

Travel

GREECE

My big Greek sailing adventure

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Take nine sailboats, sail 300 nautical miles visiting 13 islands, add a typhoon with winds up to 33 knots gusting 40 knots with three-metre seas and you have the ingredients of my two-week

Greek sailing adventure in the Cyclades last month. I am captain of a 49-ft. Jeanneau chartered out of Athens with my seven crew, three intermediate sailors, two newly-certified and two non-sailors. A gentle start as we head southwest to the

Saronic Islands of Aegina, Poros and then Hydra with its crowded little harbour where we must dock three deep bow to stern, stepping over boats to get ashore. Donkeys are the mode of transport here and the tiny cobbled lanes beckon, laden with jewelry boutiques and cozy cafes. Dinner at a local taverna is via water taxi to a neighbouring bay where we watch the setting sun and celebrate with the other crews...

In the morning drizzle, we set off for Delos, island of ancient ruins steeped in Greek mythology. After leaving the boats at anchor in a shallow inlet, we launch the dinghy and transport the crew ashore. We walk past crumbled, white stone temples, statues, amphora, urns, wells and the sacred lake, now filled with trees and geckos lounging on the surrounding rocks. The backdrop of dark clouds above a becalmed sea gives rise to



The island of Delos and the ancient Greek ruins.

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the imagery of a once idyllic life on these shores, protected by islands all around from the angry Aegean and possible invaders.

Kea is our last island stop before the long haul back to Athens, and this is a lovely island. We dock at

the end of the pier just in time for another spectacular sunset over the Aegean and go ashore for the final crew dinner. There are bars and clothing boutiques to distract us along the way and after dinner we stop for ouzo to make the most

of our visit. Tomorrow is Athens and packing and cleaning up the boat before we all wend our way home or on to other European destinations. We have come through the storm together and are all warrior sailors now!

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Leave Horseshoe Bay	Leave Langdale	Leave Earls Cove	Leave Saltery Bay
7:20 am Daily	6:20 am Daily	6:30 am Daily except Sun	5:35 am Daily except Sun
9:25 am Daily	8:25 am Daily	8:25 am Daily	7:25 am Daily
11:30 am Daily	10:25 am Daily	10:25 am Daily	9:25 am Daily
1:35 pm Daily	12:35 pm Daily	12:20 pm Daily	11:20 am Daily
3:50 pm Daily	2:45 pm Daily	4:55 pm Daily	3:50 pm Daily
5:50 pm Daily	4:50 pm Daily	6:55 pm Daily	5:55 pm Daily
7:50 pm Daily	6:50 pm Daily	10:30 pm Daily	9:25 pm Daily
8:30 pm Oct 12 only	8:45 pm Daily		
9:45 pm Daily	9:35 pm Oct 12 only		

October 13, 2015 - December 19, 2015

HORSESHOE BAY / LANGDALE		EARLS COVE / SALTERY BAY	
Leave Horseshoe Bay	Leave Langdale	Leave Earls Cove	Leave Saltery Bay
7:20 am Daily Except Sun	6:20 am Daily	6:30 am Daily Except Sun	5:35 am Daily Except Sun
7:30 am Sun only	8:20 am Daily Except Sun	7:00 am Sun only	6:00 am Sun only
9:20 am Daily Except Sun	8:50 am Sun only	8:25 am Daily Except Sun	7:25 am Daily Except Sun
10:10 am Sun only	10:20 am Daily Except Sun	9:00 am Sun only	8:00 am Sun only
11:20 am Daily Except Sun	11:30 am Sun only	10:25 am Daily Except Sun	9:25 am Daily Except Sun
12:40 pm Sun only	12:20 pm Daily Except Sun	10:55 am Sun only	11:20 am Daily Except Sun
1:20 pm Daily Except Sun	2:30 pm Daily	12:20 pm Daily Except Sun	11:20 am Daily Except Sun
3:30 pm Daily	4:30 pm Daily	4:30 pm Daily	3:25 pm Daily
5:30 pm Daily	6:30 pm Daily	6:30 pm Daily	5:30 pm Daily
7:25 pm Daily	8:20 pm Daily	10:05 pm Daily	9:00 pm Daily
9:15 pm Daily			

Sailing Time: 40 minutes

Horseshoe Bay: Ticket sales for vehicles & walk-on passengers end 10 minutes before sailing time.

Langdale: Ticket sales & loading end 5 minutes before sailing time for vehicles & walk-on passengers.

Sailing Time: 50 minutes

Earls Cove & Saltery Bay:

Ticket sales & loading end 5 minutes before scheduled sailing time for vehicles & walk-on passengers.

WEEKLY TIDE TABLE

Reference: Pt. Atkinson - PDT

DATE	TIME	(M)	(FT)
09-Oct	3:59	3.7	12.1
	10:04	2	6.6
	16:36	4.2	13.8
10-Oct	22:58	2.2	7.2
	4:49	3.8	12.5
	10:48	2.1	6.9
11-Oct	17:04	4.2	13.8
	23:29	2	6.6
	5:33	4	13.1
12-Oct	11:27	2.2	7.2
	17:30	4.2	13.8
	23:58	1.8	5.9
13-Oct	6:14	4.1	13.5
	12:03	2.3	7.5
	17:54	4.2	13.8
14-Oct	0:27	1.7	5.6
	6:53	4.2	13.8
	12:37	2.5	8.2
15-Oct	18:18	4.1	13.5
	0:56	1.5	4.9
	7:32	4.2	13.8
	13:12	2.6	8.5
	18:43	4.1	13.5
	1:27	1.4	4.6
	8:13	4.3	14.1
	13:48	2.8	9.2
	19:08	4.1	13.5

SKOOKUMCHUCK

Best Viewing Times: October 10 - 16

October 10

10:14 AM -L

4:20 PM +L

October 11

10:56 AM -L

4:46 PM +L

October 12

11:35 AM -L

5:04 PM +L

October 13

12:14 PM -L

5:17 PM +L

October 14

1:00 PM -M

5:45 PM +L

October 15

1:40 PM -M

October 16

2:22 PM -M

Skookumchuck means **Strong Water**

Tidewater forced through Skookumchuck Narrows forms the Sechelt Rapids. The difference in water levels between the sides of the rapids can exceed two metres (6.5 feet) in height and current speeds can exceed 25 km/hr (15 mph). If it's big waves you're looking for, check out the Flood Tide, which can be viewed from the Roland Point viewing area. The whirlpool activity is seen during the Ebb Tide and can be viewed from the North Point viewing area. There is approximately a 30-minute window on either side of the Best Viewing time, so don't feel you need to be there right at the exact time — it's a process. This easy hike is on a 4 km well-developed trail with minimal elevation change and will take about one hour to walk each way. Be prepared for darkness if Best Viewing time is near sunrise or sunset.

For recreational use only. For accurate navigational times refer to the official 2015 Current Table.

S = Small | M = Medium | L = Large | XL = Extra Large
+ = Flood Tide | - = Ebb Tide

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