

## Barkley Sound Diving Fact Sheet



### Dive season:

All year round;

We are generally open all year. Dive charters resorts and lodges have certain times in the year when they close. Resorts and lodges typically close between mid October to early May. (check with the individual resort/lodge for exact times). Remote locations are subject to winter storms and therefore less accessible in the winter months.

### Water temperature:

October-May: around 46-50°F (6-8°C)

May-September: Surface up to 58°F (16°C)  
At depth 48-52°F (8-10°C)

### Visibility:

Varying with local circumstances:

October-April: 40-100 feet (12-30 meter)

May-September Surface: 0-30 feet (0-10meter)  
At depth: 20-60 feet (6-18 meter)

### Aquatic life highlights:

Giant pacific octopus

Wolf eel

Colorful nudibranches (sea snails)

Pudget Sound King crab

Deep water glove and boot sponges

Six gill sharks (*from June-September*)

Sea lion encounters

Harbour seal encounters

Salmon track (*September-December in fresh water*)

In general a huge bio diversity in fish, invertebrate life, many colors and species

Above water sightings when en route to and from the dives sites:

Eagles / Whales / Seals / Black bears / Otters / Birds & ducks etc.

### Harvesting:

We have a strict no taking/harvesting policy on our dive sites. In BC limited to certain species with a valid license and within certain seasons. **NO harvesting** in parks or marine protected areas. Most operators do not allow harvesting on dive sites.

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### **Dive types:**

We offer mostly boat dives and there is an option of a dive on our house reef from the shore. Our dive sites include walls, reefs, pinnacles, wrecks, both authentic as well as artificial, kelp forests etc.

### **Dive services:**

- Rendezvous Dive Adventures:***
- Gear rentals (limited by size and type)
  - Air fills, argon O2 and Nitrox (at a additional cost)
  - Courses (limited)
  - Day dives (boat or shore)

### **Practical matters:**

*Voltage:* 110V. We have 220V available for charging batteries and lights etc.

*Cylinders:* We have 80cft (12Liter) aluminum tanks at 3000 psi (210 bar) DIN or yoke

*Language:* English, German, Dutch and French

*Certifications:* Most certifications are recognized. PADI, NAUI, ACUC, SSI CMAS etc.

### **Our standard charter includes:**

Pick up and drop off in Port Alberni (**Depending on number of divers!!!**)

2 boat dives per day (third dive off the dock optional)

Use of cylinders and weights

Meals on diving days (including afternoon snack)

Lodging in double occupancy room (bed linens included)

Use of kayaks and hot tub after the dives

### **We ask you to bring:**

Your own towel

Your own liquor

Your own batteries

### **Other:**

Non-divers welcome at special rate

We offer sodas for sale