

Rivers Inlet Sportsman's Club  
Fly-in Trophy Salmon & Halibut Fishing Lodge

2024 GUEST INFORMATION  
**PLEASE READ BEFORE YOUR TRIP**

For questions please contact:  
(250) 923-2689 or 1(800) 663-2644 info@riversinlet.com

Thank you from Simon, Stephanie, Cathy & Barbara

**TRIP REGISTRATION FORMS:** All guests need to fill out this form PRIOR to arrival at the lodge. Find this form on our website under **Guest Registration:**

**Contact** page <http://www.riversinlet.com/contact/guest-registration.html>.

Registration forms are the basis for us to book your charter flight to the lodge, prepare your fishing licence before you arrive and to inform us of any food allergies, health problems and special occasions.

**IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU GET YOUR FORM TO US BEFORE YOUR TRIP**

### **Trip Payment & Registration**

**DEPOSIT:** A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per trip confirms your booking. Cheques, VISA and MasterCard accepted. No AMEX.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Final payment is due 90 days before your trip. Rivers Inlet Sportsman's Club reserves the right to cancel your booking if 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. There are no refunds on cancelled trips that are not re-sold.

### **Travel Inbound & Outbound**

**DOCUMENTATION:** For U.S. & International guests travelling by air, a passport is REQUIRED or Trusted Travel document. Guests travelling into Canada by land may use an Enhanced Driver's Licence, passport or NEXUS. Please check with your local government agency for updates and restrictions that may affect your travel to and from Canada.

### **INBOUND:**

Your destination is VANCOUVER, British Columbia, CANADA.

Plan to fly into Vancouver International Airport (YVR) the night before your departure day (Wed or Sat) & stay overnight at one of our preferred airport hotels (see below). This is to avoid the possibility of any delays, inconvenience and the expense you will incur if you miss your early morning, chartered seaplane flight.

**BAGGAGE WEIGHT IS MAX 25LBS.  
SOFT SIDED BAGS ONLY  
TAG YOUR BAG WITH NAME AND PHONE NUMBER**

Our charter flights **start** to leave from the Seair Seaplane Terminal on the Fraser River adjacent to the Vancouver International Airport Terminal (YVR) at **9:00 AM** on your Thursday or Sunday departure day. **Check-in at 8:30 AM.** You cannot miss this flight!

**Guests traveling via Pacific Coastal Airlines & Wilderness Air are advised separately about their flight arrangements.**

Flight & hotel details are below and here: [Plan Your Trip](#)

On Thursday or Sunday lodge departure, seaplanes will start for Vancouver in intervals at **noon**.

You will arrive back in Vancouver by approximately **3:00 PM**.

To allow for possible delays, DO NOT book a flight out of Vancouver until **AFTER 6:00PM**.

We suggest the more relaxed pace of another overnight stay in Vancouver on lodge departure.

**All guests must travel with their fishing licence/catch record on their person-don't forget your phone...**

**BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR FISH BOX IN VANCOUVER**

**HOTELS BY THE AIRPORT:** It is strongly recommended that you do not rush your trip. Plan to come to Vancouver the day before the trip and/or to leave the day after.

Several hotels cater to the fishing lodges and offer our guests a preferred rate. All have big freezers for your box of fish. It is recommended you stay near the airport to make sure you don't miss your 8:15 AM check-in for your chartered seaplane flight.

**Fairmont Vancouver Airport Hotel** (from \$349 Cdn.)

**Book online [here](#).** Note: You do not need to choose a Rate Type, it has already been added for you.

**Phone:** 1-604-207-5200 **or** 1-866-540-4441

**Email:** [FVA.CentralServices@fairmont.com](mailto:FVA.CentralServices@fairmont.com)

**River Rock Hotel & Casino Resort** (from \$249 Cdn.)

**Book online [here](#).** Discount code will automatically be applied.

**Phone:** 1(866)748-3718

**Email:** [reservations@riverrock.com](mailto:reservations@riverrock.com)

**Versante Hotel** (from \$305 Cdn.)

**Book online [here](#).** Discount code will automatically be applied.

**Phone:** 1-604-242-7777

**Book your Vancouver flight & hotel immediately upon confirming your trip.**

**FOR SEAPLANE TRAVEL YOU MUST KEEP BAGGAGE (INCLUDING CARRY-ON) TO A MAXIMUM OF 25lbs. SOFT-SIDED BAG ONLY.** Hard-sided suitcases cannot be loaded into the floatplanes. If you are staying at a Vancouver hotel you may want to leave your larger luggage at the hotel or at Seair Seaplanes and just bring items you'll need at the fishing lodge.

**What to include in your soft-sided bag:**

Raingear is provided unless you are XXXL (over XXL), very small (under adult XS), or boots over size 13. Weather can be variable. Cool and damp in the mornings and warm and sunny in the afternoons. Warm clothing is a must on the water, but you may need lighter clothing when you are on the dock at the lodge where you will be sheltered from the sea breeze.

You only need to pack a few things such as layers for under raingear, a warm lightweight jacket, shorts, sunglasses, sunscreen and a sunhat, plus basic toiletries.

There is wireless Internet access all over the lodge so bring your laptop, tablet or mobile phone.

**IMPORTANT – Due to fire hazard laptops must not be left unattended when plugged in.**

**FISHING LICENCE:** You are obliged by Fisheries & Oceans Canada (DFO) to hold a current Tidal Waters fishing licence. You will pick up your licence at the Welcome Briefing on arrival. If you have already purchased a BC Tidal Waters Fishing Licence for 2024, please provide the licence number on your registration form or send the number to [info@riversinlet.com](mailto:info@riversinlet.com).

This licence must be with you when fishing and in possession of sport-caught fish. Once a fish is caught and retained, you must **immediately** record in pen on your licence all Chinook salmon & halibut. This **MUST** be done **BEFORE** you resume fishing again or you are in violation of the Fisheries Act. At no time must you exceed your daily or possession limit. Fisheries officers regularly check our guests out on the water and back at the lodge for licences as well as compliance with limits and regulations. On occasion, DFO officers even go into our freezers for inspection of fish caught so we all need to be diligent in keeping within our catch limits.

**FISH CARE & TRAVEL:** We custom process each fish as per your specifications. Fish is left whole or filleted into large sized portions. Filleted fish is vacuum-sealed & whole fish are packaged in heavy plastic. Fish are flash frozen in our state-of-the-art blast freezer to maximize freshness. Fish cannot be filleted or frozen on your departure day but will be fine to transport packaged in with your other frozen fish. Your catch is packed for travel in a sturdy airline approved waxed box with insulated liner to ensure your fish arrive home in excellent condition. On your departure morning, you will be asked to inspect your fish box, ensure you have your catch & sign-off on its contents. At that time smoking & canning of some or all of your salmon can be arranged. You must carry your fishing licence on your person when in possessing & transporting sport caught fish to your home destination so don't pack it in your checked luggage. For more info: [www.stjeans.com](http://www.stjeans.com) <http://www.riversinlet.com/fishing/care-of-catch.html>

**POSSESSION LIMITS:** Total possession limit of Salmon is EIGHT (8) of which no more than FOUR (4) can be Chinook/king salmon. There is unlimited catch & release of salmon. Limits may be subject to change by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) The possession limit for halibut is EITHER ONE (1) halibut measuring 33.5 in/85 cm to 49.6 in/126 cm in length (65 cm to 97 cm head-off/approx. 20-70 lbs), OR TWO (2) halibut, each measuring under 33.5 in/85 cm in length (65 cm head-off/approx. 20 lbs). Our lodge guests are also permitted to retain halibut over 49.6 in/126 cm in length (+ 70 lbs) utilizing the “Pacific Region Experimental Halibut Program”. DFO Experimental Recreational Halibut Program provides opportunity for recreational harvesters to retain halibut in excess of 49.6 in/126 cm in length if the fishing lodge has a licence to do so – Rivers Inlet Sportsman’s Club has bought this quota & paid for it on your behalf in case you catch an oversize halibut.

## Lodge Procedures & Facilities

**ARRIVAL/DEPARTURES DAYS: Thursday & Sunday are our “Changeover Days”.** Our new group arrives, and the current group departs. Guests arrive from Vancouver on either our direct Seair Seaplanes flight or on Wilderness Air via Port Hardy.

**WELCOME BRIEFING:** After 11:00 AM (weather permitting), the seaplanes start to land in 15 minutes intervals on the water outside Sportsman’s Bay and then taxi into the dock. Seaplanes are quickly unloaded, re-fueled and head back to Vancouver with the departing guests. As you deplane, you are greeted by the staff and proceed to a Welcome Briefing in the dining room. While lunch and beverages are being served, you will receive your fishing and temporary boat safety licence. You will also fill out your liquor order form (wine, beer, spirits etc.) and the guest service team will answer all your questions. You will then retrieve your luggage and be shown to your room. Next step is to go to the raingear room where you will choose and collect your wet weather gear. Next, you’ll assemble at the lounge for the **MANDATORY** Boating Safety & Fishing clinic. Finally, you will then get your boat assignment and head out fishing until you return for dinner.

**ALCOHOL:** Alcohol ordered during the Welcome Briefing is labelled with your name and placed in the lounge for you. There you will find it at the bar where you can mix & serve your own drinks/cocktails at your leisure.

**Note: Under no circumstances should you offer the staff any alcohol to consume anytime or as a gift/tip. The staff are under a contract that stipulates no consumption of liquor or drug use whilst in the employ of the Rivers Inlet Sportsman’s Club for the season. This is for your safety as well as to ensure the highest level of staff performance of their duties.**

**BOATING SAFETY & FISHING CLINIC:** To satisfy the Canadian Government’s Boat Safety Rules & Regulations and maximize your fishing success, you must participate in our boat 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 safety rules and regulations. Boats may not leave the dock until this clinic is over. Government regulations state that youths under 16 years may not operate a boat alone.

**GUIDES:** Guiding is pre-booked and to provide a varied experience guides are rotated between the guide boats. Our guide boats range in size from 17-25 ft & can accommodate 2, 3 and up to 4 guests in the biggest 25’ Whaler + guide. On arrival day (Sun or Thurs), guiding is one long session commencing after the fishing & boat safety clinic until our late dinner at 8:00 PM. On regular days, guiding day is broken into 2 sessions. Session # 1 is 6:00-11:00 AM and then a choice session # 2 in the afternoon from 1:30 - 4:30 PM or evening from 6:00-9:00 PM for a total of 8 hours of guiding/day. You may take your assigned guest boat for the extra session (the one not guided). Please note that on your departure day there is no guiding, you may take your assigned fishing boat to fish until 8:00 AM.

**PLEASE DO NOT TIP THE GUIDE STAFF INDIVIDUALLY.** You may include the tip for your guide(s) & all the staff at the end of your stay when you are closing out your entire tab.

For more info: <http://www.riversinlet.com/fishing/guides.html>

**BOATS:** Guests usually fish 2 people/boat, but our guest boats can easily accommodate 3. On arrival day you and your fishing partner(s) are assigned a boat(s) for your use during the entire stay. Our fleet of “Stinger” guest boats are custom-built 17 ft. fibreglass vessels designed for safety, performance, comfort, stability and range. They are the ultimate platform for our style of fishing. An open craft that allows you to easily battle your fish unobstructed by a centre console or windshield. They have new 40hp, 4-stroke Yamaha outboards, VHF radios, GPS/sounders, electric bilge pumps and most importantly downriggers. We recommend that you go through the performance of the electronics before you leave the dock. On leaving the lodge & returning to the lodge, our dock hosts personally greet each boat giving any needed assistance, direction or fishing advice. After each fishing session they valet park your boat clean, fuel, re-provision your tackle so you are ready to go for your next outing – report any problems immediately. Remember to always carry your Boat Operator’s Card or Transport Canada Boat Rental document & fishing licence. <http://www.riversinlet.com/fishing/boats-equipment.html>

**BOATS TRAVEL & SAFETY:** WEAR YOUR LIFE-JACKET AT ALL TIMES. ALWAYS WATCH FOR OTHER VESSELS & HAZARDS (logs, floating debris & rocks). The morning fishing starts at 6:00 AM & all boats MUST be back at the dock by 9:00 PM. We are never ever out on the ocean after dark. Do not explore the nearby group of islands or other unknown areas where there are many hidden rocks & reefs. You must inform the dock staff immediately if you hit something so that we can assess the damage. The tidal movement in Rivers Inlet can be up to 17 ft. so please do not attempt to take the boat to the beach or shore. Your boat should be organized, clean, clutter free and ready for action. Figure out your boating gear & where the storage compartments are & use them. Learn about the boat from running the motor, mastering the downriggers, using the GPS/sounder & VHF radio & of course the rod & reel, knot & terminal tackle. Let us know if you plan to travel to a fishing destination further afield outside of our usual fishing spots nearby the lodge. Do not fish in ‘closed areas’. Keep an eye on the weather & make informed safe boating decisions especially if there is wind or fog.

**WHALE WATCHING:** It is very common to see groups of grey and humpbacks whales while fishing. Boaters are required under the Canadian Fisheries and Oceans guidelines to reduce vessel speed to less than seven knots while within 400 meters/yards of the nearest whale. Do not get closer than 100 meters/yards.

**FISH TALLY NUMBER:** You will be given a **FISH TALLY NUMBER** on the Fish Tally Board. In LARGE PRINT, put this number and your NAME on each fish tag along with “F” for filet or “W” for whole. You place the tag on your fish (one per fish). Instructions are also posted by the Fish Tally board near the guest lounge.

Keep track of your fish count. Any fish you plan to send to **St. Jean’s Cannery** for processing should be marked “W” for whole.

**RAINGEAR:** You will find the wet-weather gear in the Raingear Room located in center room of the Bathhouse. Once you have found a suitable set be sure to keep in your room. If you chose to hang it to dry out in the raingear room, please ensure you label it (with labels provided to hang off the hanger itself) so you can retrieve your set again. At the end of your trip, please take the gear to the “raingear return area”. Please do not place used raingear back in the Raingear Room.

**LIFE JACKETS:** Are located under the tent beside the office. They come in multiple styles and sizes so please choose one that fits comfortably. All zippers, fasteners, buckles & straps should be adjusted to ensure a proper fit. Hold on to the one you have chosen for the duration of your trip and store it in your room.

**LIFE JACKETS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN ANY BOAT**

**Schedule - 'Regular' Day at the Lodge (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday)**

5:15 AM	Rise N Shine!
5:30-6:00 AM	Breakfast
6:00-11:00 AM	Fishing
11:00 AM	Return to Lodge & Hot Soup
11:30 AM-12:00 PM	Lunch
12:00-5:00 PM	Fishing
12:30-1:15 PM	Daily Fishing Seminar (Optional)
1:30-4:30 PM	Guided Fishing
5:00-5:30 PM	Hot Soup & Happy Hour at Lodge
5:30-6:00 PM	Dinner
6:00-9:00 PM	Fishing
9:00 PM CURFEW	All Boats back at the Lodge
9:15 PM	Late Night Snack, Shenanigans & Story Telling
SLEEP & REPEAT ...	

**MEALS:** We serve 3 delicious meals each day in the dining room as well as a light night snack at the lounge. Meals are served buffet style so there are plenty of choices and options to satisfy individual tastes. Hearty homemade soups, savoury salads, baked breads and yummy desserts are served with lunch & dinner. A packed lunch can be **arranged the night before** if you plan to travel some distance to fish or prefer to stay out on the water to maximize your fishing time. **Please inform us of your allergies, restrictions, likes & dislikes on your registration forms.**

**MEAL TIMES:**

**Breakfast** 5:30 AM (except departure day when continental breakfast is at 5:00AM and brunch is at 9:00AM)

**Lunch** 11:30 AM - Soup & fresh bread will be served at 11:00 AM.

**Dinner** 5:30 PM - Soup & fresh bread will be served at 5:00 PM (except arrival day when dinner is at 8:00 PM)

**Hot Snack & Cookies** - 9:15 PM

**WATER:** Our water supply is extremely limited so please conserve water at all times during your stay. The tap water at the lodge is known as Canadian Moor Water. Although this water has gone through an intense filtration system it can still retain its amber colour. Please use tap & shower water sparingly. Keep showers short and do not leave the tap running at any time. The toilets are flushed by a saltwater system. To minimize water volume & the pressure on our sewage treatment plant.

**DRINKING WATER:** There are drinking water stations at various locations throughout the lodge. It is a huge expense for us to ship in our drinking water so please be mindful of this when filling your bottle.

**PLEASE ONLY TAKE THE WATER YOU WILL DRINK**

**GUEST ROOMS:** Our standard double occupancy guest rooms are at dock level with ensuite bathrooms. We have a few single/double occupancy rooms upstairs each with a sink & toilet. The private full bathrooms for these units are located in the adjacent Raingear Building. Every bathroom has an electric plug-in. Hairdryers are provided upon request.

<http://www.riversinlet.com/the-lodge/accommodations.html>

The guest rooms and surrounding areas are QUIET zones at all times. Please respect your fellow guests who may be resting at any time of the day. If you wish to play your music, or stay up late this can be done in the guest lounge area which is open 24 hrs.

**IMPORTANT – Due to fire hazard, laptops must not be left unattended when plugged in or turned on. NEVER leave laptops on a flammable surface such as clothing or the beds.**

**ROOM HEATERS:** Keep your heater on LOW 1/1 as the rooms heat up quickly. For safety, do not place anything on top of the heater to dry.

**BATHHOUSE/RAINGEAR:** The Raingear Building consists of two full private bathrooms on either side of the Raingear Room. Each bathroom has a sink, toilet & full shower. A supply of extra towels can always be found here.

**TOWELS & SHEETS:** To conserve energy and water, your towels and sheets will be changed by request only. Please feel free to help yourselves to the extra towels located in the Raingear Building. If you require any additional linens the guest services staff is always on hand to assist.

**LAUNDRY:** We are unable to offer laundry services to our guests except in an emergency.

**INTERNET:** There is wireless Internet throughout most of the lodge. There is no cell service. There is only have a very limited amount of bandwidth - do not send or receive videos or live stream. Devices not in use accessing the Internet should be on AIRPLANE mode.

**SOUVENIRS:** Souvenirs are available in the Gift Shop/Office. We have an assortment of Sportsman's Club logo wear. Please feel free to stop in at any time and browse. This can be added directly to your tab or you can pay in cash. We accept VISA or MC. Note no AMEX.

**SMOKING:** There is no smoking/vaping anywhere inside the lodge. Smoking is allowed OUTSIDE ONLY. At all times, use a receptacle for butts and 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. Please be respectful around those who do not smoke. **Vape only in guest smoking area.**



**CHECKOUT DAY:** Sunday or Thursday

**5:00AM - Continental Breakfast**

If you are fishing in the morning on checkout day you **MUST** be back at the dock by **8:00 AM SHARP** and vacate your rooms by **8:30 AM**. Upon your return to your room the bed will be changed and ready for our incoming guests, but you are able to get packed up and use the shower/washroom facilities.

If you are not fishing, please vacate your room by **8:00 AM**. Once you have left your room you are welcome to use the restrooms outside the lounge area.

We appreciate your understanding that the housekeepers are very busy on change-over day preparing for the incoming guest arrival.

**PLEASE DO NOT RETURN TO YOUR ROOM AFTER CHECKOUT**

Take your luggage and all belongings to the picnic table in front of the office area. Here you will locate your name and plane assignment number, **TAG YOUR LUGGAGE** accordingly.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT PASSPORT AND ALL MEDICATION ARE WITH YOU!**

You will also need to have your fishing licence in your possession to legally transport your fish. If you don't want to take your licence pouch as a souvenir, we can re-use it.

**Please ensure you close your account in the office with Stephanie (if not done the evening before).** All alcohol and previously purchased souvenirs will be on your tab. You can always add to your tab once closed out.

**9:00 AM – Full Breakfast**

**DIRECTLY** after breakfast you will be invited to go back individually for an inspection of your fish box. Fill out the form to send any fish to the St. Jean's Cannery. This will be coordinated with guides during box inspection. Please ensure you **SIGN OFF** on the contents. After this, you are relaxing while waiting for the incoming seaplanes to arrive.

**PAYING YOUR TAB:** Please settle any outstanding account items the day or night prior to departure day. Changeover day can be quite hectic therefore we greatly appreciate if you will close-up your tab the day before. You can still add to your tab after closing out the account.

**Gratuities**

Gratuities have not been included on your trip invoice.

All the lodge staff (including guides) share the gratuities – Please do not give gratuities to individual members of the staff.

Suggestions below are per guest and based on an average:

**\$400 for 4-day trip**

**\$500 for 5-day trip.**

Gratuity is usually added to the final lodge tab when closing accounts out the evening prior to departure. Envelopes can be provided if you prefer to leave cash.

We accept Visa and Mastercard.



**ST. JEAN'S CANNERY:**

You may choose to send your salmon to St. Jean's Cannery for hot or cold (lox) smoking or processing into cans. To arrange for the processing of your catch, fill out an order form at the lodge. Your fish will be sent directly to St. Jean's Cannery from the lodge. The least expensive way to have your salmon processed is canned and then it can be sent to you by ground transportation. We cannot update your order status so keep your duplicate order form and please direct all inquiries to St. Jean's with your order number. For more information:

**Toll-free:** 1-866-754-3191 **Website:** [www.stjeans.com](http://www.stjeans.com) **Email:** [info@stjeans.com](mailto:info@stjeans.com)

If you have any questions, please contact us at:  
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**Weather Delay Disclaimer...**

"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."