



# FAQs

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## Cell Phones

### ***Is there cell phone coverage?***

Yes, on all of our trips there is coverage at some time. On Alaska trips there will be coverage for a couple hours, 2-3 times during the voyage. On the Inside Passage trips, there is coverage at least every other day, or more. On San Juan Islands trips there is almost continuous coverage.

### ***Can I charge my cell phone onboard?***

Yes, there is an outlet in every cabin.

## **Amenities Onboard the *David B***

### ***Do You have electricity?***

Yes, there is a regular (120V) household style receptacle outlet in each stateroom and in other spots around the vessel.

### ***Is electricity available at all times?***

Yes, it is always on, powered by a silent inverter and a battery bank.

### ***Can I bring a hair dryer?***

Yes, a small one.

### ***Is the electricity onboard safe for my laptop/cell phone/camera charger?***

Yes, we run several computers on it and it is very stable.

### ***Can I bring my CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) Device?***

Yes, you can use it just like you would at home, and there is an outlet close to each bed to plug it into.

### ***Is there enough fresh water for showers?***

Yes, we have big water tanks (415 gallons), and also a reverse osmosis watermaker, so there is always plenty of hot water for showers, baths and all the

regular uses. There are no restrictions on the number of showers you take nor on shower times.

### ***How much space is there for storage of my luggage?***

Each stateroom has space under the bunk for several large suitcases, and lots of hooks for hanging items.

### ***What is included in each cabin?***

Each cabin has it's own sink (with hot and cold water), it's own toilet, at least one standard outlet, an overhead light, reading lights, drinking glasses, sheets and bedding, a comforter, 4 pillows, bath and face towels and washcloths, a flashlight, a smoke detector, life jackets (PFD's), and survival suits.

### ***Are the cabins accessible?***

Yes and No. You do need to go down a ladder to get to the staterooms, but so far we haven't had any passengers who have had trouble with it (including several 80+ yr olds). It does have big hand holds on the sides as you go up and down.



## Safety

### **We have all the legally required equipment onboard, and then, a lot of additional equipment:**

10 SOLAS Adult Life Jackets (USCG Approved Type I PFD's)

8 Standard Life Jackets (USCG Approved Type I PFD's)

12 Type III Life Jackets (for kayaking only)

2 USCG Approved Type IV Throwable Life Rings

An 8 Person USCG Approved Inflatable Life Raft rated Oceans — SOLAS A

8 Cold Water Immersion Suits (Survival Suits)

Flares and Parachute Flares

6 Fire Extinguishers

6 Smoke Detectors

3 CO Detectors

A Large First Aid Kit

Several Small First Aid Kits

2-way Radios for shore party communications

2 Bear Spray Canisters

AED (Automated External Defibrillator)

### **What safety and navigation equipment is onboard?**

16 mile Radar

2 GPS Receivers

1 VHF Radio

1 VHF Handheld Radio

1 Satellite Telephone 3 Cell Phones

Depth Sounder

Ships Clock

3 Computer Based Chart Plotters

Electronic Charts for Mexico to the Bering Sea

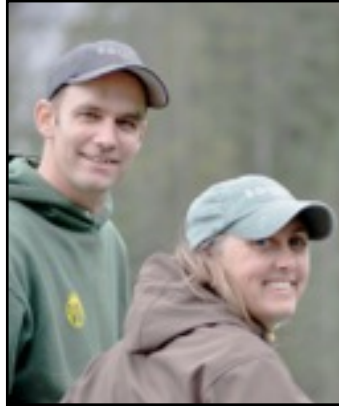
Paper Charts for Puget Sound to Cook Inlet

# The *David B* and its Crew

**Captain Jeffrey** began working on tallships on the coast of Maine in 1990. His US Coast Guard

license is for Master motor, sail, and steam vessels not greater than 500 Gross Tons, and Near-Coastal motor, sail, and steam vessels not greater than 200 Gross tons. His license also allows him to serve as Mate on Inland motor vessels up to 1600 Gross Tons and Ocean motor, sail and

steam vessels up to 500 Tons and on inland tug boats. He also holds a current Transportation Worker Identification Card issued by Homeland Security, and a Washington State Drivers license (any car-all highways and byways)



**Christine Smith** started working on tour and whale watching boats in 2001. It combined her love for nature and her interest in helping others to enjoy it. She is also an avid birder, and has worked as a volunteer interpreter for the Eagle Watchers on the Skagit River from 1997 to 2008. Christine is a founding member of the Northwest Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and served for two years as a board member and Secretary for the North

Cascades Audubon Society in Bellingham, Washington. Christine is also licensed by the US Coast Guard with a 100 ton license.

Christine is also the award-winning author of *More Faster Backwards: Rebuilding David B*

## The *David B*

The *David B* is 65 feet (20m) long, 16 feet (4.8m) wide The draft is 7 feet (2.1m).

Her actual weight (displacement) is about 65 tons (130,000 pounds – 59000kg).

Her Gross Register Tonnage is 52 and her Net is 35

Her mast is 42 feet (12.8m) above the water.

She is powered by a 100hp (74kw), 325rpm 3-cylinder Washington-Estep Diesel engine.

She carries up to 6 passengers in 4 staterooms.

She requires at least a captain and a cook/deckhand/engineer, but may carry as many as



## Kayaking and Shore Activities

### What kayaks does the *David B* have on board?

The *David B* carries 5 kayaks. They are all manufactured by Northwest Kayaks.

- 1 Northwest Kayaks *Discover* single.
- 1 Northwest Kayaks *Pursuit* single
- 3 Northwest Kayaks *Seascape* tandems

### Will I get wet kayaking? Is it hard to get in?

No, we have people board the boats from a seated position in our skiff, and we hold the kayak stable while you get in and out, so no one gets wet. You might get a little wet while paddling if you splash yourself.



### Do you have all the kayak gear I will need to paddle?

Yes, we have paddling PFD's, spray skirts, paddles for everyone onboard.

### Will I need special clothing for

### paddling a kayak?

No, not necessarily. We tend to kayak in long sleeved tech-fabric shirts and ordinary long pants or shorts. Special shoes are not necessary either. A thin rain coat might be necessary and sometimes a fleece pullover depending upon the weather.

### Do I need anything special for shore excursions?

Not really, we have lots of rubber boots (cannery worker style) that are good for hikes on the beach and in mucky spots, and we have most sizes for everyone onboard. Regular clothes for hiking is acceptable as well. We also have a couple

## Food Onboard

### Are you able to accommodate special diets?

Yes, we have cooked for diabetics, vegetarians, vegans, gluten glucose and lactose intolerant guests, and for specific food allergies. We do need to know in advance, however, so make sure you tell us when you book your trip with us.

### Can you do special requests?

Yes, we have done lots of special meals/desserts for birthdays, anniversaries and other special events. Please let us know in advance so that we can accommodate you.

