

Rivers Inlet Sportsman's Club

Rivers Inlet Sportsman's Club Ltd.

Fly-in Trophy Salmon & Halibut Fishing Lodge on the Beautiful Central Coast of British Columbia, Canada
Situating at the Pacific Ocean end of the 35 miles long Rivers Inlet
Near "The Wall" where salmon from all over the N. Pacific river systems come to rest and feed from June to September
We are "The Blue Boats".

Owned and operated by the Kelly Family since 1984

GUEST INFORMATION 2023 SEASON

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(Canada. U.S.A. including Hawaii)

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info@riversinlet.com

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1-800-663-2644

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Please note that Seair Seaplanes has a baggage limit of 25 lbs. (including carry-on).

Tag your soft-sided bags with your name & phone number before leaving home.

To ensure your bags are not overweight, Seair Seaplanes will weigh your bags & tag the weights on them - this is for going into & out of the lodge

Read about: Where we are, how to get to Rivers Inlet, where to stay in Vancouver, parking, package details, fishing regulations, licences, fish care, lodge procedures and facilities, & what to bring.

Do not hesitate to email or call us.

Thank you from Simon, Stephanie, Barbara & Cathy

Fishing & Fishing Regulations

Licence & Salmon Conservation Stamp:

All guests must hold a valid Tidal Water Licence and Salmon Stamp. Where you have had the licence added to your invoice, we will purchase the licence and stamp for you. If you have purchased your own, please provide the licence number on your registration form or send the number to info@riversinlet.com.

Transporting Sport Caught Fish:

When transporting sport caught fish, a valid fishing licence/stamp must accompany you & your fish box.

Do not leave the lodge without inspecting your fish box & signing for the contents.

Guiding:

Our trips are guided and/or unguided. Guides must be pre-booked & there is an additional charge for this service. To pre-book a guide call 1 (800) 663 2644 or e-mail: info@riversinlet.com

Salmon:

We expect our **salmon catch possession limits** in 2023 to be as follows: EIGHT SALMON - A combination of 4 chinook (king) (2 per day possession), 8 coho (silver) (4 per day possession), plus other salmon (pink, chum) with a **total salmon possession limit of 8**. We have had a possession limit of eight salmon since we opened in 1984. There is unlimited catch & release of salmon. PLEASE NOTE THAT LIMITS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY DFO - DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES & OCEAN.

Halibut & Bottom Fish:

We expect the halibut possession limits in 2022 to be two (one per day) and lingcod possession limit to be 6 (2 per day). Due to conservation concerns, there is zero rockfish retention/possession. PLEASE NOTE THAT POSSESSION LIMITS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES & OCEANS CANADA (DFO).

Whale Watching and the Species at Risk Act:

It is not unusual to see pods of Humpbacks, Orcas and Grey whales feeding close to the lodge. BOATERS are required under the Canadian Fisheries and Oceans guidelines to reduce vessel speed to less than seven knots while within 400 metres/yards of the nearest whale. Do not get closer than 100 metres/yards. Subject to change.

Trip Payment & Pre-Registration

We are grateful for your prompt attention to **deposits (due on booking)** and **final payments (due 90 days prior to trip or by credit card installments)**. To avoid disappointment, book your **guiding** at the same time as your trip. We prefer a cheque for final payment.

Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person confirms your booking.

Final payment: You may choose to make monthly payments up to 90 days before your trip. Final payment is due 90 days before your trip. Rivers Inlet Sportsman's Club reserves the right to cancel your booking when final payment is not received on time.

Cancellations: The normal procedure is for the guest to find a replacement(s). In exceptional circumstances, we make every effort to assist you in finding a replacement. There are no refunds on cancelled trips that are not re-sold.

Visa, Mastercard and cheques are accepted. No Amex.

Payments, courier items and pre-registration forms should be sent to:

Rivers Inlet Sportsman's Club, 173 Lennea Place, Campbell River, B.C., Canada V9H 1G7

Pre-registration form: Past guests and new guests are required to complete the pre-registration form. It is available under CONTACT on our website at www.riversinlet.com. This form is the basis for our charter flight manifests, licence preparation, contact information, allergy/health concerns, birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions. Please complete accurately and return promptly.

Free Wireless Internet access is available, so you may bring your laptop, phones, etc.
NO FAX or CELL at the lodge
Bring your phone charger

ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (phones, tablets, cameras) MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR NAME ALONG WITH YOUR BAGGAGE

Due to airline regulations, we are unable to return electronics

IMPORTANT - ALL PLUGGED-IN LAPTOPS MUST NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED DUE TO DANGER OF OVERHEATING AND CAUSING A FIRE

Travel: To and from Vancouver

DOCUMENTATION:

For U.S. & international guests, a **passport is required**. Please check with your **local government agency for updates and restrictions that may affect your travel to and from Canada**. To avoid delays, do arrive at the airport or border crossing with lots of time to spare...

TRAVEL TO VANCOUVER:

Your destination is **VANCOUVER**, British Columbia, Canada. Our charter airline is Seair Seaplanes at the South Vancouver International Terminal on the river, unless otherwise arranged. Flights from Vancouver to the lodge are direct and scheduled to start leaving for the lodge at several times during the morning of your departure. Three weeks before your trip dates, you will be advised of your scheduled time to arrive at Seair Seaplanes for your flight – this will be 45 minutes before your departure time.

Arriving in Vancouver the day before departure to the lodge is recommended.

HOTELS BY THE AIRPORT

Do not rush your trip. Many returning guests to our lodge have found that it is much more enjoyable to come to Vancouver the day before the trip and to leave the day after. Special pricing often includes shuttle, parking & freezer for fish – confirm this on booking.

****Request the Rivers Inlet Sportsman's Club Fishing Rate****

****Book early as special rates are based on availability****

Sheraton Vancouver Airport

Phone: 1 (800) 663-0299 or 1 (604) 273-7878 Email:
reservations@sheratonvancouverairport.com

Marriott Vancouver Airport www.vancouverairportmarriott.com

Phone: 1 (604) 233-3991

Fairmont Vancouver Airport Hotel www.fairmont.com

Toll-free: 1 (877) 442 3474 Email: fvares@fairmont.com

Pacific Gateway Hotel www.pacificgatewayhotel.com

Toll-free: 1 (866) 382 3474 Email: res@pacificgatewayhotel.com

River Rock Casino Resort www.riverrock.com

Toll-free: 1 (866) 748 3718

PARKING: There is **free parking** at Seair Seaplanes or check with your hotel.

Travel: Vancouver/Rivers Inlet

The flight to Rivers Inlet is an important part of your adventure. On your lodge arrival day, you need to be at Seair Seaplanes at the South Vancouver Airport Terminal at the scheduled time provided by us three weeks ahead of your trip. The five seaplanes leave in intervals & head to the lodge throughout the morning. Your scheduled time to arrive at Seair will be 45 minutes before departure so that your baggage can be weighed and tagged with the weight. You are encouraged to pack your own soft-sided bag – it is limited by Seair Seaplanes to no more than 25lbs including carry-on.

This is the schedule on Arrival Day at the lodge (the expected flight time DIRECT to the lodge is approximately 90 minutes):

- Arrive at Seair Seaplanes at your scheduled time set by Rivers Inlet Sportsman's Club
- Seaplane departs for the lodge 45 minutes later

This is the approximate schedule on Departure Day:

- Seair Seaplanes depart the lodge in intervals once the incoming guests have arrived
- Arrive Seair Seaplanes Terminal in Vancouver
- Be sure you pick up YOUR box of fish (name on side & top)

Occasionally, there are delays due to weather & other causes, & so you are encouraged to stay overnight in a nearby hotel after your trip. Always allow enough time to catch your flight due to possible congestion at the Vancouver International Airport departure areas. We cannot be held responsible for unforeseen circumstances beyond our control.

BAGGAGE: IMPORTANT!!!

Tag your baggage with contact information!

Keep your fishing licence, identification and car keys on your person!

To avoid having to leave items behind, baggage must be kept to 25 lbs.

Bring a **soft-sided bag** (NO SUITCASES). It is almost impossible to load large, hard-sided suitcases into the floatplanes. If you are staying at a Vancouver hotel, you may want to leave luggage there that you do not need at the fishing lodge. Locked storage is available at Seair Seaplanes. Do not bring raingear unless you are very large or very small. Warm clothing is a must on the water, but you may need lighter clothing when you are on the dock or beach where you will be sheltered from the offshore winds.

LODGE PROCEDURES & FACILITIES

ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION:

The seaplanes land on the water outside Sportsman's Bay and taxi to the dock. Our staff welcomes you on the dock before you proceed to registration in the dining room. After registration, lunch is served in the dining room. Guest services personnel will take liquor orders (wine, beer & etc.) before you are shown to your room.

FISHING LICENCE & SALMON CONSERVATION STAMP:

You are obliged by Fisheries & Oceans Canada (DFO) to hold a current saltwater fishing licence and annual salmon conservation stamp. This must be with you when fishing & in possession of sport-caught fish. Immediately after you catch a Chinook/king salmon, halibut or lingcod, record it in pen on your licence. We are in Area 9.

SAFETY & FISHING CLINIC:

To satisfy the Canadian Government's **Boating Rules & Regulations**, and for a successful fishing adventure at Rivers Inlet, you must participate in our safety & fishing clinic. If you do not have a Transport Canada Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC), you must complete a Transport Canada Renter's Form at the lodge showing you understand boating rules and regulations. Boats may not leave the dock until this clinic is over. Youths under 16 years may not operate a boat alone.

MEALS:

Our two qualified chefs serve breakfasts, soups, lunches, dinners & snacks. Meals are buffet style & usually served in the dining room. Late night snacks are served in the guest lounge.

FACILITIES:

Small en-suites are located in most of the accommodation rooms. There are also two large bathrooms near the drying room where you locate your raingear. Also, there are two restrooms near the guest lounge. Bathrooms have electric plug-ins. We provide hair dryers and curling irons. Heat for the water is from propane heaters and we have two generators for power.

WATER: The fresh water at the lodge is known as Canadian Moor Water and it is an amber color (tannin). We have installed an extensive fresh water plant to take out this tannin in the water. Purified water is available at the lodge. To avoid recycling, remember to bring your water bottle with you.

LODGE PROCEDURES & FACILITIES CONT'D

BOATS & BOAT TRAVEL:

ALWAYS WATCH FOR HAZARDS (logs, rocks, etc.). The boats in our fleet are known as “Stingers”. They have been built for us in Campbell River, B.C. with 7 hand-laid layers of fiberglass. There are compartments for storage as well as for the bait and catch. The boats are equipped with downriggers. **Boats are not allowed on the water during darkness!** When there is enough daylight to see hazards in the water, you may go out to do as much or as little fishing as you like. **Do not to take the boats to shore! Do not enter a fogbank at any time!** Should the fog roll in, use the GPS to head for the shoreline and the lodge, or remain where you are. Do not wander off between the islands unless you consult with our crew about the location of rocks under the water. If you hit an object in the water, please tell us so that we can check the boat and motor. For your safety, and that of the boat & motor, do not rev the engine to capacity.

WEAR YOUR LIFE-JACKET AT ALL TIMES.

MOTORS:

The Motors on our Stinger boats are 40 hp Yamaha Four Stroke. If you catch line in the propeller, please be sure to tell one of our crew so that damage to the motor can be avoided. Watch out for logs!

FISHING & FISH TALLY NUMBER:

For the duration of your trip you will have a **numbered boat** assigned to you. The boats are equipped with fishing gear, which is checked regularly by our crew - also check this yourself from your checklist. Your boat will be re-supplied and cleaned every time you return to the lodge. For your safety, & for ease of cleaning, wipe down the boat after landing a fish - keep the bilge clear of debris to allow the bilge pump to activate as needed.

You will be given a **FISH TALLY NUMBER** on the Fish Tally Board. Use this number on all caught fish. In LARGE PRINTING, put this number & your name on the fish tag along with “F” for filet or “W” for whole.

Keep track of your fish. When you catch a Chinook (spring/king), halibut (length) or lingcod, you should mark your licence noting the day and **Area 9**. Please be sure to write out a **tag for each fish with FULL NAME & FISH TALLY NUMBER** & leave the tag with your fish in the fish tub. You may want some fish processed by **St. Jean's Cannery**, these fish should be marked “W” for whole.

GUIDES:

Guides are not available unless booked and prepaid. To provide a varied experience guides will be rotated between the guided guest boats. The first day of guiding is when you arrive on Thursday/Sunday & is approximately 6 hours. On other days guiding is for the morning and your choice of either afternoon or evening. There is no morning guiding

on Thursdays and Sundays but you may take your assigned boat out for fishing until 8 am. There is an extra charge for a guide in guide boats, otherwise regular guide charges apply using the Stinger as a guide boat. Do not tip guide staff separately.

PROCEDURES:

The mornings are quite civilized. A wake-up call is made about 15 minutes before breakfast. Also, there are boat snacks and urns of coffee and hot chocolate available to take out in the boats

On your day of departure, there is a time change. Rooms are vacated & luggage deposited at the office by 8:30 a.m., boats and rooms are then prepared for the incoming guests. We cannot be responsible for fish boxes lost once they have left the lodge.

DO NOT leave the lodge without inspecting your fish box & signing for the contents

MEAL TIMES (subject to change):

Please inform us of your allergies, likes and dislikes

Breakfast - 5 30 am (Departure day 5:15 a.m. continental & 8:30 a.m. full breakfast)

Lunch - 11:30 a.m.

Dinner - 5:30 p.m. (Arrival day 7:30 p.m.)

Hot snack - After evening fishing except on Sundays & Thursdays

Most guests come back to the lodge for meals, but our chefs are happy to prepare packed lunches for you (order the night before).

SMOKING: There is NO smoking anywhere inside the lodge. Smoking is allowed **OUTSIDE ONLY**. At the guest lounge, there is one picnic table designated for smoking, the other two are non-smoking. Use a receptacle for butts at all times & do not throw into the ocean. There is sawdust under many of the docks, so please do not put cigarette/cigar butts between the deck planks, or leave burning materials unattended anywhere. Everyone's safety and comfort is important to all of us. Vaping is discouraged due to the large plumes of vapour/vapor this creates, leading us to think the lodge is on fire!

SOUVENIRS: An assortment of clothing with the Sportsman's Club logo is available in the Gift Shop/Office. We accept Visa and Mastercard.

GRATUITIES: Gratuities have not been included in your trip price. Gratuity is up to the discretion of the guest. All the lodge staff (including guides) share the gratuities. Suggestions below are per guest and based on an average:

\$300-\$400 for 4 day trip \$400-\$500 for 5 day trip.

Please do not tip individual staff. Gratuity is usually added to the final invoice when closing accounts out at the lodge. Envelopes can be provided if you prefer to leave cash. We accept major Visa and Mastercard.

LODGE PROCEDURES & FACILITIES CONT'D

FISH CARE & PROCESSING:

We clean, vacuum pack, & freeze your catch. Fish caught on your day of departure before 8 a.m. shall be cleaned and bagged only because there is no time to filet or freeze. You may want large fish cut into fillets (filleting is not available on departure day) or mounted by Eric Gander Taxidermist.

Note: Only WHOLE fish can be sent to St. Jean's Cannery for processing.

Your fish will be securely boxed in a waxed, airline approved box. Don't forget to pick-up your box of fish in Vancouver! We cannot be responsible for your fish once the box has left the lodge.

Professional fish handlers have given us the following advice on fish care at home:

Wrap frozen fish in a few layers of newspaper

OR

Re-wrap frozen fish after dipping in water and freezing (several times)

ST. JEAN'S CANNERY:

Toll-free: 1-866-754-3191 **Website:** www.stjeans.com **Email:** info@stjeans.com

You may choose to send your salmon to St. Jean's Cannery for hot or cold (lox) smoking or processing into cans. To pay for the processing of the salmon, fill out an order form (include credit card information) at the lodge. Your fish will be sent directly to the Cannery from the lodge. The least expensive way to have the canned fish sent to you is by Canada Post.

We cannot update your order status, please direct all inquiries to St. Jean's.

Here is the St. Jean's Cannery link to check on the status of your catch:

<http://www.stjeans.com/sport-fishermen/sport-fishing-order-inquiry/>

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"Rivers Inlet Sportsman's Club shall not be responsible for additional expenses incurred where delays due to weather conditions, airline operations, mechanical defects or failures may occur. No refunds will be issued for any unused portion of a trip package due to any circumstances beyond our control. Each guest waives any such claim for loss or damages should any of these events occur."