



## ***Alberni Kayak Weekend***

### ***Safety Information***

We wanted to provide a little additional information for everyone. We will not have a pilot boat on the water this weekend but do expect there will be lots of weekenders on the water.

- **PFD / Life Jackets are mandatory at all times**
- Ensure you pack your transport Canada required safety gear: sounding device (whistle), throw rope etc.
- Please use the buddy system. The area we are fishing is a high traffic area and we ask all participants are fishing with someone else - ensure they are within sight and contact with another angler.
- Radios: If you have a portable VHF radio bring it with you. We will converse on CH 68 as necessary (remember these are not for long conversations and monitored by the Coast Guard) and will also monitor CH 16 (emergency channel). For those not having a VHF but have access to FRS type radios please bring them. We will use and monitor Channel 3 for our group.
- Wind: The forecast looks favorable however as a general rule the inflow winds will kick in during the afternoon. If you are fishing in the afternoon, we recommend you make your way north towards Nahmint and come back to Macktush with the wind at your back.
- Tides / Current: we have posted the tides. Currents can be strong and increase around the narrows. Remember, the shoreline is generally your friend and impacts of currents are lower here. If you are paddling, ensure you plan your day around the tides effectively.
- Boat Traffic: If fishing is good there will be lots of weekend boaters on the water. This will help us locate fish but also poses other risks. Keep your distance, use your flag poles if you have them and travel in groups to be seen.
- Crossing the Inlet: If you are crossing the inlet to fish the other side plan your transit accordingly and watch for large vessel traffic. Even with our pedal drives we are not as fast as these boats! **No solo crossing please.**
- Check-in: Once you are off the water for the day we would ask that you find either Les Yamada or Steve Borley and advise us you are in for the day.
- Dress for the Conditions: Mornings on the water will be cool so make sure you dress in layers. Also make sure you have appropriate headwear and eye protection from flying lures.
- Sunscreen & Hydration: Make sure you are protected and have ample water with you for the day. Weather is expected to be hot so be prepared