anchoring. 

Heater Harbour. Chart 3855 Map 103B/3

52 07N 131 02W

There's a public Buoy and anchorage at the head with moderate to good holding in most weathers except severe easterlies. See Rose Harbour.

Kootenay Inlet. North and South Arms Charts 3853/54 Map 103C/16

52 51N 132 12W

Uncharted at time of writing. B.C. Sailing Directions advises do not attempt to enter Kootenay Inlet in strong westerly winds or high seas.

Kostan Inlet. Chart 3808 Map 103B/12

52 34N 131 42W

At the south end of Darwin Sound on the west shore. Carefully steer through the narrows into the head of the inlet for a near perfect anchorage close to the head. Mud bottom with good holding.

Lyll Bay. Chart 3807 Map 103B/12

52 38N 131 38W

A sharp bay on the east side of Lyell Island. Open to the north, anchor at the head of the bay. Holding is uncertain.

Murchison Island Coves. Chart 3808 Map 103B/11

52 35N 131 28W

On the north side of Murchison Island, an anchorage for most weathers. There's mooring buoys. Best entered from the N.E. for the clearest passage.

Rose Harbour. Chart 3855 Map 103B/3

52 09N 131 05W

On the south side of Houston Stewart Channel there are strong currents. In settled conditions some anchorage can be found in the channel between Ellen Island and Kunghit Island. Deep in the south of Rose Harbour are three public buoys. People live and work here, expect to raft up.

Sunday Inlet. Head. Not charted Charted at time of writing. Chart 3853 Map 103B/12

52 38N 131 53W

The head of the inlet looks like it has the best promise of anchorage deep into the most southerly bay?

Thurston Harbor Head. Charts 3807 & 3811

52 50N 131 44W

On the north shore of Talunkwan Island. At the head of the harbour are one or more public buoys and some room to anchor. The head dries so watch your sounder. Completely enclosed except for easterlies. Good holding.

Trotter Bay. Chart 3807 Map 103B/13

52 52N 131 53W

Anchor as deep as you can in the S.E. corner, there are drying flats so pay attention to your sounder. A most weather anchorage, make sure your anchor is holding.

Trounce Inlet Head. Chart 3891 Map 103F/1

53 10N 132 19W

Not charted at time of writing but if you are venturing through Skidegate channel this inlet could be worth a look, try the head of the inlet. Cannot advise on anchoring location or holding.

Withered Point. Lina Island. Chart 3891 Map 103F/1

53 13N 132 08W

Lina Island has an appendage from its south shore. Depending the weather choose the cove giving the best shelter. Kagan Bay has several anchoring opportunities. Anchor & Hallet Coves and Christie Bay for example.