

DESTINATIONS

Name - Secret Cove

Charts - 3535 7 3311 sheet 3 and Insert

Position - 41 31.9 N, 123 57.7 W one nm north of the north end of Welcome

Passage on the east side of the Strait of Georgia.

Description - A well-sheltered cove with three arms. The north arm has a "government" dock which rarely has room for transient vessels, a marina and limited anchoring space near its head and along the west shore. The marina has a store, restaurant and liquor outlet. The centre arm has a number of small marinas with very limited transient moorage. Fuel and water may be obtained at the marina in the north arm and at Buccaneer marina in the centre arm which also has propane and a limited haul-out (32'/8 tons) capability. The south arm has a RVYC out-station on the south side and various other private floats along both shores. There is good anchorage in this arm for about 6 boats.

Navigation - no special precautions are necessary but careful attention to the chart is required. The narrow channel to the south arm has apparently been deepened since there is at least 3 m at low water. The inner portion of the south arm dries and the swinging circle of your boat should not go beyond the inner end of the RVYC float.

Recommendations - a good anchorage in the south arm over a sandy mud bottom with 3 - 5 m of water. The various arms provide good sheltered rowing areas for exploration by dinghy. Secret Cove is a fine alternative to the usually crowded Smugglers Cove just to the south-west.