

CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND RESOURCE LIST- M/V CATALYST

This list will help you prepare for temperatures which may range from a low in the upper 30's at night to a possible high of 70 degrees on sunny days. Several things on the list will also prepare you for rain. While we would love to have sunshine the whole trip, you should be ready for a variety of conditions. If you're dressed appropriately, the weather is always perfect.

Layered clothing works best in the changing weather conditions typical of the Pacific Northwest Coast and SE Alaska. It's easier to pack and more versatile than a single heavy coat. No down or ski clothes (don't dry well). **Good rain gear is essential**; it will enable you to remain comfortable in the wind or rain. Bring your own high rubber boots ** if you want for wading and use in the kayaks and small boats (**you will wear these everywhere we go**), but most people use ours. We have a selection of common sizes on board. Bring insoles for comfort.

We don't have room for large hard suit cases so please pack in duffel bags or soft cases (w/wheels okay). We do not have laundry facilities for guests but can dry items in engine room.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, special needs, or concerns. You can reach us at: (800) 378 1708
Or 360 378 7123.

Clothing and Personal Gear

- ⇒ Long and short sleeved shirts
- ⇒ Long underwear
- ⇒ Long pants (2) Shorts (?)
- ⇒ Undergarments
- ⇒ Warm jacket (wool, thinsulite, polypropylene, etc.)no down
- ⇒ Wool or fleece sweater
- ⇒ Rain jacket with hat or hood
- ⇒ Rain pants
- ⇒ Warm socks
- ⇒ Gloves or mittens (quick drying)/ and warm hat
- ⇒ Light athletic shoes/slipones for on boat
- ⇒ **Rubber boots**** please see note
- ⇒ **Inexpensive kayak booties or water sandals for kayaking or use our boots**
- ⇒ Personal toiletries including soap and shampoo***
- ⇒ Sun block and insect repellent
- ⇒ Personal medication
- ⇒ Sunglasses
- ⇒ Swimsuit ?(a few brave souls)
- ⇒ Light weight comfortable shoes for hiking the airport

Miscellaneous Items suggested

- ⇒ Day pack
- ⇒ Flashlight or headlamp
- ⇒ Spare batteries
- ⇒ Reading matter
- ⇒ Own Binoculars or spotting scope – we have binoculars for your use
- ⇒ Field guides -we have a library
- ⇒ Camera and film (lots) or digital camera (we will download pictures and put on CD to share)
- ⇒ Trip diary or note paper
- ⇒ Nautical charts for noting route and other information-if so inclined.
- ⇒ Water bottle
- ⇒ Personal kayak gear if you want, but not needed.

****you don't have to bring your own boots. You may borrow a pair, we have most sizes on board for your convenience. Most guests do! Bring insoles if you have them.**

*****We supply towels, bedding and such, as well as wine and beer.**

A NOTE ABOUT TIPS:

*Wishing to express their appreciation, our passengers often inquire about tipping. All tips are given at the total discretion of the guests, but the crew sure likes to get them. As a general guideline current standards suggest 8 to 15% of the cost of the trip and add to that if you have felt particularly well served. Tips are given discreetly to the captain **IN CASH** in an envelope provided to be divided equally amongst all the crew. If you prefer to use a personal check, please write one to each crew member and give it to the captain to distribute. Crew consists of the captain, engineer, cook and naturalist/kayak guide.*

Cell phones work in some areas while in SE Alaska, as well as in the main towns, but don't count on them to work all the time. We do not have internet service. We have regular 110 electrical outlets on the boat and in each cabin, so you can plug battery chargers, computers, etc. in them. We suggest that you don't bring hair dryers, as you will be limited in your use of them. as we don't run our generator at night.

SUGGESTED READING

(WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT LIBRARY ON BOARD)

General Natural History

The Nature of Southeast Alaska

By O'Clair, Armstrong, & Carstensen (1992)

The Nature of Alaska

by Waterford Press

Geology of Southeast Alaska:

Rock and Ice in Motion

by Harold H. Stowell

The Tlingit: An Introduction to Their Culture and History

By Wallace M. Olson

Alaska's History: The People, Land and Events of the North

County by Harry Ritter

Travels in Alaska

By John Muir

Alaska's Inside Passage Wildlife Viewing Guide

By the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game

Birding

Seabirds - An Identification

Guide Harrison, P. (1983)

Guide to the Birds of Alaska

By Robert H. Armstrong

Botany and Plant Life

Plants of the Pacific Northwest

Coast, by Pojar and MacKinnon (1994)

Plants and Animals of the Pacific Northwest

By Eugene N. Kozloft

Discovering Wild Plants

Janice J. Schofield

Mammals

Mammals of the Northwest,

Larrison (1976)

Marine life

Whelks to Whales:

A field guide

by Rick M. Harbo

The Beachcombers Guide to Seashore Life in the Pacific Northwest

by J. Duane Sept

Beachwalker Sealife of the West Coast

By Stefani Hewlett Paine

British Columbia

The Coastal Companion: A Guide for the Alaska Bound

Traveler By Joe Upton

Klee Wyck

By Emily Carr

Alaska/Canada's Inside Passage Cruise Tour Guide (map)

The Great Bear Rainforest: Canada's Forgotten Coast

By Ian and Karen McAllister

The Rainforest Chronicles (series of books)

San Juan Islands

San Juan: the Powder-Keg Island

By Jo Bailey-Cummings and Al Cumings

Birding in the San Juan Islands

By Mark G. Gewis and Fred A. Sharpe

RELATED WEB SITES

⇒ www.pacificcatalyst.com : Pacific Catalyst II, Inc.

⇒ www.alaskaair.com: Alaska Airlines

⇒ www.flypacificairways.com: Charter plane for flights to Prince of Wales Island.

⇒ www.interislandferry.com: Ferry service to Prince of Wales Island

⇒ www.wardair.com: Charter plane for flights to Elfin or Bartlett Cove: Glacier Bay trips.

⇒ www.petersburg.org: Lodging and activities in Petersburg, Alaska

⇒ www.traveljuneau.com : Hotels, Hiking Trails and travel planning for Juneau, Alaska

⇒ www.travelalaska.com Alaska Travel Planning

⇒ www.seacc.org : SE Alaska Conservation Council – Organization protecting fish and wildlife habitat and reduce clear cutting in the Tongass National Forest.

⇒ www.tongass.com: Tongass Clearinghouse: Dedicated to the Celebration and Preservation of the Tongass National Forest. America's North Pacific Rainforest.

⇒ www.adfg.state.ak.us: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

⇒ www.climate.gi.alaska.edu: Alaska weather information

⇒ www.noriotatsumoto.com: Alaskan Photographer Norio Matsumoto

SAN JUAN ISLANDS

⇒ www.whale-museum.org

www.guidetosanjuans.com

⇒ www.friday-harbor.net

⇒ www.visitsanjuans.com

FISHING RULES AND LICENSES

⇒ In Alaska:

<http://www.admin.adfg.state.ak.us.license/>

⇒ In British Columbia:

http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish/Licensing/online_e.htm

⇒ In Washington:

<http://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/>