

ABOUT CORTES BAY

Cortes Bay is our most northerly outstation, conveniently located at the entrance to beautiful Desolation Sound, 96 nm NW of Jericho home port. The property includes 1,200' of waterfront and two parcels of land totalling 19 acres. 1,600 lineal feet of dock space is serviced by water and hydro. An attractive pavilion, with spacious decks, is equipped with a barbecue, a freezer, refrigerator, microwave, toilets, showers, and laundry facilities. Four kayaks and four bicycles on site.

The island does not have a taxi service, but does have a mini bus service daily to Campbell River (the Cortes Connection). Cortes Market, Co-op, Medical Centre, Community Hall and restaurants are a considerable distance from the Club (8 km - approx. an hour walk), but many members do hike, bike, or hitchhike (very common on the Island) to get there and back. Maps are posted in the Clubhouse. The Linnaea Farm is about an hour walk from the Club and generally has an honour system booth open for fresh produce.

All work party type maintenance and development is necessarily carried out in the summer months by visiting members. Check with any committee member to see what you can help with during your stay.

The property can also be accessed by charter float plane, service from Vancouver. Cars can travel to the outstation by taking BC Ferries from Campbell River to Quadra Island to Cortes Island. The property is at 1351 Manzanita Road.

Due to the significant travel time to and from Vancouver, pre-cruising season work parties are few. Therefore, the Cortes Bay Committee often relies on Club Members to support or participate in various maintenance activities during the course of the cruising season.

Things to do: Prawns, clams and oysters are fairly plentiful outside the entrance to the bay. Hiking is popular: two fresh water lakes on the island and Easter Bluff is about 45 mins away.

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INFORMATION GUIDE



ROYAL VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB

The RVYC burgee must ALWAYS be flying on approach and vessel must be under the direct control of a member.

The Member is responsible for the conduct of their guests (and any damage they may cause)

There is no smoking anywhere above the dock by members or their guests. Penalties for non-compliance of any of these rules (in this brochure, or in the yearbook) can result in the loss of Offshore Station privileges for up to one year.

GPS Coordinates:
50.0650854 / -124.9355512,17

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Station Address:
1351 Manzanita Rd
Cortes Island, BC



FOOD, GROCERIES, LIQUOR

Cortes Market - 250.935.6626
Cortes Natural Food Co-op - 250.935.8577
Gorge Harbour Marina - 250.935.6433
Squirrel Cove General Store - 250.935.6327

TRANSPORTATION

Cortes Connection (daily ground service between Cortes & Campbell River)

Tel: 250.935.6911

Discovery Launch Water Taxi (service available from Campbell River)

Tel: 250.287.7577

Lund Water Taxi (service available from Lund) -

Tel: 604.483.9749

CorilAir (scheduled and charter service)

Tel: 250.287.8371

Harbour Air

Tel: 1.800.665.0212

RESTAURANTS

Cove Restaurant (Squirrel Cove) - 250.935.6350
Floathouse Restaurant (Gorge Harbour) - 250.935.6433
Hollyhock Retreat - 250.935.6576

INTERNET CAFÉ

Cortes Market - 250.935.6626
Cortes Natural Food Co-op - 250.935.8577

ACCOMMODATION

Cortes Motel - 250.935.6363
Gorge Marina Resort - 250.935.6433
Hollyhock Retreat - 250.935.6576

Campsites: Gorge Harbour Marina - 250.935.6433,
Provincial Park at Smelt Bay

MAP



STATION RULES

For the most up-to-date general rules, and rules specific to Cortes Bay, please refer to your yearbook.

LAUNCHING RAMP

In Cortes Bay.

MEDICAL

Ambulance/ Emergency - 911
Non-Emergency (Campbell River) - 250.286.1155
Cortes Medical Clinic - 250.935.6718

BANKING

ATMs available at: Cortes Market & Cortes Natural Food Co-op.

PROPANE, FUEL & MECHANICAL

Squirrel Cove General Store, Gorge Marina Resort.
Lund Auto & Outboard Mechanic - 604.483.4612

CAUTIONARY NOTES

Members are reminded that marinas stand by on Channel 66a. It is required that good judgement and consideration be exercised by members when using this channel: it is a busy channel and marina owners depend on its availability.

Vessels must take great care when approaching Cortes Bay. Near Three Islets, about 1,500 metres outside of the entrance to the Bay, a number of submerged rocks form a particular hazard. Check your charts!

The approaches to Cortes Bay are subject to unusual wind conditions. Occasionally winds which are either calm or only moderately strong elsewhere can blow with exceptional fury (from either the southeast or the west), in the immediate vicinity of the harbour entrance. It is not unusual for boats which are moored or anchored in Cortes Bay to find themselves trapped here for several days by what seems to be ferocious wind conditions outside, when in actual fact only moderate winds are blowing at Lund or Refuge Cove.

Entrance into the bay should be made to the south of the starboard marker atop a rock in the middle of the narrow approach channel. Rocks between this marker and the northern shoreline are hidden except near low tide.

Please use extreme caution when entering or leaving Cortes Bay, as the entrance is a blind spot for pilots of seaplanes as well as boats rounding past Red Granite Point.

