

## **Trip Information For Onboard Navigation Course**

Friday Harbor, Port McNeill, Petersburg

with

*F/V Aimee O, Inc and Starpath School of Navigation*

### **To and from Port McNeill, BC**

Kenmore Air float plane service flies from Seattle to Port McNeill and back. This is a wonderful flight over much of the waters you will be sailing, so it adds a lot to the experience. Kenmore Air: 800-543-9595 and [www.kenmoreair.com](http://www.kenmoreair.com). Float plane luggage limit is 24 pounds per person, soft sided luggage with extra weight taken on space available basis at \$1 per pound. Kenmore has some shuttle service between Seattle and SeaTac airport. After checking the notes below, please call Kenmore to make your own reservations for the appropriate flight. They will inform you of the necessary documents needed to travel to or from Canada.

Those sailing with F/V Aimee O from Port McNeill, BC (departure May 10) to Petersburg, AK (arrive May 17), could use this service as a way to get to Port McNeill. It is our recommended method. For our Spring 2004 trips, the flight north to Port McNeill leaves Lake Union in downtown Seattle at 9:00 am on Sunday, May 9th. The fare is \$260. We have made special arrangements with Kenmore Air for this flight on this day. Normally their flights start and end at the north end of Lake Washington, which is much farther from downtown Seattle.

Those sailing with F/V Aimee O from Friday Harbor, WA (departure May 1) to Port McNeill, BC (arrive May 8), can use this Kenmore Air flight for a return to Seattle. The flight leaves Port McNeill just after 12 noon on Monday, May 9th. The return fare is \$267 per person, which is slightly higher due to a US entrance fee. Arrival is again south end of Lake Union, in downtown Seattle. Kenmore Air also flies to Friday Harbor from Seattle, or one can get to Friday Harbor from Seattle by ferry from Anacortes, WA.

### **Where to stay in Seattle**

Seattle, of course, has many options. There is a Marriott Hotel directly across the street from the Kenmore air terminal on Lake Union, which might be convenient for some. Check with Kenmore Air to see if they have any specials with them that might meet your needs.

### **Where to stay in Port McNeill**

There are limited accommodations in Port McNeill. There are two hotels (listed below) in town that are easily accessible to the Port... or you might also choose to stay at a Bed and Breakfast, there are several there. For more info visit the Port McNeill website at [www.portmcneill.net](http://www.portmcneill.net).

Haida Way Motor Inn 800-956-3373  
Single cnd\$ 80 for one person, cnd\$ 96 for two.  
Two blocks from the harbor. 40 rooms

McNeill Inn on the Harborfront 866- 888-3466  
cnd\$ 72 for one or more persons (cnd\$ 82 for larger room).  
They have 6 rooms, Right across the street from the harbor.

### **Where to stay in Friday Harbor**

There are numerous options in Friday Harbor. There is a detailed discription of the town and accomodataions online at [www.sanjuanisland.com](http://www.sanjuanisland.com) and there is much informzation on the town itself at [www.friday-harbor.net](http://www.friday-harbor.net)

### **Where to stay in Petersburg**

For convenience and location, you can't beat the Scandia House, (800) 722-5006. This nearly new hotel is right in the heart of downtown Petersburg, closest hotel to the boat. As a guest at the hotel, you'll have a free trip to the airport. Prices range from \$75 to \$165 per night. If you plan to use Alaska Air for return trip, please make your reservation as soon as possible as there are limited flights. It is best to make reservations the day after arrival, rather than the same day. Petersburg is described online at [www.petersburg.org](http://www.petersburg.org).

**Can we stay on the boat the night before leaving or the night we arrive?**

Unfortunately, this is not possible. In every port, we have to provision and prepare the boat, so it is not practical to stay on board except when we are underway. You are of course welcome and encouraged to stop by the day before to locate the vessel and say hello, but most of the crew will be busy at that time.

We will be welcoming you on board and stowing your gear at 9:00 am on the day of departure. Once we gather newly arrived passengers, we will help you get your bags on board and show you to your cabin. When everything is stowed, we will give a brief introduction to the workings of the boat and discussion of safety procedures. We will cast off at about 10:00 a.m. and slowly work into our watch system.

**Where to meet the boat in Friday Harbor.**

From the Ferry: Turn right after leaving the ferry and follow Front Street till reaching the office of the Port of Friday Harbor, about 200 yards from the ferry. Follow the main dock to the breakwater, turn right, and the boat is at the end of the dock on your right. From Kenmore Air: the plane lands very near the Aimee O. After deplaning turn left, and walk to the end of the float.

**Where to meet the boat in Port McNeill**

Aimee O will be moored on the Municipal dock in Port McNeill Harbor. This is not a large town, so it is easy to find. There is a map below, along with one for Port Townsend.

**Where to meet the boat in Petersburg**

Aimee O will be in the South Harbor, which is southeast of town, just beyond the Sons of Norway Hall, a conspicuous white meeting hall on Sing Lee Alley. Look for the vessel on "D" dock about half way out among the other fishing boats. Everyone in Petersburg will be able to direct you there.

## **CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT PACKING LIST**

Layered clothing works best in the changing weather conditions typical of the Pacific Northwest Coast. Layered clothing is easier to pack and more versatile than a single heavy coat. Good rain gear is essential; it will enable you to remain comfortable in the wind or rain on deck or on optional hikes or kayak trips if you care to participate and time permits. We do not have room for large suitcases so please pack in duffel bags or soft cases. Towels and all bedding are provided.

Cell phones are not reliable along this route, but they do work periodically. AT&T has an optional Canadian plan if you anticipate needing to try these connections. We will try to have email access while underway, but we cannot guarantee this.

### **Clothing and Personal Gear**

- Rain jacket with hat or hood
- Rain pants
- Long and short sleeved shirts
- Long underwear
- Long pants (2)
- Shorts
- Warm jacket (wool thinsulite, polypropylene, etc.)
- Wool or fleece sweater
- Warm socks
- Gloves or mittens (quick drying)
- Warm hat
- Light hiking shoes or tennis shoes
- Personal toiletries including soap
- Sun block
- Personal medication
- Sunglasses

### **Miscellaneous Items**

- Day pack
- Flashlight
- Spare batteries (no source underway)
- Bearing compass if you have one (we have some also)
- Reading materials (though plenty onboard)
- Binoculars or spotting scope
- Cruising Guide or Sailing Directions
- Camera and film (no source underway)
- Trip diary or note paper
- Nautical charts for noting route and other information
- Handheld GPS if you have one, we have some onboard
- Handheld VHF if you have one, we have some onboard
- Water bottle
- Personal identification
- Laptop with charting programs are welcome. We have conventional AC outlets on board.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU ABOARD!  
Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions about  
the planning for this voyage.