



## Fiona the Flamingo

Monday July 23<sup>rd</sup>– Time to stay put for a few days anchored in Pendrell Sound. The weather is HOT!, and we are in the perfect place to enjoy the heat. Water temperatures at 76 degrees makes it easy to jump off the boat and cool off.

Lots to do here and an absolutely beautiful place to do it in. Swimming in the warm water it's hard to believe as you look up a 5,000-foot mountain that has snow on it.

In Vancouver, an impulse purchase had us carrying home a wake surfboard. We wanted to try and pull it behind the dinghy. We knew the dinghy wouldn't be able to produce a wake to use it as a true wake surfer, but we were just looking for something fun to mess around on. Skylar went first and got right up. He got the feel of it then started carving back and forth. Lots of fun but then it was my turn. I jumped in the 1,000-foot-deep water and Skylar gunned it to pull me up. The first try was a no go! I thought I was going to drown as the little 30 horsepower dinghy tried to pull me out of the water. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> try I found that if I hung on long enough, water trying to make its way in, in every way possible, I would eventually pop out of the water and surf on the top. It was fun!, and exhausting! On my last run I got a little too confident and

caught an edge while carving. This resulted in a huge faceplant that caused a major headache. It was worth it, but there's going to be some sore muscles.

Over the next couple days, we all had a blast. One minute you are swimming and the next you are pulling up a shrimp pot with dinner. Fishing, shrimping, picking huckleberries, swimming, wakeboarding, rope swing into the water, hiking, kayaking, paddle boarding, all in one location makes for a really fun place to be!



Fiona the flamingo stays put hanging by her neck.



Picking huckleberries. Gloria made us all a delicious crisp!

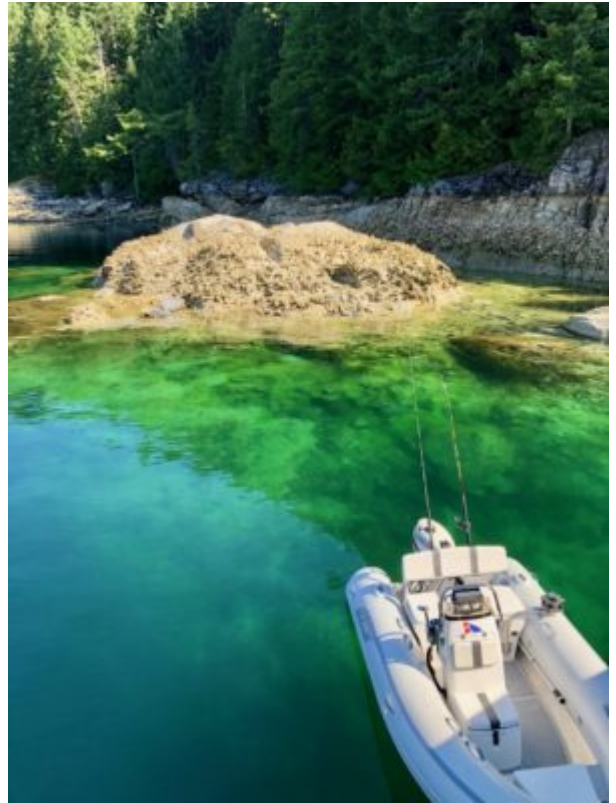


Pullin up the shrimp pots





Nice fish Julie!





We got dinner!





