

fir, nine feet in diameter, that was a sapling 2,000 years ago. 卐

★▲ **Manson's Landing (37):** No dump zone. This is the site of a Provincial Marine Park. Fronting both Hague Lake and Manson Bay, this 100 hectares park offers swimming, marine wildlife viewing, pit toilet, day use picnic sites, fresh/salt-water fishing, and trails. No fresh water available. Exposed anchorage is possible in the bay, north-west of the wharf. Avoid the drying bank that extends from the lagoon entrance. There is some protection from southwesterlies between Cat and Sheep Islet and behind Cat Islet. About one half mile up the road from the public float is a museum. Visitors welcome. Admission by donation. 250-935-6340. A grocery store, natural foods co-op, restaurant, coffee shop, post office and library with internet access are also found in Manson's Landing. 卐

Manson's Landing Public Floats: 400 ft. of moorage float. Power, no water, garbage drop, telephone.

**Walk-around:** It is a short walk to a lagoon above the landing. In 1887, John Manson established a trading post on the sand spit which separates the bay from the lagoon. In 1973, this entire 117 acres was designated as a marine park. There is a substantial stretch of sandy beach, suitable for picnicking or beachcombing. Walk south for about 3/4 mile on the paved road, then left about 1/3 mile on another paved road to a trail down to

Hague Lake. Hague Lake is noted for its excellent swimming and sunbathing beaches.

★▲ **Smelt Bay Park (38):** This bay is named for the smelt that spawn on the sandy beach when there's the light of a full moon. There is a 40 acre park about half way between Manson's Landing and Sutil Point which may be used by small craft. Approach straight in and anchor close to the beach. There are 25 campsites and several picnic areas. An RV sewage pump-out is located near here. 卐▲

**Sutil Point:** For many, rounding this point seems as if it takes forever. The Sutil Point light and bell buoy is almost a mile off shore near the southwest extremity of the rocks and shoals which extend off Cortes Island.

★ **Cortes Bay (39):** No dump zone. Many boaters have found themselves aground if not careful in the vicinity of the Three Islets in the approach to Cortes Bay. The bay's picturesque entrance has a rock with a beacon which flashes after dusk. Keep this marker to starboard when entering and to port when leaving. There is a 196-foot public float on the west shore of the bay. The former marina is now a yacht club outstation. The bay is uniformly 20 to 40 feet deep with a very soft mud bottom that may require additional anchor rode. Northwest winds funnel in from the head of the bay. Southeast seas enter and ricochet off the shore, sending waves sideways across the

harbour. Anchor dragging is common. Coast Guard Rescue Boat 509 is stationed in Cortes Bay. Wolf Bluff Castle, on Manzanita Road is a notable structure with turrets, courtyard, and dungeon. Karl, King of the Castle, has given tours for years. Due to illness tours were suspended in 2010 and plans for 2011 are uncertain.

★ **Walk-around:** The main road from Cortes Bay has good walking opportunities which lead past picturesque fields and farms.

★ **Twin Islands (40):** These islands are really two humps of a single island connected by a drying ledge. They were once owned by a German prince, a cousin to the Queen of England. A resident caretaker lives on the premises. Anchorage is possible in Echo Bay. This offers protection from westerly winds. The bay is exposed to the south. A recommended anchorage is on the northwest shore of the northernmost island between the islet and the shore. Depths are 15-20 feet. Central Rock, a hazard off the northwest corner of Twin Islands, dries at low tide.

★ **Hernando Island (41):** Named after Hernando Cortez, Spanish conqueror of Mexico in the early 1500's, this island has many shoal areas containing uncharted rocks. Manson Passage, between Hernando and Savary Islands is not recommended. There is protection from southeasterlies along the beach by Spilsbury Point and in Stag Bay. There is a long, private wharf in the bay.

## Essential Supplies & Services

### AIR TRANSPORTATION

#### To & from Washington

Kenmore Air: 1-800-543-9595

**Seattle Seaplanes** ..... 1-800-637-5553

#### To & from Islands/Vancouver

Air Canada ..... 1-888-247-2262

Harbour Air ..... 1-800-665-0212

Helijet (BC) ..... 1-800-665-4354

Tofino Air ..... 1-800-665-2359

Vancouver Island Air .. 250-287-2433, 1-877-331-2433

Westcoast Air ..... 1-800-347-2222

### AMBULANCES: 911

### BOOKS / BOOK STORES

**The Marine Atlas** ..... 253-872-5707

### BUS TRANSPORTATION

Greyhound (Campbell River) ..... 250-287-7151

Powell River ..... 604-485-4287

### COAST GUARD:

Comox: VHF 16, 26, 83-A, 84 ..... 250-339-3613

Emergencies ..... 1-800-567-5111, VHF 16, \*16

### FUELS

Gorge Harbour Marina: Gas, Diesel ..... 250-935-6433 VHF66A

Refuge Cove Store: hand carried Gas, Diesel ..... 250-935-6659

### GROCERY STORES

Gorge Harbour Marina Resort. . 250-935-6433 VHF 66A

Refuge Cove Store ..... 250-935-6659

Squirrel Cove ..... 250-935-6327

### HOSPITALS

Heathlink BC (Nurse Helpline) ..... 811

Campbell River ..... 250-850-2141

Powell River ..... 604-485-3211

### INSURANCE

**Boat Insurance Agency** ..... 206-285-1350

**Or Call** ..... 1-800-828-2446

### LIQUOR STORES

Gorge Harbour Marina ..... 250-935-6433 VHF 66A

Squirrel Cove Store ..... 250-935-6327

### LODGING

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### MARINAS / MOORAGE

Cortes Bay Public Floats

Gorge Harbour Marina ..... 250-935-6433 VHF 66A

Manson's Landing Public Floats

Okeover Arm Public Floats

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Squirrel Cove Public Floats

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### MARINE SUPPLY STORES

**Ocean Pacific Marine Supply: Campbell River.**

..... 250-286-1011

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### RAMPS / HAUL-OUTS

Gorge Harbour Marina Resort ..... 250-935-6433

Jack's Boat Yard: Finn Bay. .... 604-483-3566 VHF 66A

**Ocean Pacific Marine Supply: Campbell River.**

..... 250-286-1011

Okeover Arm Public Floats

### RED TIDE HOT-LINE: 604-666-2828

### REPAIRS

Altech Diesel: Campbell River ..... 250-286-0055

Carmac Diesel: Campbell River ..... 250-287-2171

Jack's Boat Yard: Finn Bay. .... 604-483-3566 VHF 66A

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..... 604-483-4612 VHF 66A

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**RESCUE:** ..... 800-567-5111

### RV SITES

Gorge Harbour Resort & Marina ..... 250-935-6433

### SCUBA SITES: Okeover Inlet

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Call: ..... 604-666-2828

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**Lund Auto & Outboard** . . . 604-483-4612 VHF 66A

### TAXI/SHUTTLE

Cortez Connections ..... 250-935-6911

### TOWING

**C-TOW** ..... 1-888-354-5554

### VHF MARINE OPERATOR

Campbell River: VHF 27, 64

East Thurlow Island: VHF 24

Powell River: VHF 85

Sayward: VHF 28

### VISITOR INFORMATION

Campbell River . 250-830-0411 ext 1, 1-877-286-5705

Powell River ..... 604-485-4701

### WEATHER

Environment Canada Weather Line. .... 250-339-9861

Comox: 250-339-0748 (recorded)

Comox: VHF WX-1, 21-B

Vancouver: 604-664-9010