

Ladysmith Harbour

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Position: 49 00.7N, 123 49.7W

Description : The inner reaches of Ladysmith Harbour – beyond Page Point Resort – provide very good anchorage over muddy sand. There is room for a fleet of small craft but the anchorage suffers somewhat from noise from the timber operations on the south side of the harbour.

Navigation: No special precautions but be aware of the active booming grounds on both sides of the Woods Islands. Anchor in 4 – 6 m over a sticky mud bottom. The tidal range is 4 m.

Facilities: Ladysmith has full facilities except for haul out. There is a small marine ways on the north side of the harbour just past the small marina at Page Point Resort. The area just inside the spit at the harbour entrance – known locally as “Dogpatch” – has been subjected recently to civic regulation and is being cleaned up and cleared of derelict vessels. A new civic marina is proposed and, if it happens , will afford boaters a moorage closer to the shopping downtown.

Recommendations: A good anchorage which is especially welcome when Pirates Cove, Telegraph Harbour, etc. are filled to overflowing.