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Southern Saanich Inlet

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Cruising Choices Abound in a Getaway

Southern Saanich Inlet in Greater Victoria, Vancouver Island is a rare find. Forget the old “best of two worlds” analogy. There’s a 2-mile area along the southeastern shore of Saanich Inlet that offers the best of three worlds.

Long a favorite getaway for cruisers-in-the-know, Southern Saanich Inlet offers the natural forests of Gowlland Tod Provincial Park, the lavish flower display at world-famous Butchart Gardens and the new addition of Brentwood Bay Lodge & Spa, a five-star luxury resort with its own marina.

Scenic Saanich Inlet, eastern Vancouver Island’s only true fjord, has lots of other cruising choices but it is the area including Brentwood Bay, Tod Inlet and Butchart Cove that makes the 15-mile ocean journey from Sidney worth the trip. Most boaters who venture here count themselves three times lucky.

Brentwood Bay Lodge & Spa and Marina

The recently upgraded 50-slip Brentwood Bay Lodge’s marina, located south of the Brentwood-Mill Bay Ferry dock, can accommodate 25

visiting vessels, including some yachts up to 120 feet.

Use caution when approaching the marina, as there is a reef located near the docks and it can get busy with ferry traffic and other boaters. Approach the Brentwood Bay Lodge marina from the north, leaving the red and yellow buoys to starboard. Give wide berth to the drying reef, marked by a day beacon midway between Brentwood Bay and Daphne Island.

The docks have cable, water, 15-, 30- and 50-amp power outlets and wireless Internet access. The marina features new washrooms, showers, laundry facilities and a small fitness center. The deck area is a great place for visiting yacht clubs and rendezvous groups.

Set in the wooded hillside above the marina is the new Brentwood Bay Lodge & Spa. Its attractive West Coast architecture with soaring cedar beams blends well with the environment.

Marina guests are given a key card to access the pool (adults only), hot tub and fitness center. The lodge includes restaurants, a coffeeshop, and a specialty beer and wine store with an excellent selection of award-winning B.C. wines.

For the ultimate in relaxation, you can try the spa’s couple’s suite or have decadent “vinotherapy” treatments

that incorporate locally grown and harvested grapes.

We decided to wrap up our weekend at the resort’s new Brentwood SeaGrille & Pub restaurant where we enjoyed an excellent seafood dinner. After an evening of fine dining, we counted ourselves three times lucky and then some.

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