



## Welcome to High Seas Outfitters

Thank you for choosing us for your next Sportfishing Adventure. Whether you are joining us for the first time or a returning to fish with us again we will strive to make this trip a unique, world class experience. We have put together some information on travel logistics, other frequently asked questions and some information we would like to gather from your group to help us make your trip smoother and more enjoyable. If there is anything outside of this document that you need assistance with or need clarity on anything please reach out to us anytime. Contact information is in this document but for simplicity our email: [highseasoutfitters@gmail.com](mailto:highseasoutfitters@gmail.com) is monitored all the time even when we are mid season and at sea. Looking forward to seeing you all this summer!

*Leif Olsen      Spike Lewis*

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## Travel

All trips in 2023 will originate at MK Bay Marina in Kitimat, BC. All groups will either drive to Kitimat or Fly to Terrace, BC (YXT) (See sections below). Groups should plan on being in either Kitimat the day before your trip starts as we will plan for an early 6am departure, on day one of your trip, from MK Bay Marina.

### Driving:

If your group is driving plan on being in Kitimat the night before Day 1 of your trip. We have put together a list of hotels below. Please meet us at MK Bay Marina (Directions and link below) around 6 AM morning 1 of your trip. MK Bay is around 15 min from Kitimat. We will have one parking pass available for your group. If your group has more than one vehicle a second parking pass can be purchased at the marina. The marina has always been very secure for us. Coolers and extra luggage can be left in your vehicle safely. One of our crew will be there to meet you, help you load our crew boat and transfer you to the High Seas Drifter, approx. 1.5 - 2 hr boat ride. The last day of your trip we can expect to be back dockside around noon where we will help you unload, facilitate any fish processing and pack fish in your coolers for your departure. Ice can be purchased at the Marina as well.

## Flying:

Many of our groups end up flying to Terrace airport (YXT). There are several commercial flights daily via Vancouver, BC (YVR), Calgary (YYC) or Edmonton (YEG) with 2 main carriers:

<https://www.aircanada.com/us/en/aco/home.html>

<https://www.westjet.com/en-ca>

Central Mountain Air also has several weekly flights from the interior of BC and Edmonton, AB

<https://www.flycma.com/>

**Arrival:** Plan to arrive the afternoon or evening the day before your trip starts. If you are flying please make a reservation at one of our Kitimat Hotel recommendations below. Transfer from YXT to Kitimat will be with a pre-arranged shuttle or taxi service at your expense. High Seas Outfitters will help facilitate and arrange your transfer to Kitimat so please make sure we have your travel itinerary well in advance. We will be in contact in the weeks prior to your trip as to the specific details of your pickup once you land in YXT. Your pickup time in the AM of Day 1 of your trip from hotel in Kitimat will be roughly 5:45 am.

If you traveled with hard suitcases, we can provide you with a duffel to transfer your things you want to bring on your trip. As per our gear list, no hard suitcases will be brought to the High Seas drifter. Your trip Liaison will arrange a safe storage area for your extra luggage and belongings.

[Kalum Cabs Terrace](#)

**Departure:** We will have you back to the Marina around noon on the last day of your trip. You can book your trip home for late afternoon or evening the last day or book a hotel room and fly out the next AM. We will help you get to the Hotel in Kitimat and arrange shuttle to the Airport YXT the next AM with your fish. Cooler Boxes are available for purchase to transport your catch home with you on your airline of choice (Approx \$50 per box).

[MK Bay Marina Website](#)

[MK Bay Marina Directions](#)

## Hotels

Kitimat: [Microtel Kitimat](#)      [M Star Hotel Kitimat](#)

\*Please make reservations early things are busy in the North.

## Weather

The North Coast of British Columbia can have very Inclement Weather, even in the have included the average High and Low temperatures for each month and a link for our weather forecast in Kitimat. Have a look but please follow our packing list and it will have you covered.

High / Low (Deg C)

June      19 / 9

July      22 / 11

[Weather Kitimat, BC](#)

Aug      21 / 11

## Licenses

You will need to purchase a Annual or 5 day Tidal Angling License with a Salmon Stamp before you arrive. You can select the date to start a 5-day license. Please select day 1 of your trip to start your 5 day. Follow the link below to purchase your license. It is a good idea to save a copy to your device so it can be reprinted if lost on your trip. We have a printer on board.

[Tidal Waters License BC](#)

## Communication

Our area of operation is very remote. You will not have cell service or internet on your trip. If you have to talk daily to work or home make sure you bring your own satellite phone or satellite texting device. We have both on board for emergency use. We can send someone that may need to get in touch with you a link when you arrive so they could text if needed. We also try to monitor our email everyday even when out to sea. This will be the best way to keep us informed of travel updates to your itinerary. Someone will also check the office numbers messages daily. We have included some contact numbers below of people that know how to get a hold of us when out of service during the working season, if you need us quick, please try one of these numbers. **Note:**

Email: [Highseasoutfitter@gmail.com](mailto:Highseasoutfitter@gmail.com) Office: 250-991-3030

Kellie Olsen: 250-925-4469 Jim Lewis: 250-615-8839 Jayson Kurtz: 778-281-2559

\*(Spike: 250-833-2278 Leif: 250-775-0469 Only used when we are in Kitimat or Terrace)

## Fish Processing / Transport

High Seas Outfitters takes great pride in caring for your catch so you can enjoy the memories of your trip long after its over. We will clean, fillet, vacuum pack and freeze your daily catch each evening on the Mothership. Fish will be cleaned and packaged as per Federal Fisheries regulations for fish transport.

The one exception to the above is Halibut. We are required to keep one side whole to prove length, this is inconvenient for meal time. We arrange to take your Halibut or any other fish to a Certified fish Processer dockside at end of trip, to be cut and vacuum sealed into meal sized packages. (This service will be at guests own expense, approx. \$30-50 per angler)

If you are driving, we will help you pack your coolers upon arrival dockside at the end of your trip. Make sure you have ample cooler space! Shaved Ice is sold by the bucket load at MK bay marina.

If you are flying, we have airline approved cooler boxes available for purchase approx. \$50 CAN each. We also have freezer space available in Kitimat for your fish to stay frozen before transport to the airport. Fish will stay frozen for a good 2 days on your way home.

## Gratuities

Tipping is common in the outdoor service industry. Gratuities normally range from 10-20% of your trip cost split between all guides and staff. Tips can be given to Leif or Spike at the end of the trip and will be split accordingly with all staff. Tips are normal but only a suggestion and can be given out as to the client's judgement. Thank you.

## Packing / Gear

There is a strict 25-pound weight limit per guest to help us manage weight constraints for all other gear and fish on our crew boat. Please see the included gear and packing list and follow closely.

## Information We Need

We need a few things from you to help us make your trip smooth and successful. We need each party to send us their method of transportation and trip itinerary so we can plan our needs for expeditors ect. If groups are arriving at different times via airline, please inform us of all pertinent itineraries. We need to make sure we have the contact of at least the group leader on a phone and email you will monitor during travel. Again, if your group is arriving at different times, we need a contact for each sub-group.

We need to know well in advance of any allergies, Dietary restrictions, special food /snack requests, and if you require mix for drinks out of the ordinary or special soda / drink requests. Remember we want this at the boat in advance and ask you not to bring your own water, mix ect. We have lots of drinking water on the boat as well.

Any abnormal foot size like very small or large would be handy to know as we will make sure we have appropriate waterproof footwear or discuss you bringing your own.

## Waiver Form

We require every guest to print and sign the included waiver form. You can email them back or bring them with you to give to the person meeting you dockside. We will need them collected before the trip can begin. Thank you.

## Fuel Surcharge / Local Conservation Fees

In light of the recent surge of fuel prices we have made a decision to implement a fuel surcharge moving forward so we will have no interruptions to our regular services. Prior to your trip we will access fuel prices. If fuel prices are above \$1.70 per liter dockside, we will reserve the right to add a fuel surcharge. Based on 2022 prices if we do have a surcharge we would not expect it to be more than \$125 per guest.

There is a Local Conservation fee that we have charged on your contract. This fee will be given directly to the local First Nations Band in Hartley Bay. The fee will be used for programs like the Gitgaat Nations Guardian Program or Creel Survey Program. For more information see the link below.

<http://gitgaatnation.ca/>