

Echo Bay (Broughton Archipelago) Charts: 3573, 3576, 3515 Position: 50 45N, 126 29.5W.

On the south side of Cramer Passage, nine nm east of Queen Charlotte Strait.

Description: A small harbour with a marina, store, inn, fuel facility (gas, oil, diesel and propane), a very small “government” float and “Pierre’s Place”. It is the most complete and well stocked resupply facility in the Broughton archipelago. Navigation: Straightforward. Tidal currents in the bay and approaches are minimal. Anchorage in the bay is considered unsafe as the bottom is irregular and rocky, and swinging space is very limited.

Facilities: As above. “Pierre’s Place” has moved to Echo Bay from its former location, as Pierre and his partners have bought the facilities in the bay and are working hard to improve them. The floats and electrical system at the Echo Bay Resort/Marina are all new and further up - dates/ improvements are in progress.

Recommendations: Reservations are recommended for the marina in the summer months. There is a transient float to starboard as you enter the bay for those who only wish to do some re-provisioning. Attending a Pig Roast on special Fridays at “Pierre’s Place” is a must. Good walks in the woods and over to Billy Proctor’s museum start at the small “Government Wharf” at the head of the bay in Echo Bay Marine Park.

Editor’s Note: If you are planning to visit Echo Bay please let me know at majendie36@shaw.ca. Echo Bay is the home of a small gift shop and gallery where I bought some nautical earrings a couple of years ago and promptly lost one. I’d love a replacement.