

Vancouver Island. West Coast. Coves & Bays.

Listed alphabetically.

Over time several of these locations have become Provincial Park or Protected Areas. Those we know about are coded green. Red are commercially leased.

Atkins & Kokwina Coves.

Chart 3679.

50 31N 127 34W Map 92L/12

Atkins Cove inner lagoon provides serene shelter. Watch for drying shallows.

Kokwina Cove is not as attractive but does provide good shelter. There are remnants of logging activity.

Bawden Bay.

Chart 3648. Map 92E/8

49 17N 126 00W

The lower S.E. corner is secure. Make full use of good visibility, there are rocks to find. The upper N.E. location is usually preferred by transient visitors.

Biadarka Cove. Johnson Cove?

Unnamed on the chart. Christened Biadarka by the Douglas guide books.

Chart 3683 Map 92L/4

50 09N 127 39W.

Open to the East with rocks to find and avoid. Settled weather only. Good holding.

Bodega Island Channel. Unnamed on the chart

Chart 3664. Map 92E/10

49 44N 126 38W

All weather anchorage. Favor the west shore when entering, good holding.

Burlo Island Cove.

Chart 3646. Map 92C/14

48 49N 125 08W

At the head of Bamfield Inlet. Anchor on the west or east of Burlo Island. Drying flats. Good holding

Dodger Channel.

Chart 3671 Map 92C/14

48 50N 125 11W

The southern section is the favoured anchoring area. Good holding. Settled weather only.

East Cove. Koprino Harbour.

Chart 3679 Map 92L/5.

50 29N 127 50W

N.E. corner by the Reserve is the preferred location. There are shallows and rocks, use your chart.

Equis Beach.

Charts 3670, 3671.. Map 92C/14

48 57N 125 17W

Anchor on the North side of island #53 Watch for rocks and shallows. Most weathers, hard sand bottom, make sure your anchor is holding

Recommending Pinkerton Island Group becomes a Marine Protected Area.

Effingham Bay.

Chart 3670

48 52N 125 18W Map 92C/14

Anchor in the S.E. lower corner of the bay, most boats prefer to stern tie. An interesting island to explore. Beaches, a former Indian village and sea cave.

A most weather anchorage. Most boats stern tie. Good holding.

Franks Bay. (Jane Bay) Unnamed Charts 3668-71

49 00N 125 08W

An easy entrance but probably too deep for small craft to anchor. Best location in the south of the bay or the N.E. corner. A stern tie recommended. A most weather anchorage with good holding.

Gooding Cove.

Chart 3686. Map 92L/5

50 24N 127 57W

A settled weather anchorage at the head of the bay with fair to good holding.

Gunner Inlet.

Chart 3649. Map 92F/4

49 10N 125 44W.

After careful navigation up the inlet (there's rocks) secure anchorage in most weathers is found at the head of the inlet. Good holding.

Heelboom Bay.

Chart 3685. Map 92F/4

49 09N 125 47W.

A secure anchorage in all but N.E. winds. The head dries, good holding

Heron Bay.

Chart 3664

49 44N 126 38W

A small cove at the north end of Bodega Island. Anchor on the north east side of Island #225. Watch for shallows, a stern tie is advisable. Good holding.

Hot Springs Cove. Provincial Marine Park

Charts 3643, 3648

49 21N 126 15W Map 92E/8

There is a wharf and buoys. A popular place, be there early

Island Cove.

Chart 3649 Map 92F/4
49 08N 125 45W

Tuck up into the head of the cove. A secure anchorage in most weathers. Good holding.

Jaques/Jarvis Islands Lagoon. National Park.

Chart 3670 Map 92C/14
48 55N 125 16W.

Enter from the north, a sheltered anchorage, use your chart. Make sure your anchor is holding

Jansen Cove. East of Jansen Lake

Chart 3682 Map 92L/3
50 06N 127 16W

A small but sheltered anchorage for most weathers. Make sure your anchor is holding.

Julia Passage.

Chart 3670 Map 92C/14
48 57N 125 12W.

After careful entry from either end you will find secure anchorage throughout this sheltered channel. Good holding.

Julian and Smith Coves.

Chart 3679 Map 92L/5
50 29N 127 36W

Julian Cove seems to be the favourite but both are most weather sheltered anchorages with good holding.

Klaskino Anchorage;

Chart 3680 Map 92L/5
50 18N 127 50W

Fairly deep for anchoring but there are large buoys. A few hundred yards to the north is extra shelter to anchor. Make sure your anchor is holding. There are walking opportunities.

Lemmens Inlet, Head

Chart 3649 Map 92F/4
49 12N 125 52W.

Careful navigation will get you to the head of inlet. The better of the two is on the West side. Watch for tidal currents and crab pot marker floats.

Limestone Bay.

Chart 3668-46. Map 92C/15
48 59N 124 58W.

A secure anchorage except in S.W. winds. Good holding.

Lyll Pt Bight. Mayne Bay

Chart 3670
48 58N 125 17W.

A pleasant settled weather anchorage. The head dries so watch your sounder. A chance to stretch your legs ashore. Good holding.

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Mahatta Creek Koskimo Bay.

Chart 3679 Map 92L/5

50 27N 127 51W

A popular anchorage behind island #65. Good holding. It's possible to explore Mahatta Creek by dinghy at high tide.

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Obstruction Island Cove

Chart 3648. Map 92E/8

49 23N 126 05W

Not charted at time of writing but it might be worth a look.

Quaite Bay (Calm Creek)

Chart 3649. Map 92F/5

49 16N 125 51W

Enter favoring the west side. An all weather anchorage anywhere with good holding, watch for off shore rocks.

Rae Basin

Chart 3640. Map 92E/8

49 28N 126 24W

At low tide there's small nook at the head of Hesquiat Harbour. Well sheltered with good holding.

Rainy Bay Cove.

Chart 3670. Map 92C/14

48 58N 125 02W

A very popular and friendly place for sports fishers, there are several float homes mostly at the west shore. Anchor out of the way. There's good holding.

Refuge Island Cove.

Chart 3670 Map 92F/3

49 01N 125 18W

A small sheltered anchorage behind Refuge Island. A stern tie is advisable, very little swinging room. Uncertain holding.

Ritchie Bay.

Chart 3649 Map 92F/4

49 13N 125 54W

The N.E. and S.E. corners are best for most wind conditions except gales.

There's good holding in both nooks.

Rosa Island Anchorage;

Chart 3663 Map 92E/15

49 49N 126 58W

This is a rocky bay. Anchor close to the East side of Rosa Island. Holding undetermined. Settled weather only.

Tranquil Inlet Coves.

Chart 3649 Map 92F/4

49 11N 125 41W

Proceed north into the inlet to the northernmost head waters. After the narrows, halfway to the West tis the first of two small coves. Proceed further to find the second cove to the east. Both coves offer secure anchorage with good holding.

Turtle Anchorage. Chart 3670

48 54N 125 19W

Barkley sound Broken Island Group.

Two very careful, use your chart, test your navigation entrances, from the north and east to find an enclosed anchorage suitable for all weathers. Make sure your anchor is holding.

Tzartus Island Coves.

Chart 3668-71 Map 92C/14

48 55N 125 06W

Two coves, Marble and Tzartus on the west side of Tzartus Island. The northern of the two seems to be the favourite. For Marble Cove, anchor on the northern side of Fry Island. Both offer secure anchorage and good holding in most weathers

Useless Inlet.

Charts 3668-3646 Map 92C/14

48 59N 125 02W.

The entrance to this inlet needs careful study of your chart before attempting to enter but it's worth the effort. The head has secure any weather anchorage plus some dingy exploring.

Varney Bay Head.

Chart 3617 Map 92L/12

50 33N 127 31W.

On the south side of Kenny Point headland there is a small V notch that provides good protection in most conditions, use your chart, there are some rocks to be aware of. A high tide dingy exploration up the Marble River is worth the effort.

Windy Bay.

Chart 3685 Map 92F/4

49 08N 125 49W

As the name implies, it can get windy. Go all the way to the head. The holding is good and you trust your anchor give it a try. Very scenic and worth the stay.

Wood Cove. Kashutl Inlet.

Chart 3682 Map 92L/3

50 09N 127 18W.

A cozy little cove in all but northerly winds. Holding uncertain.