

North Channel Cruising / Anchoring

Suggested Equipment

Captains List:

- **Customs: Passport or enhanced D.L. / Pet vaccination records – When checking in at Meldrum Bay or Tobermory - when asked about alcohol ..your response: "I am carrying enough alcohol for our own personal consumption". Note – in Meldrum Bay – it is not unusual for custom agents to board your boat and do a thorough search. (they have nothing else to do up there!)**
- Shore line – 200ft
- Anchor chain – minimum of 20ft of chain on anchor
- Dinghy and EXTRA FUEL ...Dinghy repair kit
- Hand held VHF
- Hand held Search light
- Great Lake Cruising Club Books
- 3-4 Fenders
- Portable BBQ and lighters
- Binoculars
- Sea Water wash down pump is helpful
- Extra Power Cords
- Spare Batteries: AA, AAA, 9V C, D etc. Remember – there is no Home Depot or ACE Hardware within 100 miles!

Optional Suggestions:

- Spare pumps ...bilge and water
- Spare fuel and oil filters
- Quarts of oil
- Bike air pump for power steering
- 8 plus mooring lines
- Battery operated GPS (especially if hiking with Captain Gary)
- Spare dinghy propeller (or mallet to hammer out bent propeller on the rocks!)
- Tool box/ multi meter
- LEMONS and LIMES (and appropriate beverage to go with) – *don't tell customs you have them!*

More Optional Suggestions.....

- Water Balloons!
- Tow line, tubes, water-skis etc
- Fishing Rods / Worms ...Good Salmon Fishing in Meldrum Bay ...Get Fishing License now from Lakeside fishing!
- A WILLINGNESS TO RELAX AND ENJOY THE ROCKS AND TREES ...TREES AND ROCKS!

First Mate's List:

- Empty Holding Tank ...Full Water Tank! (Note: the water in Meldrum Bay is labeled non – potable – although we have filled up and used for coffee, dishes, teeth brushing etc with no problems.)
- Lots and Lots of bottled water
- Extra "cheap" shampoo and soap ...You will undoubtedly lose a bottle or two when kids take a "north channel bath"- which they tend to do often!
- Water shoes, hiking shoes
- Small back pack for hikes
- Flotation devices...water toys
- Plastic tablecloth for laying on the rocks ...picnics or BBQs
- Small cooler for shore outings or dinghy cruises
- Pancake mix if blueberries are found!!
- Marshmallows, Graham Crackers, Chocolate...for S'mores
- Extra flashlights and batteries for nights after generators are turned off
- Clothes pins for drying all the wet towels and clothes
- Mosquito Repellent ...Hydrocortisone cream, Benadryl ... The skeeters are nasty at times!
- Books, Movies, Cards, kids games or craft projects ...we tie died shirts in a bucket...painted rocks etc!
- Stock up on groceries ... Last visit the Meldrum Bay General store was closed ... Depending on your cruise - options are: Gore Bay, Little Current, Tobermory, Killarney (limited items) but LCBO is right next door! Laundry facilities are available at these ports also.
- Tote bags for lugging laundry or groceries!
- RELAX ...THIS IS THE BEST "CAMPING TRIP" YOU WILL EVER DO! "Roughing it" with Air Conditioning, Microwaves, Refrigerators, Hot water and your own comfy bed!