

Rivers Inlet Sportsman's Club

Fly-in Trophy Salmon & Halibut Fishing Lodge

2025 GUEST INFORMATION

*****PLEASE READ IN FULL BEFORE YOUR TRIP*****

For questions please contact:
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Thank you from Simon, Stephanie, Cathy & Barbara

TRAVEL TO VANCOUVER

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 expense you will incur if you miss your chartered seaplane flight.

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 License, passport or Trusted Travel document. Please check with your local government agency for updates and restrictions that may affect your travel to and from Canada.

TRAVEL TO & FROM THE LODGE

BAGGAGE WEIGHT IS **MAX 25 LBS**

(allows for fish boxes on return flight)

SOFT SIDED BAGS ONLY

TAG YOUR BAG WITH NAME & PHONE NUMBER

VIA SEAIR SEAPLANES

INBOUND: One of the ways to travel to Rivers Inlet is by our chartered direct SEAIR seaplane. The terminal is on the Fraser River adjacent to the Vancouver International Airport Terminal (YVR)

Check-in at 8:30 AM on your Thursday or Sunday. Flights start to leave at 9 AM.

OUTBOUND: On Thursday or Sunday, SEAIR seaplanes will start to leave Rivers Inlet at noon for Vancouver. It is expected that 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 6:00 PM**. We suggest a more relaxed pace of another overnight stay in Vancouver on lodge departure.

VIA PORT HARDY ROUTE

INBOUND: Another way to travel to Rivers Inlet on Thursdays & Sundays is via **Pacific Coastal Airlines & Wilderness Air** and you will be advised separately about flight arrangements and times.

OUTBOUND: To allow for possible delays and **DO NOT** book a flight home until **AFTER 9:00PM**. We suggest a more relaxed pace of another overnight stay in Vancouver on lodge departure.

All departing guests must travel with their fishing license/catch record on their person & your phone
BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR FISH BOX AT SEAIR 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 fishing lodges and offer our guests a **preferred rate**. A list including their links can be found on our website [here](#). All these hotels have big freezers for your box of fish. It is recommended you stay near the airport to ensure you don't miss your flight.

You might want to make your fishing trip part of a longer excursion to British Columbia. For more information on what to do & where to go in & around Vancouver/Victoria &/or Whistler [click here](#).

WHAT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR SOFT-SIDED BAG

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.

Raingear is provided unless you are over XXL), under adult XS, or boots over size 13.

Weather can vary. 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.

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

FISHING LICENSE & SALMON STAMP

This license 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 license 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 licenses 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 your salmon can be arranged.

You must carry your fishing license on your person when in possessing & transporting sport caught fish to your home destination so don't pack it in your checked luggage.
Care of catch info [click here](#).

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. The possession limit for halibut is ONE (1) & lingcod is SIX (6).

Limits may be subject to change by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO).

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 license. 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 guests 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 guest safety and to ensure the highest level of staff performance in 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. For more info about our guides [click here](#).

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.

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. fiberglass 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 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 license. More info here: [click here](#).

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****

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: Bring your water bottle or take one available at the lodge for the purified drinking water in the large bottles. The drinking water stations are 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. More info and photos [click here](#).

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 bill 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.

Our whole floating lodge is a drug free area – no smoking of cannabis is allowed.

CHECKOUT DAY: Sunday or Thursday

5:00 AM – 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 YOUR PASSPORT AND ALL MEDICATIONS ARE WITH YOU !!

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

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 BILL: 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 – approximately 20 employees.

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.

BOOKING FOR 2026:

Remember to book your fishing trip for 2026 before you leave the lodge.

This ensures you will get similar dates and same number of spots.

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:

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Tight lines from Simon, Stephanie, Barbara & Cathy

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."*