

Destination – Allison Harbour

Charts – 3550 & 3921

Position – 51 03.5N, 127 30.4W. On the north shore of Queen Charlotte Strait 15nm SE of Cape Caution.

Description – A fairly well protected anchorage with good holding ground in mud near the head of the harbour. The various small nooks on the east side, which are recommended in some books, seem to me to be too small for comfort although well protected from easterlies. Approximately 250 hectares along the east side of the narrower part of the harbour was recently purchased by the BC Marine Parks Forever Society in conjunction with the provincial government and will shortly become a new marine park.

Navigation – Close attention to chart 3921 or the older 3797 is required. The approach north of and close to the Southgate Islands is recommended. Steer on Eno Island beacon and, when close to it alter to steer on the City Point beacon. For entry into the harbour, favour the east shore until past Roy Islet. Then favour the west shore until past the rocks about half way up the entrance channel. Tidal range is 4m.

Facilities – None

Recommendations – A good anchorage near the head of the harbour in reasonable conditions. In strong westerlies favour the west side of the harbour or, perhaps, the little nooks along the east side in strong easterlies. A great place to explore in your dinghy but remember it is the mainland and grizzly bears are always possible.