

Sailing vessel Orca summer 2015

From	To	Position	Distance	Comment
	King Cove	55°03,5 N 163°21,7 W		Well protected fishing harbor. We were in the old harbor to the north at a floating dock. For Orca approx. 30 \$ per night. Grocery store at the harbor, fuel dock and laundry at the cannery. Limited possibilities for internet.
King Cove	Captains Harbor	55°10,1 N 162°05,2 W	17 M	Keep in the middle of the channel when entering. Protected harbor for all winds, accelerating winds with strong northwest, but very good holding ground. Anchor at 6 - 8 meters.
Captains Harbor	Dolgoi Harbor	55°08,0 N 161°47,4 W	22 M	There are many places to anchor depending on the wind direction. Best is probably close to the entrance by the two bigger islands. We anchored a little further in to the northwest.
Dolgoi Harbor	Coal Harbor, Unga	55°19,7 N 160°36,3 W	62 M	Easy entrance through Zachary Bay. Several possibilities to anchor in the bay behind Round Island. We went far in and anchored in 4 meters. Good protection from all winds except maybe strong northerly or northwesterly.
Coal Harbor, Unga	Albatross anchorage	55°35,3 N 160°37,0 W	17 M	Anchorage in the end of Balboa Bay. Beautiful and protected except against strong north winds or winds direct from south. We anchored in the western bay in 3 meters (LW).
Albatross anchorage	Squaw Harbor	55°13,8 N 160°33,8 W	23 M	Well protected for all winds except straight easterly. In Squaw harbor there are some houses with a mixture of new and old machinery. You are welcome to go ashore and look around.
Squaw Harbor	Sand Point fishing harbor	55°19,9 N 160°29,8 W	8 M	New docks since 2014, with water and electricity. Harbormaster do not monitor ch 16 all the time. The dock to southeast (right side from the entrance) is used for visiting boats, tie up along side. With a strong gale from southeast we were totally protected. There are two grocery stores. Fuel, propane, kerosene etc. can be purchased at Trident (fish processing plant). Nice bar/lounge at Anchor Inn Motel.

Sand Point fishing harbor	The Kitchen, Caton Cove	55°09,2 N 159°59,8 W	24 M	Pretty, protected lagoon with good holding. When entering the channel keep somewhat closer to the gravel spit until the end of it and then stay in the middle. Depth in the channel is 3,5 - 4 meters at LW. In the lagoon it is around 8 meters.
The Kitchen, Caton Cove	Pirate Shake	55°13,3 N 159°54,2 W	18 M	Easy to navigate. We sailed north of the stones in the entrance and anchored at 7 meters in the south west corner. Good holding. Protected from winds between south east and south west.
Pirate Shake	Mist Harbor	55°08,1 N 159°51,9 W	10 M	The channel in to the lagoon is deep. We anchored in the bay on the south west side at 10 meters. Swinging room good enough for one boat, if more boats you would probably need a landline. It is deep all the way to the shore everywhere except by the stones on the north side. Protected from all winds.
Mist Harbor	Kupreanof Harbor	55°46,3 N 159°20,9 W	49 M	Entrance from the west or from the south. We came from south and anchored west of the small island at 8 meters, approx. where it says "wharf" on the chart. There is no wharf there anymore. Sandy bottom with patches of kelp and grass. We had good holding after the second try.
Kupreanof Harbor	Ross Cove	56°07,8 N 158°26,2 W	47 M	When entering keep in the middle of the channel, depth over 18 meters. You can go quite far in behind the spit. We anchored at 6 meters with approx. 150 meters swinging room. To the mountain it is deep up to two meters from land. We were fine in a gale from south east shifting to south west, only occasional gusts "around the corner". Williwaws with strong northwest winds.
Ross Cove	Chignik	56°18,2 N 158°22,7 W	29 M	Nice fishing harbor with good floating pontoons. Visiting boats ties up alongside at the first dock. Water and garbage, no other facilities. At Trident there is a grocery store and possibilities for doing laundry and fuel. If it is not too windy you can anchor behind the peninsula with the air strip, right outside the marina.

Chignik	Rodman Reach, Lazy Bay	56°52,9 N 154°15,1 W	156 M	Good anchorage protected from all winds. With north easterlies you can go a bit further in than we did and get good protection. One mile to the cannery, where there is a dock for fishing boats, dinghies and skiffs. A small grocery store is beside the cannery office. Supervisor is Woody Knabel, and he will show you around if he has time. There is an interesting small museum inside the factory.
Russian Harbor and Geese channel				The current runs east with ebb. We passed at slack water and beginning of ebb. Most problematic/confused current in Russian harbor, where there is also some swell. Geese channel is full of kelp, which could be a problem if you are motoring, otherwise easy.
Rodman Reach, Lazy Bay	Three Saints Bay	57°06,4 N 153°29,8 W	50 M	We anchored at 12 meters quite far in the small lagoon, but still plenty of swinging room. It is deep in the channel to the anchorage. Even though we had moderate winds from south west there were some gusts coming down the mountain and it can probably be uncomfortable with strong winds from southwest and west.
Three Saints Bay	Old Harbor	57°12,4 N 153°18,1 W	10 M	They are dredging the channel in to the harbor and we don't know what depth it will be. Not a big harbor, but there are space for one or two visiting boats on the right side when you enter the harbor, on the opposite side of the fishing boats stalls. It is free the first night and after that 20 \$. Water on the dock, no power.
Sitkadilik Passage				Easy to navigate, with a weak current. Minimum depth 3 meters (LW).
Old Harbor	Midway Bay	57°13,2 N 153°13,4 W	3 M	You can find protection from all winds in the big bay, anchor where convenient. There are some fishing nets close to shore on some places. Rocky bottom, but good holding.

Near Island				No problems to go between Near Island and Kodiak mainland with current and wind with you. With flood we had a current of 1 -2 knots with us the whole way.
Midway Bay	St Pauls Harbor, Kodiak			Call harbor master on channel 12 to get a slip. Good docks, water and power. Maps, information etc. in the harbor masters office. Different kinds of shops for boat supplies, Safeway liquor store, restaurants, brewery etc. close to the harbor. Safeway and Wal-Mart approx. 4 km away. Internet in the library (free) or hot spot. Several places to get fuel, we filled up at the floating pontoon just before the bridge.
St Pauls Harbor, Kodiak	Kitoy Bay	58°11,9 N 152°21,5 W	29 M	No problems to enter the bay. Very well protected. The holding is not good in all places, but there are lot of trees on the shore if there are strong winds. We anchored in the northwestern part. You can also anchor on the opposite side of the hatchery. If you want to be in the v-shaped bay in the middle you will probably need landlines. The hatchery welcome visitors and show the place. There are a lot of bears, whales, deers etc.
Kitoy Bay	Seal Bay	58°20,7 N 152°14,5 W	37 M	Seal Bay is big and there are possibilities to get protection from all winds. We were in the south western part. The lodge is on the other side by the smaller islands och there is also good to anchor. The lodge is run by Shannon with sons and you are welcome to visit. Enter Seal Bay north of Vantage Rock. The charts are accurate and it is easy to find the way.

Seal Bay	Carry Inlet	58°34,3 N 152°32,3 W	30 M	First time you will need to careful navigate to the inner part. Most of the underlying rock are visible or with kelp patches. Anchor in the inner western bay at 3 - 5 meters. There is a lot of forest on the island, but the protection against west winds is not as good as you would think. We moved as close as possible to the shore outside the small cabin and that seems to be the best place for southwest to northwest. Holding is very good and with 30 - 40 knots of wind we had no problems. Shuyak is a state park with good hiking trails. You can obtain a map in Kodiak.
Carry Inlet	Seldovia	59°26,2 N 151°43,0 W	65 M	Call harbor master on channel 16 to get a slip. In the summer there is staff in the harbor until 9 pm. Visiting boats are usually at the main dock, straight ahead to the left when you enter the basin. Power and water at the dock. There is a sign that the water is not for drinking, but we (like most everyone else) used the water for cooking and drinking without problems. There are several restaurants, one supermarket, post office, library etc. in town. You can find free Wi-Fi at several places, best is at the library.
Seldovia	San Juan Cove, Tutka Bay	59°27,8 N 151°25,1 W	14 M	At the entrance there is a power cable with height 23,7 meters. We anchored, after going under the cable, in San Juan cove in the northwestern corner. There is a house here, but it seems abandoned. Limited swinging room due to the depth and we secured with two landlines. Good protection from all winds.
San Juan Cove, Tutka Bay	Tutka Bay, Blueberry point	59°25,3 N 151°19,8 W	5 M	Very good protection against the dominating west winds. We anchored behind the spit at approx. 10 meters. It was blowing 25 knots in the bay, but we had almost no wind at the anchorage. Fire place and camping spot ashore. Nice blueberries.

Tutka Bay, Blueberry Point	Homer	59°36,4 N 151°25,6 W	15 M	Call the harbor master on channel 16 to get a berth. Ask for a description of the way because the harbor is big. Expensive for single nights (55 \$ for Orca). In summer there are a lot of tourists in the harbor and on "the spit", restaurants, laundry facilities etc. It is 6-8 km to the center and to the supermarkets. You can rent bicycles, a car, hitch hike or take a taxi. Convenient fuel dock at the entrance of the harbor.
Homer	Bear Cove	59°43,1 N 151°01,6 W	15 M	Surprisingly good protection for west winds although the bay is open to north west. We were in the northeast corner first, but it seems usually more quiet far into the south corner where there is a small creek. Anchor on 10 meters, good holding. There are some lodges and summerhouses around the bay.
Bear Cove	Halibut Cove, east side	59°35,6 N 151°13,2 W	12 M	There are a lot of mussel farms with buoys east of Ismail Island. We entered between the small red lighthouse and the island. In the passage south of Ismail Island the underwater stones are marked with buoys. The first stones can be passed on either side, probably best to the north. The next ones have to be passed to the south by low water (buoys on your starboard side). Minimum depth 3 meters. Anchor in the middle of the bay on 9 meters (LW). Protected from all winds. With high water you can take the dingy through the sound to the west side. There is a floating dock to tie up to and galleries, restaurant and café.
Halibut Cove, east side	Tutka Bay, north of San Juan Cove	59°28,0 N 151°25,7 W	15 M	Good protection from all winds except maybe hard northwest. While entering keep closer to the small island, minimum depth at low water 4 meters. Anchor behind the island at 5 - 7 meters.
Tutka Bay, north of San Juan Cove	Seldovia		12 M	