

	<b># of Days</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>SK Level</b>
Saturday, February 18	1	<p><b>Ebey Slough to Snohomish River</b> Launch at Ebey Waterfront Park in Marysville. Paddle up Ebey Slough to Steamboat Slough to the Snohomish River, down the Snohomish River to Possession Sound, and then up Ebey Slough back to the launch site.</p> <p>About 14 miles round-trip loop Party size limit: 10</p>	III
Saturday, March 4	1	<p><b>Hood Canal – Guillemot Cove</b> Launch at Seabeck Boat Ramp, and paddle south along the eastern shore of Hood Canal to Guillemont Cove and Tekiu Point.</p> <p>About 15 nautical miles round trip</p>	II
Saturday, March 18	1	<p><b>Kayak Point to Camano Head</b> Launch at Kayak Point County Park (northwest of Marysville). Cross to Camano Island, paddle to Camano Head at its wild south end, and return. Potentially see gray whales.</p> <p>About 11 miles round-trip loop Party size limit: 10 Special requirement: \$10 (exact) for parking permit machine at entrance of this Snohomish County park (state Discover Pass not valid here)</p>	II
Saturday, March 25	1	<p><b>Lake Washington – Ivar's Paddle</b> Launch at Enetai Beach (under the I-90 bridge in Bellevue). Paddle south along Mercer Island and cross over to Coulon Park for a warm lunch at Ivar's, before paddling back along the eastern shore of the lake.</p> <p>10 miles round-trip loop</p>	II
Saturday, April 1	II	<p><b>Fox Island</b> Launch from Titlow Park (on the eastern shore of the mainland, in the University Place area south of Tacoma, i.e. south of the Tacoma Narrows) and paddle around Fox Island.</p> <p>About 14 nautical miles round-trip loop</p>	II

Sunday, April 16	3	<p><b>Cypress Island Circumnavigation, in the San Juans</b>  Launch at Seafarers Memorial Park in Anacortes. Circumnavigate Cypress Island clockwise via Guemes Channel, Rosario Strait, and Bellingham Channel, returning via Guemes Channel. Camp 2 nights at Pelican Beach near the northeast end of Cypress Island. Rest stop first day at Strawberry Island to view spring flowers. Hike second day, on Cypress Island. Return third day.</p> <p>About 25 miles round-trip loop  Party size limit: 6</p>	III
Saturday, April 22	1 or 2	<p><b>Dabob Bay Oyster Fest and Hike</b></p> <p>Saturday: Launch from Point Whitney Shellfish lab (near Quilcene and Hood Canal). Cross Dabob Bay, gather oysters, then prepare to slurp raw or grilled, on the beach. Paddle back.</p> <p>7 to 10 miles round trip</p> <p>Sunday: Oyster again, or hike. After an overnight at a family cabin in Quilcene, leisurely Sunday morning, go for a hike to the summit of Mt. Walker for spectacular views of Hood Canal, Puget Sound and the distant Seattle skyline. 4 mile round-trip hike (short but steep) (also = drivable). Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast at the cabin are potlucks.</p> <p>Special requirements: dress for cold water, shellfish license, oyster knife, shucking gloves, condiments, and an appetite!  Parking pass (Discover Pass, or WDFW Vehicle Access Pass) required for parking at Point Whitney.</p>	II+
Wednesday, April 26	1	<p><b>Port Madison</b>  Launch from Old Man House Park in Suquamish (just north of Bainbridge Island). Paddle counterclockwise to Fay Bainbridge Park, Indianola, and Miller Bay before returning to the launch site. After paddling, optionally visit Suquamish Museum and Chief Sealth gravesite in Suquamish.</p> <p>About 16 nautical miles round-trip loop</p>	II

Saturday, April 29	2	<p><b>10th Annual Gig Harbor Paddlers Cup</b></p> <p>At Skansie Brothers Park in historic downtown Gig Harbor. On Saturday: inner-harbor paddle racing (2.5K youth race, then 5K/10K distance race with head-to-head sprint knock-off races) for kayaks, canoes, stand up paddleboards, outriggers and paracanoes. On Sunday: (new) SUP technical course, and multiple dragon boat races. With vendors on land, it's a fun family weekend for paddlers and spectators.</p> <p>See the Event Overview page for a good video, and a summary of each day's events; see start times at Schedule page. For competitive and recreational paddlers of all ages, and any experience level.</p> <p>Proceeds benefit the Gig Harbor Canoe and Kayak Racing Team, which has a long history of producing multiple national champions and world-class athletes.</p>	n/a
Sunday, April 30	1	<p><b>Pool Session</b></p> <p>Covington Aquatic Center (next to Tahoma High School and Tahoma National Cemetery) at 18230 SE 240th, Covington (east of Kent and Auburn).</p> <p>Come practice self-rescue, buddy rescues, test new equipment, assist others.</p> <p>2 hours (3 - 5 PM); optional dinner together afterwards at Puerto Vallarta in Covington.</p> <p>Clean boat required; hose available outside at the pool. Cost: \$20 per person.</p> <p>Please sign up with Marlla in advance (although last-minute walk-ins are still possible).</p>	(any)
Wednesday, May 3	1	<p><b>Lake Washington midweek paddle (Mt. Baker Beach - Seward Park)</b></p> <p>Launch from Mount Baker Beach (west side of lake, south of I-90 bridge.). Feel like you're away from the city as we paddle along this lovely stretch of park land to a lunch spot on the south shore of Seward Park. After we return to the launch, you can continue north along the shore for any extended miles you wish to paddle.</p> <p>8 miles round trip</p>	II

Friday, May 5	2	<p><b>Joemma Beach State Park</b>  Launch at Boston Harbor (near Olympia) and paddle to Devils Head at bottom of Key Peninsula, then up that shore to Joemma Beach State Park to camp. On way back, paddle around Herron and McMicken Islands.</p> <p>Paddling days of 10 &amp; 15 nautical miles</p>	III
Saturday, May 6	2	<p><b>Boat Swap, and Scratch &amp; Dent Sale</b>  6th annual event in West Seattle, hosted by Mountain to Sound Outfitters (small consignment %). Register to sell your kayaks, canoes, SUPs and accessories. Come check out "amazing Spring steal prices!". Includes used gear from Alki Kayak Tour's rentals, and also scratched/dented gear from the store. See link for all details.</p>	n/a
Saturday, May 6	1	<p><b>On-water skills training: Kayak Maneuvering</b>  Following his 4/25/23 SSKC meeting-program on Paddling in Wind, local professional instructor Robert Nissenbaum will hold 2-hour small-group (4-5 participants) on-water classes at Beaver Lake in Sammamish, hosted at the home of Curt Mobley and Ann Kruse. See the February and April SSKC newsletters for more details.</p> <p>Sign up for a time-slot with Norm Nielsen, for <i>either</i> Saturday 5/6/23 or Sunday 5/7/23 (or possible later sessions). Cost of \$45-50 per person is a significant discount offered to the club.</p> <p>These classes will include demos of the boat-control skills for paddling in the wind, instruction, and personalized help (tips for <u>you</u>, paddling <u>your</u> boat). It's ok to sign up for a class, even if you could not attend the 4/25/23 presentation.</p>	(any)

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Friday, May 12	[2]	<p><b>(No more . . .) local sea-kayak symposium</b></p> <p><i>FYI:</i> a search for what had been our (latest) local sea-kayak symposium seems to indicate its demise:</p> <p>Long ago, we had the cherished annual Sea Kayak Symposium at Fort Warden, in Port Townsend. It moved across the waters to become the annual Northwest Paddling Festival, at Lake Sammamish State Park on the Friday and Saturday of the second weekend in May.</p> <p>The pandemic cancelled it for '20 and '21. Last year, we reported it was announced "TBD" for '22, as a "new event" called Kayak Try and Buy, at a new location (still nearby, at Vasa Park Resort). But the website now states "no event in 2022", and there is no mention of '23.</p> <p>Produced by the Northwest Marine Trade Association, had been an opportunity to demo boats, and talk to local shops and manufacturers. Also included seminars, paddle tours, a paddle race, etc.</p>	n/a

Saturday, May 13	1	<p><b>Similk Bay: Hope, Skagit, and Kiket Islands</b></p> <p>Launch at Ala Spit County Park (north end of Whidbey Island). Make one-mile crossings to explore Hope and Skagit Islands State Marine Parks, and Kukutali Preserve on Kiket Island. Continue onward to explore Similk Bay as time permits.</p> <p>12 miles round trip (6 for islands only)  Party size limit: 12  Special requirements: dry or wet suit recommended; running shoes or light hiking boots for Kiket Island trails</p>	II
Monday, May 15	5	<p><b>Steamboat Rock State Park</b></p> <p>Camp 4 nights at sunny Steamboat Rock State State Park (in Eastern Washington, near Grand Coulee Dam). Day paddles on Banks Lake; day hikes in the park and at nearby Northrup Canyon.</p> <p>10-12 miles round trip  Party size limit: 8  Special requirements: Discover Pass; need to make campsite reservations far in advance.</p>	II
Tuesday, May 23	1	<p><b>Lake Washington midweek paddle (Renton - Mercer Island - Seward Park)</b></p> <p>Launch at Pritchard Beach Park in Renton (Rainier Beach area). Cross to Mercer Island, and follow its shoreline north until near the northeast corner of Seward Park. Cross, and paddle into the bay of the Seward Park swimming beach for a break. For the return, paddle the Seward Park shoreline, and then on south back to Pritchard Beach Park.</p> <p>8 miles round-trip loop  Party size limit: 10</p>	II
Monday, May 29	8	<p><b>San Juan Islands and Canadian Gulf Islands</b></p> <p>Paddle from Washington Park (near Anacortes) to Jones Island. Day 2 to Stuart Island. Day 3 to South Pender Island in Canada. Day 4 to James Bay on Prevost Island. Day 5 to Portland Island. Day 6 to D'Arcy Island. Day 7 cross back to the USA (via Roche Harbor on San Juan Island) to Jones Island. Day 8 back to Washington Park.</p> <p>Daily nautical miles of 18, 9, 6, 12, 10, 12, 13, and 18.</p>	IV

Thursday, June 1	1	<p><b>Lake Washington midweek paddle (Enatai - Medina)</b>  From Enatai Beach Park (under the I-90 bridge in Bellevue), paddle along the north shore of Mercer Island. Cross to Medina Beach Park for lunch. Explore Meydenbauer Bay as we return along the Bellevue shoreline.</p> <p>9 miles round-trip loop</p>	II
Friday, June 2	1	<p><b>Moonlight tour -- Lake Washington</b>  Launch at Magnuson Park (near Sand Point in north Seattle). Paddle north, then enjoy the moonrise on the return.</p> <p>4-5 miles round trip  Party size limit: 8</p>	II
Friday, June 9	[3]	<p><b>(Now informal) South Sound Traditional Inuit Kayak Symposium (SSTIKS)</b>  Another event, pandemic-cancelled for '20 and '21, and TBD for '22, is (barely) still alive. Per a recent Facebook post: "There will NOT be an official SSTIKS symposium this year, 2023. We needed more volunteers for organization. Several of us are planning to have an unofficial get together at Twanoh State Park on June 9, 10 and 11, 2023. Hope to see you there!"</p> <p>This family-friendly event was usually 3 days, beginning the 2nd Friday in June, at Twanoh State Park (at the beginning of Hood Canal, near Belfair). It featured instruction and competition in Greenland-style kayaking and rolling, for beginner to advanced paddlers and rollers, including a children's track specifically designed to get young kids started kayaking.</p> <p>Volunteer-run, just a community of paddlers; often featured some of the best mentors in Greenland-style kayaking in the country. Usually: group campsite option near the beach, or reserve at the state park.</p>	n/a

Monday, June 12	1	<p><b>Anderson Island &amp; Tolmie State Park</b>  Launch at Nisqually Reach Nature Center (at Luhr Beach, between Tacoma and Olympia). Cross Nisqually Reach to WWTA Anderson Island campsite. Cross Nisqually Reach again to Tolmie State Park. Return to Nature Center.</p> <p>9 miles round-trip loop  Party size limit: 10  Special requirement: Discover Pass</p>	II
Monday, June 19	1	<p><b>Dash Point Park (Metro Parks Tacoma) to Des Moines Beach Park</b>  Juneteenth Holiday paddle from Dash Point (near Federal Way) to Des Moines and back.</p> <p>(Note: this launch site is not Dash Point State Park. It is a local park, reached by driving about a mile further west, past the State Park.)</p> <p>About 17 nautical miles round trip</p>	II
Wednesday, June 21	1	<p><b>Lake Washington Ship Canal</b>  From Ballard head east, past Gas Works Park. About a 3-hour paddle. Bring snack or lunch.</p> <p>About 5+ miles round trip.</p>	I
Friday, June 23	3(?)	<p><b>?? (TBD) Lummi Stommish Water Festival</b>  Happened as a 3-day festival again in 2022. <i>No announcement yet for 2023.</i> In the past was 3 days, beginning on a Friday, end of June.</p> <p>Coast Salish annual gathering for the whole family, includes traditional and contemporary events. Free and open to the public, on the Lummi Indian reservation near Bellingham. Includes the War Canoe races, and a Sla-hal Bone Game tournament.</p> <p>See links for past news articles and photos. Closer to expected date, check Facebook pages for "Stommish".</p>	n/a



Sunday, June 25	1	<p><b>Fox Island Circumnavigation</b>          Enjoy stunning views of Mt. Rainier and the Olympics as we circumnavigate this scenic island. It's located south of Gig Harbor, between Hale Passage and Carr Inlet.</p> <p>11.7 miles round-trip loop          Party size limit: 6 cars (limited parking)</p>	II
Sunday, July 2	1 or 2	<p><b>Keyport, north-Bainbridge, Brownsville, Poulsbo</b>          Day 1: launch at cute + obscure Keyport (between Poulsbo and Silverdale). Follow shoreline toward Agate Pass Bridge, then down northwest coast of Bainbridge island with the flood, and cross to Port of Brownsville. Stay at cute + obscure WWTA site above the marina here. (Sadly, per cutbacks, their deli is now only 11 - 5, so can't plan to enjoy that for our dinner or breakfast.) But a peaceful place, lovely views, 5 sites (an ok \$4.50 per person, per night!).</p> <p>Day 2: return up the western coast, but continue past Keyport to Poulsbo, where we shall hunt for pastries at Sluy's Norwegian Bakery. After a relaxed return-loop around Libery Bay, let's have dinner at charming, friendly Keyport Mercantile.</p> <p>Paddling days of 12 &amp; 10 miles</p> <p>(I'm avoiding Fri and Sat nights, when weddings etc. often held at this WWTA site. But if you have to work on Monday: could add 4 miles back to Keyport, for a day-trip only, on Sunday . . . or arise early on Monday, paddle just the 4 miles, and get to work a bit late!)</p>	II
Monday, July 17	4	<p><b>Sucia &amp; Patos Islands, in the San Juans</b>          Launch from Gooseberry Point (near the Lummi Island ferry terminal, northwest of Bellingham). Camp at Shallow Bay on Sucia Island. On the middle days: paddle to Patos Island; hike on Sucia. Last day, return to Gooseberry Point.</p> <p>About 35 nautical miles round trip</p>	IV

Sunday, July 30	8	<p><b>Tribal Canoe Journey</b>  This iconic event is back, after the pandemic cancellations of recent years. 2023 will be (was the next-slated) Paddle to Muckleshoot (Auburn area).</p> <p>An annual Northwest indigenous nations tradition. As many as 100 ocean-going canoes travel hundreds of miles along the coasts for many weeks, from communities throughout Washington and British Columbia.</p> <p>Paddlers are called "pullers" because of the pulling motion on the paddle. After a ceremonial landing on Sunday 7/30/23, "Protocol" through Sunday 8/6/23 includes camping and potlatch-style meals and cultural celebrations.</p> <p>Different tribes have been hosting this event since 1989. The public is invited. Usually you can apply to volunteer, too.</p>	n/a
Thursday, August 3	3	<p><b>Griffin Bay/Spencer Spit, in the San Juans</b>  Launch at Washington Park (near Anacortes) and paddle south of Lopez Island to Griffin Bay on southeast San Juan Island. Next day to Spencer Spit at northeast corner of Lopez Island. Last day back to Washington Park.</p> <p>Paddling days of 17, 12, &amp; 8 nautical miles</p>	IV
Friday, August 4	3(?)	<p><b>?? (TBD) West Coast Wooden Kayak Rendezvous</b>  <i>No announcement yet for 2023; usually on the 1st or 2nd weekend of August (date shown = estimate). Last year, the organizer said "hopefully next year [2023]".</i></p> <p>Annual festival (<i>pre Covid</i>) held on the beach at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend on the Olympic Peninsula. Free and open to the public. Bring your home-made kayak or canoe, or just come and enjoy the people, boats, and activities. See strip-built and stitch-and-glue constructed boats, as well as traditional skin-on-frame and folding kayaks.</p> <p>Activities begin Friday afternoon. Join in a group dinner at the Beach Kitchen Shelter on Saturday evening. Note: camping reservations at the Park usually must be made far in advance.</p>	n/a

Monday, August 7	1	<p><b>Mercer Island Circumnavigation</b>  Launch at Proctor Landing, or alternate location, on the west side of Mercer Island. Paddle counterclockwise (unless strong winds from the north predicted for afternoon).</p> <p>Possible places to stop include Groveland Beach Park, Seward Park, Clarke Beach, Enatai Beach, or Luther Burbank Park.</p> <p>About 13 miles round-trip loop</p>	II
Sunday, August 13	3	<p><b>James Island, in the San Juans (with Lopez Island hiking)</b>  Launch from Washington Park (near Anacortes). After setting up camp on James Island, paddle around Davis Bay at northeast Decatur Island. On the middle day, paddle to Watmough Bay on the southeast corner of Lopez Island and hike the trails there, before returning to James Island. Last day, return to Washington Park.</p> <p>About 35 nautical miles round trip</p>	IV
Tuesday, September 5	4	<p><b>Bazalgette Point Car Camp / Kayak (San Juan Island)</b>  Join Bill and MaryJane for a post - Labor Day tent camp and kayak near Roche Harbor, San Juan Island. It's the perfect place for exploring Henry Island, English Camp National Historic Park and points farther afield weather permitting. Stay for 3 nights; go home any time on Friday.</p> <p>5-10 miles round trip  Party size limit: 10 (4 good tent-sites, lawn of their house)  Special requirements: ferry reservations necessary, both coming and going</p>	II

Wednesday, September 13	1 to 4	<p><b>Kachess Lake (Snoqualmie Pass area)</b>  Base: Okanogan-Wenatchee Nat'l Forest (Kachess Campground)  <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/okawen/null/recarea/?recid=57595&amp;actid=29">https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/okawen/null/recarea/?recid=57595&amp;actid=29</a></p> <p>Arrive Wed morning at this USFS campground near Easton, 5 miles north of I-90 at Exit 62. Set up camp amongst dense old-growth evergreens surrounded by high mountains. Explore Kachess Lake by day Wed afternoon, Thurs and Fri, and visit around a campfire Wed, Thurs and Fri evenings. Hiking opportunities include a trail along Little Kachess Lake.</p> <p>7 miles round trip to paddle upper part of lake (north of a narrows) called Little Kachess Lake. Also could explore east and west shores to the south (15 miles round-trip to southern end).</p> <p>Speical requirements: minimum SSKC equipment list + camping &amp; cooking gear. For the nights of Sept 14 &amp; 15, reserve a campsite well in advance. Single &amp; Double sites: 1-877-444-6777 or at recreation.gov. Some first come, first served.</p>	I+
Monday, September 18	1	<p><b>Dash Point Park (Metro Parks Tacoma) to Redondo Beach</b>  Paddle this lovely coastline (near Federal Way) to Redondo for lunch on the beach, and return.</p> <p>(Note: this launch site is not Dash Point State Park. It is a local park, reached by driving about a mile further west, past the State Park.)</p> <p>8.16 miles round trip  Party size limit: 10</p>	II
Thursday, September 21	1	<p><b>Everett Sloughs</b>  A quiet paddle up part of the Snohomish River, and then into the Slough. Launch at Langus Riverfront Park boat launch. Take out at Marysville Waterfront Park. Short car shuttle. About a 3-hour trip.</p> <p>About 7 miles (this is a one-way trip)</p> <p>Optional lunch stop after, at Scuttlebutt Brewing in Everett.</p> <p>Special requirements: must launch by 10:00 A.M.</p>	II

Saturday, September 23	1	<p><b>Chuckanut Bay</b>  Launch at Wildcat Cove in Larrabee State Park (south of Bellingham). Trip is near high tide, which makes landing at Chuckanut Island hard, but which enables access to the inner bay (north of the railroad tracks). Head northward past Governor's Point to Chuckanut Island. Will land if possible and explore the island. Then continue north to look for fossil palm tree trunks near Clark's Point. Continue farther to explore the inner bay if possible, with a stop either there or at Teddy Bear Cove. Note: most of the Chuckanut Bay shoreline is private and landing is not allowed.</p> <p>10 miles round trip  Party size limit: 10  Special requirements: dry or wet suit recommended; Discover Pass required for parking at Larrabee State Park; there may be a \$5 launch fee.</p>	III
Friday, September 29	2	<p><b>Guemes Island circumnavigation, in the San Juans</b>  Launch next to the Guemes Island ferry in Anacortes, and paddle around Guemes Island to camp at Saddlebag Island (near the eastern end of Guemes Island). Next day, paddle back to Anacortes.</p> <p>Paddling days of 11 &amp; 3 nautical miles</p>	II
Monday, October 2	4+	<p><b>Lake Ozette, Olympic National Park</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch Monday afternoon from the north end of Lake Ozette: 4 miles to Ericson's Bay primitive camp.</li> <li>• Tuesday and Wednesday: paddle (½ mile farther) to Ericson's Bay Primitive Trail to Pacific coast (2-mile hike); or paddle shores of Lake Ozette + Tivoli Island.</li> <li>• Thursday: paddle back; or paddle to Tivoli Island, then back (12+ miles).</li> </ul> <p>Party size limit: 12 (backcountry permit max.)  Special requirements: min. SSKC equipment list + camping &amp; cooking gear; wet or dry suit (recommended); bear canister(s) required for all food/odorous (borrow free from Wilderness Information Center in Port Angeles); hiking gear.  Cost: \$8 per person (wilderness camping permit fee)</p> <p>Extended Options (Thurs 10/5, Fri 10/6): (1) Camp at Salt Creek Recreation Area, paddle Crescent Bay and/or Freshwater Bay; (2) hike along the Elwha river.</p>	II

Sunday, October 8	1	<p><b>Bowman Bay to Deception Pass to Sares Head</b></p> <p>Launch at Bowman Bay State Park (just north of the Deception Pass bridge, at the north end of Whidbey Island). Paddle to (but not into) Deception Pass at slack current. On the return, overshoot Bowman Bay to Sares Head to view sea cave. Return to Bowman Bay.</p> <p>6 miles round trip  Party size limit: 10  Special requirement: Discover Pass</p>	II
Sunday, October 15	1	<p><b>Case Inlet</b></p> <p>Launch from Allyn (near Belfair, southwest of Bremerton). Fall colors are a highlight as we paddle south, along the east side of Reach Island, to Stretch Island for lunch.</p> <p>The current is with us most of the paddle: so if weather is favorable, this year after our stop at the north end of Stretch Island, we'll circumnavigate Stretch Island, then continue north along the west side of Reach Island (as we've done in the past) to return to Allyn.</p> <p>9 miles round-trip loop  Party size limit: 8</p>	II
Friday, October 20	9(+)	<p><i>International:</i> <b>Italian Riviera (Cinque Terre region)</b></p> <p>9-day trip in Italy (northern Italy, near Genoa) with local guides, kayaking and hiking, staying in B&amp;Bs and small family hotels, all meals prepared or eaten out in local restaurants! Gear will be carried ahead, so no daily loading + unloading of kayaks (except for one night when we stay in a village only accessible by sea or by foot). Visit all 5 of the Cinque Terre villages, both by sea and on various small day hikes. Colourful fishing villages, vine-terraced cliffs, stunning sea vistas and Mediterranean sunsets.</p> <p>Average paddling days about 9 miles  Party size limit: 12  Cost: approx. \$3,300 (+ airfare)</p> <p><u>Contact Marlla by the end of March</u> , for more information and to get on the trip roster.</p>	II

Saturday, November 11	1	<p><b>Lake Stevens circumnavigation</b></p> <p>Winter paddlers unite, for a foray to one of those lakes you've likely driven by (off Highway 9, near Everett), but never paddled. There's plenty of history here, and at least 4 parks around the lake for potential stops. And hey it's fresh water, so no need to rinse your boat!</p> <p>About 7 miles round-trip loop</p>	II
Friday, December 29	4	<p><b>Point No Point -- New Year's cabin</b></p> <p>Annual cabin-trip for New Year's holiday, this time to Keepers' Quarters and John Magg's House beachfront houses for 1879 Point No Point Lighthouse (north end of Kitsap Peninsula, a 20-minute drive north from Edmonds-Kingston ferry landing, at tiny "town" of Hansville).</p> <p>Possible paddling (from our beach) either south to Eglon, or west to Foulweather Bluff; and (with a short drive) on the west side of the peninsula, or at nearby (more protected) Port Gamble. If big winter storm, watch from the cozy house or porch! Also lots of nearby small hikes. Will organize group meals. New Year's party on Sunday night this time.</p> <p>Options for round-trips of 4, 6, 7, 8 or 12 miles (very wind/wave dependent)</p> <p>Cost: about \$60 per person per night (3 nights)</p> <p>Party size limit: 8 (= max for the 2 houses)</p> <p>[This trip is presently full, from cancelled '20 and '21 (per Covid) and '22 plans (per king-tide, berm-breach flooding); 4th time a charm?! <i>But will keep a waitlist.</i> ]</p>	II-III