



BCA PETERSON CUP CRUISING RALLY GUIDELINES

This document provides suggestions for coordinators of the Peterson Cup Cruising Rally, including how to incorporate environmentally and socially responsible cruising best practices into the rally. The intent is for rally organizers to implement activities that are relevant to their interests and experience, or that they are comfortable trying.

Goals for the Peterson Cup Rally

- To foster seamanship and friendship for rally participants through the BCA values of community, sharing, adventure, inspiration and caring (which includes respecting our environment, the communities we visit and each other)
- To learn from each other
- To have fun!

PLANNING & PROMOTION BY COORDINATOR(S)

Promote rally at April, May & June BCA Chapter club nights.	✓
Create a poster for advertising of event in May on BCA website Calendar by the Communications Watchkeeper. Include photos and on-line registration link. Request Communications Watchkeeper to email this poster to BCA members shortly after posting. Request <i>Currents</i> Managing Editor to publish it in <i>Currents</i> one month before the event.	✓
Request Social Media Coordinator to promote the rally on Facebook and Instagram. Have a theme for the rally, ideally related to nature, environment or sustainability.	✓
Prepare a rally information package for participants (see below) which can be sent out by email.	✓
Bring paper overview charts for the Salish Sea to all rally gatherings to assist with planning destinations/ anchorages for the next day.	✓
Bring resource materials such as guides to the intertidal zone, bird guides, plant & tree guides etc.	✓
Consider setting up a WhatsApp chat group for participants for easy sharing of photos and suggestions for daily destinations. And/or set up a BCA folder or mechanism so participants can upload and share their photos.	✓
Provide participants with tools for the recording of marine wildlife observations, for tracking time/distance spent motoring vs sailing and other comments, to be given to the coordinator after the rally for a rally report and as material for <i>Currents</i> .	✓

RALLY INFORMATION PACKAGE FOR PARTICIPANTS

Ensure participants are aware that the rally includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint planning regarding destinations/anchorages for the next day • Anchoring overnight (no marinas) • Ending up at the BCA summer rendezvous location • Using winds and tides/currents effectively to minimize carbon footprint 	✓
Remind participants to fill water tanks and to pump out holding tanks before leaving their home ports.	✓

Encourage participants to invite other BCA members, potential members or friends to join them if they have room to accommodate more crew. This is an opportunity to introduce others to BCA.	✓
Encourage participants to sail rather than motor to the initial rendezvous moorage for the start of the rally, which traditionally starts near Nanaimo.	✓
Remind participants to provision adequately for 5 days, including potentially 4 appy-hours and 1 potluck dinner, and to minimize the amount of garbage they produce.	✓
Encourage participants to bring resource materials such as guides to the intertidal zone, bird guides, plant & tree guides etc.	✓
Encourage participants to bring along an enviro-friendly device/strategy for "Show and Tell" during the Rally.	✓
Include a list of participating boats and crew members (including cellphone numbers if willing to share)	✓
SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES	
Determine in advance if there are any under-age crew who can't enter the Dinghy Dock Pub, and consider alternatives for an organizational meeting that will include them (e.g. potluck at Satsutshun Marine Park).	✓
Choose anchorages during the rally that will have room for all participants' boats, and that are not so distant that the smallest/slowest boats need to travel more than 5 hours to get there (e.g. Clam Bay, Montague Harbour, Beaumont Marine Park, Winter Cove).	✓
During happy hours, encourage participants to share their sailing experiences and sailing plans.	✓
Consider including a predicted log race for participating power boats, and/or for all boats when motoring on a day without wind.	✓
Encourage participants to use oars or an electric outboard with their dinghy.	✓
Ask participants to record the presence and location of marine life, birds, and wildlife observed while sailing and to share this information with other participants and citizen science sites (e.g. Report A Whale Sighting or www.inaturalist.org). Or use an activity like "Salish Sea Bingo" to sharpen participant's observation skills.	✓
Consider facilitating discussions that focus on marine conservation, importance of protecting marine ecosystems, and how sailors can contribute to environmental stewardship.	✓
Consider including walks to familiarize participants with unique ecosystems in the anchorage's vicinity, importance of biodiversity and how to minimize their ecological footprints.	✓
Include some beach clean-up, or a beach and sea debris sculpture contest.	✓
Facilitate conversations about First Nations' territories and traditions for the areas in which the rally will sail and anchor	✓
Facilitate conversations about how to increase sailing effectiveness, based on the wind/wave conditions that participants have been experiencing.	✓
Ask participants to track and record hours or distance sailed vs motored over the duration of the rally (see carbon footprint log).	✓
Provide recognition or an award to the boat with the highest ratio of sailing vs motoring during the rally.	✓

Provide special recognition for participants/boats who demonstrate BCA value “friends on a journey; we are not alone” by giving assistance to other participants/boats who require help.	✓
Consider incorporating other components of the BCA Cruising Best Practices document available at https://www.bluewatercruising.org/page/Enviropractices	✓
Obtain input from all rally participants regarding who/which boat should be awarded the Peterson Cup.	✓
POST-EVENT REPORTING	
Monitor the environmental impact of the rally and create a post-event report (and/or a brief report in <i>Currents</i>) detailing the efforts made and the outcomes achieved to share with future rally coordinators and the ESRC Working Group (e.g. 2025 Report on Peterson Cup Rally).	✓
Suggest additions and improvements to these guidelines, to the ESRC Working Group at enviro@bluewatercruising.org	✓