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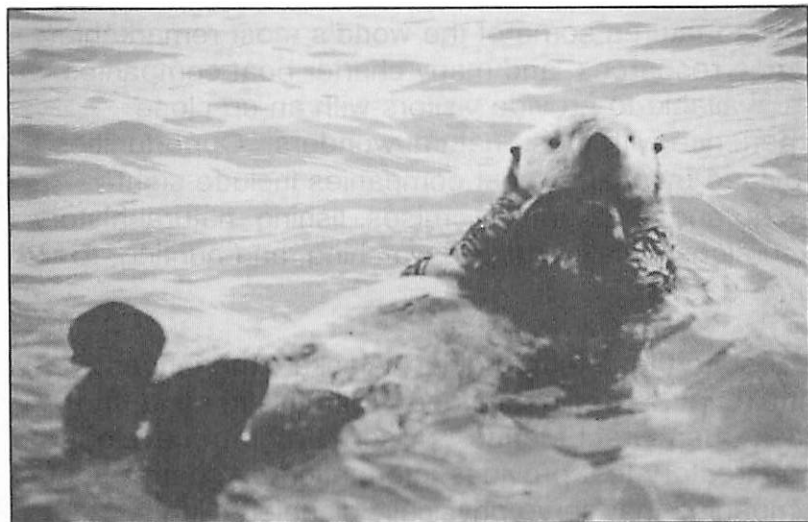


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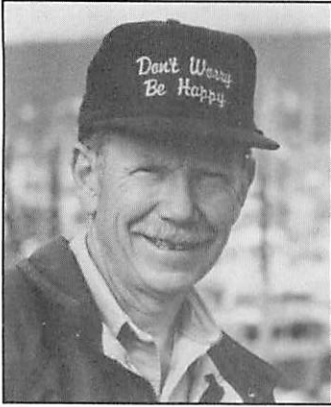
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For pure entertainment, it's hard to beat Alaska's happy-go-lucky sea otters. Numbering up to 150,000 animals, these frisky critters are some of the most common marine mammals seen in Alaska Bays.



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Dear Potential Charter Customer:

Alaska features some of the world's most remarkable marine resources, and many charter boat companies are available to provide visitors with an up-close experience with these natural wonders. Opportunities provided by charter boat companies include sight-seeing and photography cruises, fishing, natural history excursions, whale and bird watching, and hunting, to name a few.

Access to these extraordinary Alaska experiences should not be denied anyone. With this in mind, the Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program developed this directory that provides information on charter boat companies that serve physically disabled clients.

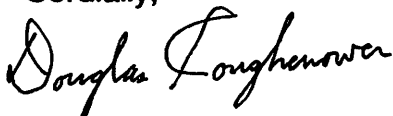
All companies listed have expressed a sincere desire to work closely with disabled customers, to provide the

most enjoyable experience possible. Each company answered a survey that allowed them to evaluate their facilities and personal ability to serve the physically disabled. The companies have not been inspected to verify survey responses.

I have also included some useful information about chartering in Alaska, and encourage you to obtain additional information on Alaska vacation and recreation opportunities through the publications listed on pages 4 and 5.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Challenge Alaska organization in Anchorage and Access Alaska in Fairbanks for all of the help and advice they provided in preparing this booklet.

Cordially,

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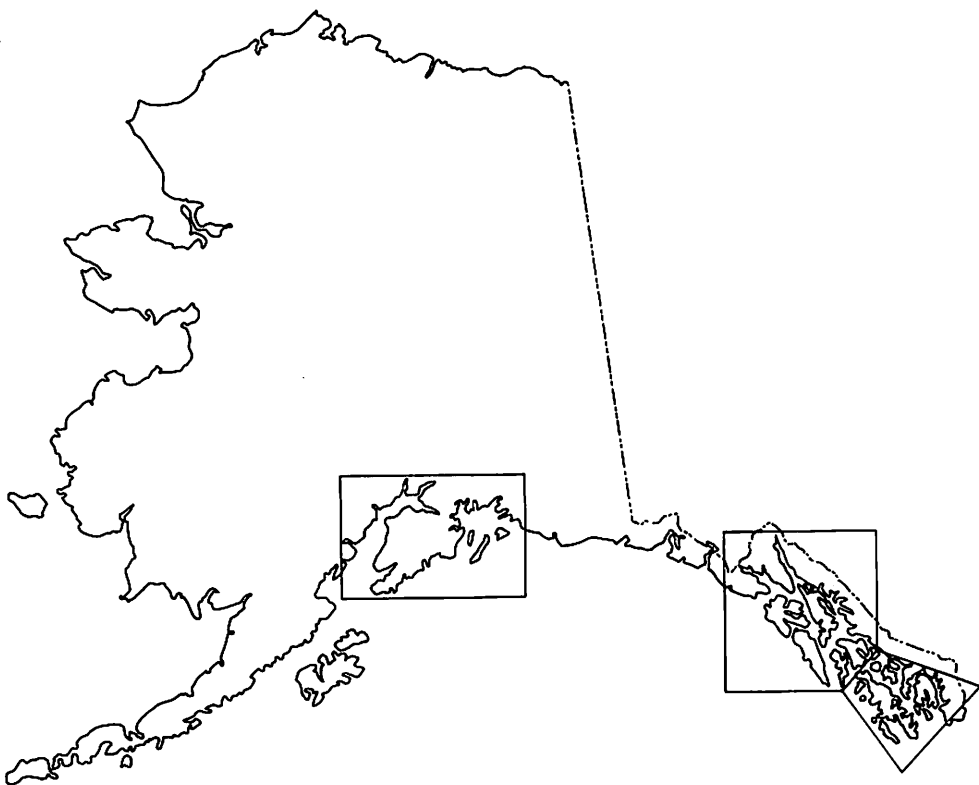
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Using This Directory

This map highlights the three coastal regions in Alaska where charter companies listed in this booklet are located. Left to right, the regions are: south-central, northern southeast, and southern southeast Alaska.

Essentially the same background information is listed for each company. Find a company that seems to suit your needs, and call or write to the contact person. Make sure to ask for details about special equipment and facilities that will help you enjoy your charter trip. See page 4 for suggestions on selecting a charter company, and for titles of other publications that will help you learn what attractions can be found in each area.



Enjoying a Charter Boat Experience

Many out-of-state tourists and resident Alaskans are discovering that taking a charter trip can be an enjoyable, exciting, and, in the long run, economical adventure. Although the initial cost may appear high, you must keep in mind that chartering offers these advantages:

- **Charter boats offer a good chance of success.** Whether it's fishing for kings on the Kenai River or halibut fishing out of Homer, charter boats consistently out-fish the casual recreational fisherman. Charter captains and fishing guides are on the water nearly every day. They know where the fish are and what they are biting. The same thing is true for sight-seeing, sailing, and photography charters. The captains know the best places to go for that special look at Alaska.
- **Charter boats are safer.** Boating, whether it's on rivers, lakes, or marine waters is a potentially dangerous activity. All boaters should be familiar with safety procedures and carry certain safety equipment. Charter boats are required to be safety conscious. Charter captains have experience and knowledge about dealing with emergencies that the majority of anglers just don't have. A much more enjoyable fishing experience can be had if someone else is in charge of finding equipment, deciding where to go, how to get there, tracking weather conditions, and all the other details that go into a boat trip.

- **Charter trips are cost-effective.** Boats are expensive to own and operate. In fact, an often quoted definition of a boat is “a hole in the water that you pour money into.” For the recreational fisherman who only has time to go boating once in a while, it is difficult to justify the initial cost, insurance, maintenance, and miscellaneous expenses involved with owning a boat. Not that recreational boats are supposed to be cost-effective, because it’s hard to put a value on the pleasure they can give. For many families, however, several charter trips can be taken for far less cost than owning your own boat.

Chartering is very much a group activity. Family and friends can often charter a boat all to themselves and have a very enjoyable outing. Groups on a charter vessel can both fish and socialize in a very pleasant and often comfortable setting.

Business can also be combined with pleasure aboard a charter boat. Companies are using charter trips as a reward and incentive for employees and as a way to bring business associates together. Contracts and sales can often be finalized in the relaxed atmosphere of a charter boat.

Choosing a Charter Company

If you are considering a charter boat trip, the first step is to locate a charter company. Nearly every port in Alaska has charter boats available. Some places specialize (Homer for halibut, the Kenai River for salmon) and some places offer a variety of fishing experiences (such as Seward, Sitka, and Ketchikan). Once you have decided on the type of charter you want or the place you want to be, you will next want the name and telephone number of a charter company. The chamber of commerce nearest your destination can usually provide information on local charter companies.

Other excellent sources of tourist information are:

- *Alaska Vacation Planner*
P.O. Box E
Juneau, AK 99811
(907) 465-2010
(The State of Alaska's official tourist guide)
- *Milepost*
GTE Discovery Publications
P.O. Box 3007
Bothell, WA 98041-3007
1-800-331-3510
(A detailed road guide to Alaska and western Canada)
- *Alaska*
808 E Street, Suite 200
Anchorage, AK 99501
(907) 272-6070
(A monthly magazine about the people and places of Alaska)

- *Alaska Fish and Game*
Box 3-2000
Juneau, AK 99802
(907) 465-4286
(Bi-monthly magazine about Alaska's fish and game. Each year, one issue is devoted to recreational fishing)

Other helpful publications are available at bookstores and libraries, including several good travel guides to Alaska. Travel agents may have brochures, and can provide information on transportation and lodging.

Finding the name of a charter company is not difficult. Finding one you like is another matter. Word-of-mouth recommendations will not guarantee you a good company, but they will improve your odds. Talking to someone who has actually used a particular charter boat can provide a lot more information than any advertisement.

If you cannot get a direct recommendation, your best bet is to call several companies, talk with them a few minutes and ask a lot of questions. If possible, talk to the charter captain directly. Then you can usually tell if the company is well organized, interested in your business, and is someone with whom you can work. Actually, the charter company should ask you most of the questions, trying to find out how they can serve you best. If they don't, they may be more interested in what you can do for them (pay a fee) than what they can do for you (give you a good charter experience).

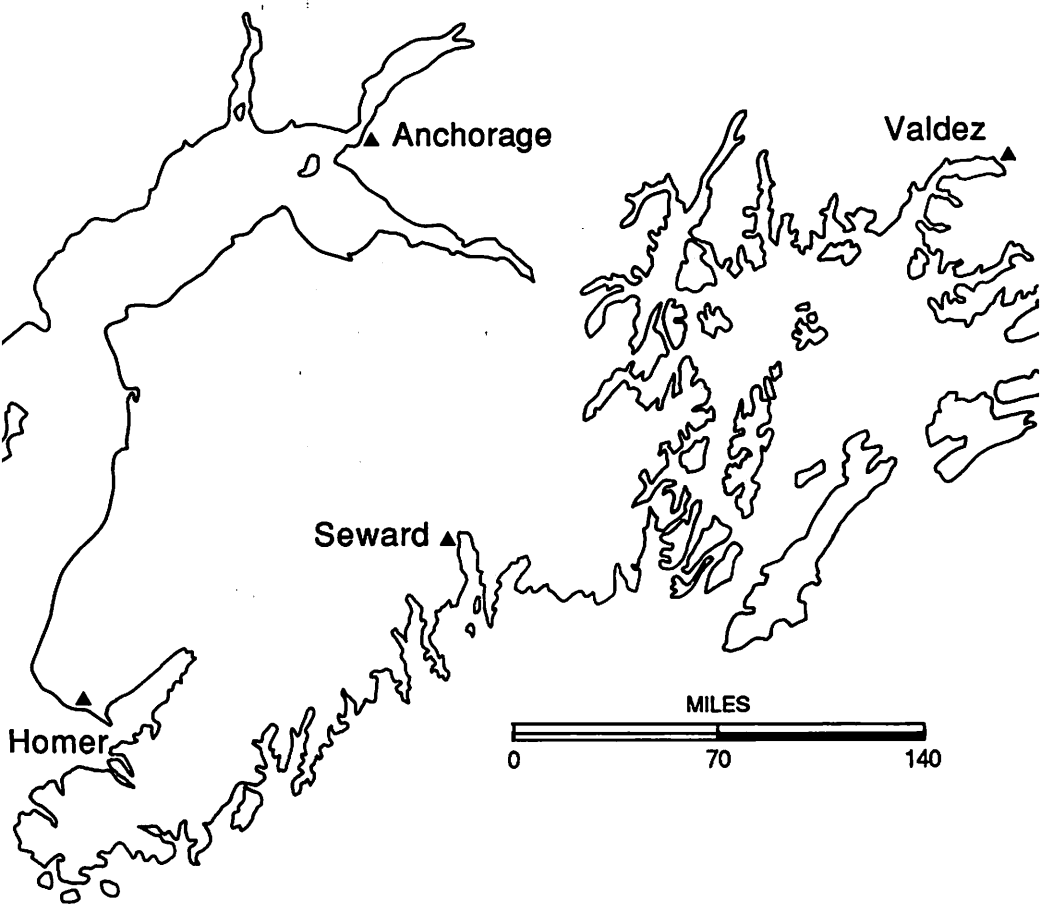
Here are some of the things that a charter company should tell you or that you should ask:

- What special equipment and facilities are provided that will accommodate your particular needs?
- What is included in the charter fee (tackle, bait, ice, fish cleaning, etc.)?
- What is their tipping policy?
- Are there other services available at additional cost (coffee, beverages, snacks, lunches, rain gear, gloves, etc.)?
- What is their policy regarding cancellations or postponements due to weather or equipment failure?
- How do you get to their departure point? (Is a pick-up service available if you are flying in, or directions if you are driving?)
- What arrangements can be made to package, freeze, store, or otherwise handle your catch at the end of the trip?
- What special clothing or gear should you bring?
- If you are not chartering the entire boat, how many other fishermen will be on board and who are they? (The company may not know yet.)
- Families with children should ask if there are special youth rates or if the company can provide or arrange child care for those too young to make the trip.
- What is the company's policy regarding alcohol and smoking on its charter boats?

In other words, there should be a clear understanding between you and the charter company. They should know what you expect and you should know what they will provide. A good charter company wants to serve you, but to do so they need complete information from you.

You must take responsibility for any personal items you might require during the charter trip, so don't forget: sunglasses, extra prescription glasses, medications, suntan lotion, insect repellents, candy, gum, and anything else you can't do without for 4 to 12 hours. And finally, one of the most common complaints heard from charter customers has to do with seasickness. It is unlikely that a charter captain will bring you back to shore if you get seasick. If you think there is any chance that you are prone to getting seasick, talk to your doctor well in advance of your charter trip. Modern motion-sickness remedies are very effective, but they must be taken well in advance of your departure.

Chartering may not be for everyone. But for many people it is a safe, productive, and often exciting way for a group of people to enjoy Alaska's great marine resources.



South-Central

Alaskan Island Adventures

P.O. Box 10-1004
Anchorage, AK 99510

Contact: Tim Cornelius
(907) 892-6503

Type of Charter

Sailboat sight-seeing and fishing with equipment provided.

Boat Description

<i>Name</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Crew</i>
<i>Rebecca Leigh</i>	30'	6	2

Charter Area

Seward, Resurrection Bay,
Prince William Sound,
Kenai Fiords.

Charter Season

April - October

We are willing and able to work with:

- Up to four clients on crutches or with limited ability to walk
- Up to four blind clients
- Up to four hearing impaired clients

Special Equipment or Modifications to Boat

Many hand-grab rails and structural supports. A genuine interest that physically disabled customers have the opportunity to experience elements of outdoor life.

Experience

Mostly people with temporary disabilities.

Additional Information

Able to provide a unique and exciting voyage for the types of physically disabled customers noted, but cannot accommodate wheelchairs.

Alaska Hunting and Fishing Ventures

P.O. Box 813
Homer, AK 99603

Contact: Beverly or Meryl Wolford
(907) 235-7427

Type of Charter

Halibut and salmon fishing; sight-seeing; hunting black bear, goat, and waterfowl.

Boat Description

<i>Name</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Crew</i>
<i>Hanky Panky</i>	28'	6	1
<i>Skiff</i>	18'	4	1

Charter Area

Kachemak Bay and Cook Inlet.

Charter Season

April 1 - mid-October

We are willing and able to work with:

- One client in a wheelchair
- Up to two clients on crutches or with limited ability to walk
- Up to two blind clients
- Up to four hearing impaired clients

Special Equipment or Modifications to Boat

Our halibut boat is equipped with a diesel stove so the cabin is always warm. There are bunks for the seasick or older people needing a nap. We serve lunch.

Experience/Additional Information

We have served several people with broken bones, etc.

We are sincere in our desire to work with the disabled. We would also be willing to work with the mentally impaired.

Our operation is quite flexible so that we can serve people with special needs.

Alora Charters

4460 Spit Road
Homer, AK 99603

(907) 235-8337

Type of Charter

One-day halibut, salmon, and sight-seeing charters.

Boat Description

<i>Name</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Crew</i>
<i>Miss Vicki Ann</i>	47'	42	3
<i>Peggy Jode</i>	26'	6	1
<i>Sea Star</i>	26'	6	1
<i>Beluga II</i>	26'	15	2

Charter Area

Kachemak Bay, Anchor Point, and up shore 50 miles for *Miss Vicki*, 25 miles for all others.

Charter Season

April 1 - October 1

We are willing and able to work with:

- Up to 10 clients on crutches or with limited ability to walk
- Up to 10 blind clients
- Up to 20 hearing impaired clients

Special Equipment or Modifications to Boat

Ample seating on our big boat, which would be the only boat available for this.

Experience

A few customers in wheelchairs and on crutches, and blind and deaf clients.

Captain's Charters

P.O. Box 290
Homer, AK 99603

Contact: Richard Pendry
(907) 235-3474

Type of Charter

Combination all-day halibut and salmon charters; sight-seeing; overnight deer and bear hunting.

Boat Description

<i>Name</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Crew</i>
<i>Irish Mist</i>	34'	10	2
<i>Sundy</i>	50'	20	3
<i>Sonic Boom</i>	32'	10	1
<i>Kathy L</i>	38'	6	1
<i>Sea Otter</i>	28'	6	1

Charter Area

Kachemak Bay - Lower Cook Inlet.

Charter Season

May 1 - October 1

We are willing and able to work with:

- Up to six clients in wheelchairs
- Up to six clients on crutches or with limited ability to walk
- Up to six clients in wheelchairs without use of hands
- Up to six blind clients
- Up to six hearing impaired clients

Special Equipment or Modifications to Boat

Large deck space, rear deck seating, enclosed and heated cabins.

Experience/Additional Information

We have experience carrying blind and hearing-impaired passengers as well as those on crutches or in wheelchairs.

We will serve everyone; we love to help in any way. We lift non-ambulatory clients over the rail in chairs. All clients must wear life jackets on deck. Boat ramp is steep.

North Country Charters, Inc.

P.O. Box 889

Homer, AK 99603

Contact: Gerri or Sean Martin

(907) 235-7620 or (907) 235-5130 (home)

Type of Charter

Daily halibut charters.

Boat Description

<i>Name</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Crew</i>
<i>Irish</i>	53'	16	3
<i>Reflection</i>	28'	6	1
<i>Renowned</i>	28'	6	1
<i>Whistler</i>	50'	16	3

Charter Area

Lower Cook Inlet, Anchor Point south to Elizabeth Island, Barron Island.

Charter Season

May 1 - mid-September

We are willing and able to work with:

- Client in a wheelchair
- Client on crutches or with limited ability to walk
- Blind client
- Hearing impaired client

Special Equipment or Modifications to Boat

None.

Experience

We have taken many wheelchair customers, blind customers, people with casts, and others.

Additional Information

People in wheelchairs are lifted aboard by crew members.

Silver Fox Charters

P.O. Box 402
Homer, AK 99603

Contact: Donna Hinkle
(907) 235-8792

Type of Charter

Full-day halibut fishing.

Boat Description

<i>Name</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Crew</i>
<i>Silver Fox</i>	28'	6	1
<i>Silver Fox Too</i>	28'	6	1
<i>Silver Fox 3</i>	28'	6	1
<i>Silver Fox 4</i>	28'	6	1
<i>Silver Fox 6</i>	28'	6	1
<i>Silver Fox 7</i>	28'	6	1

Charter Area

Kachemak Bay and Lower Cook Inlet.

Charter Season

May 1 - September 15

We are willing and able to work with:

- One client in a wheelchair per boat
- Up to three clients on crutches or with limited ability to walk
- With special equipment, one client in a wheelchair without use of hands
- Up to three blind clients
- Up to four hearing impaired clients

Special Equipment or Modifications to Boat

We have no special equipment; however, we have access to an electric reel with a harness.

Experience

We have taken several passengers in wheelchairs in the past few years as well as blind fishermen.

Irish Lord Charters

P.O. Box 623
Seward, AK 99664

Contact: Monty H. Richardson
(907) 224-5497

Type of Charter

Sight-seeing, and some salmon and bottomfish fishing.

Boat Description

Name	Length	Passengers	Crew
<i>Irish Lord</i>	30'	6	2

Charter Area

Resurrection Bay and Kenai Fiords.

Charter Season

May - September

We are willing and able to work with:

- Client in a wheelchair
- Up to two clients on crutches or with limited ability to walk
- Client in wheelchair without use of hands
- Up to two blind clients
- Up to three hearing impaired clients

Special Equipment or Modifications to Boat

It's relatively easy to load and unload passengers on our boat.

Experience

We have taken a number of disabled people, including those in wheelchairs.

Alaskan Wilderness Sailing Safaris

P.O. Box 1313
Valdez, AK 99686

Contact: Nancy Lethcoe and Athena Lethcoe
(907) 835-5175

Type of Charter

Sailing, natural history, some fishing, whale watching, birds, glacier observations. Participatory cruises.

Boat Description

Name	Length	Passengers	Crew
<i>Arctic Tern III</i>	40'	2-3	1
<i>Hippocampus</i>	37'	3-4	1
<i>First Light</i>	34'	3-4	1

Charter Area

Prince William Sound, Port Wells,
Harriman Fiord, Port Nellie Juan.

Charter Season

May 29 - September 15

We are willing and able to work with:

- One client on crutches or with limited ability to walk
- One blind client per one sighted client
- One hearing impaired client per one hearing client

Special Equipment or Modifications to Boat

None.

Experience

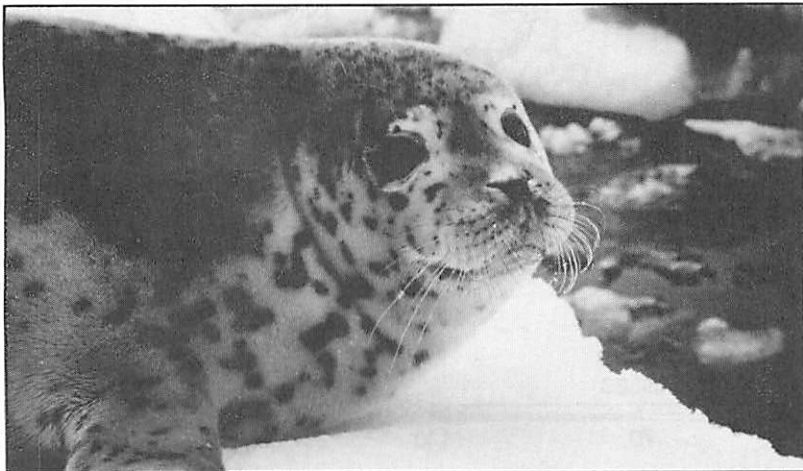
We have taken out paraplegics, amputees, and severely visually disabled clients. It has worked very well.

We have space on seven boats to accommodate 15 to 20 people depending upon needs and the ability/willingness to participate.

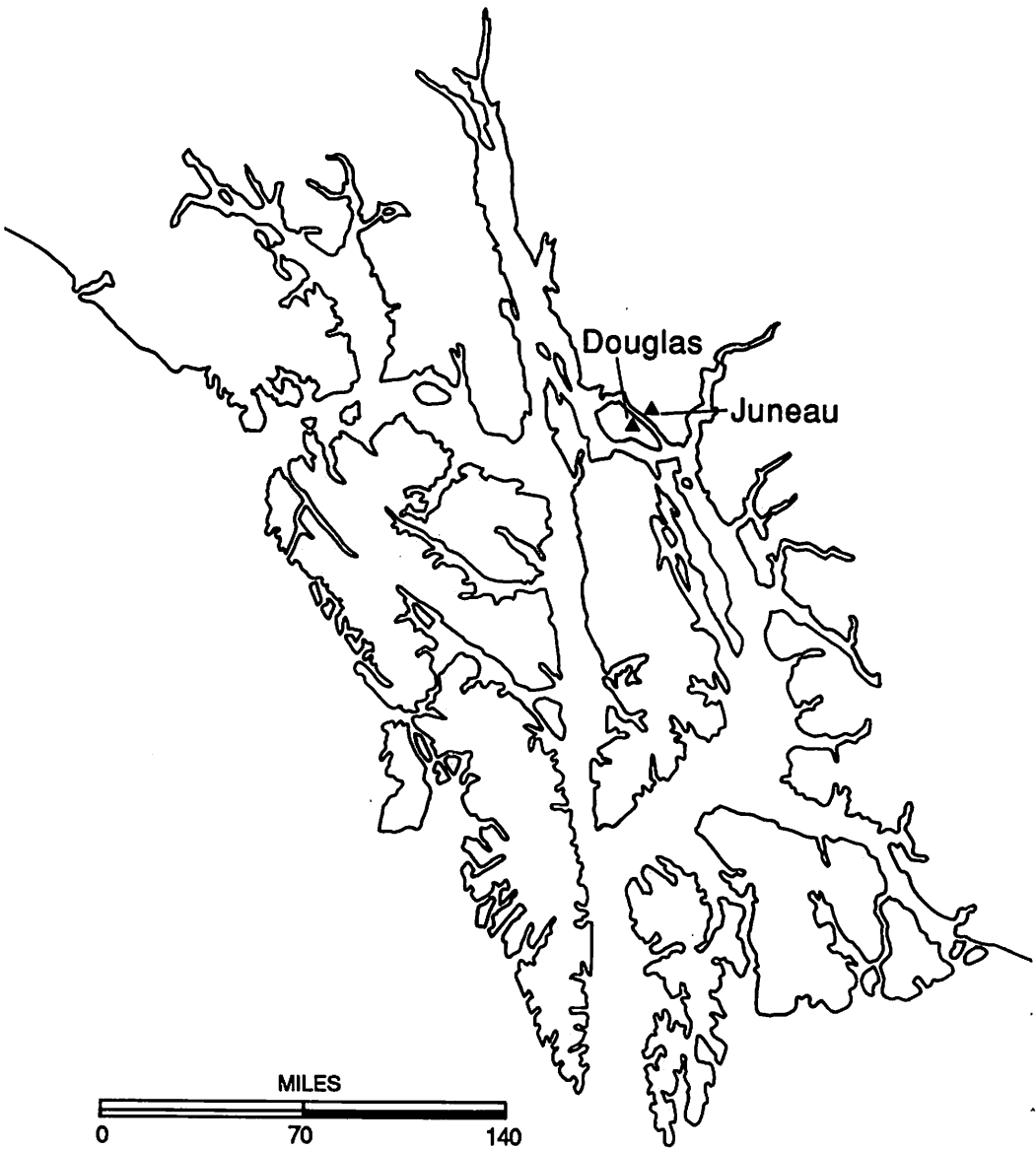
Our trips emphasize marine resources--we observe commercial fishermen, but we are not a fishing charter service. Guests may catch a fish for dinner.

Our trips are better for the active physically disabled, especially for those who want to learn new skills, see a new area, and participate in the operation of a sailing vessel.

Please note that we specialize in week-long trips.



Top--Approximately 300 killer whales, also known as orcas, cruise the Gulf of Alaska in groups called pods, hunting for fish and other marine mammals. Bottom--A spotted seal pup. Seals are often seen lying on rocks, buoys, shorelines, and on floating ice near glaciers.



Northern Southeast

Seawind Charters

Box 126
Douglas, AK 99824

Contact: Ken or Barbara Gehring
(907) 364-3341

Type of Charter

Sight-seeing, fishing, day or overnight. Salmon and halibut fry.

Boat Description

<i>Name</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Crew</i>
<i>Seawind</i>	42'	6	2

Charter Area

Southeast Alaska, specifically Juneau area and Glacier Bay, Tracy Arm.

Charter Season

April 1 - September 20

We are willing and able to work with:

- One client on crutches or with limited ability to walk
- One blind client
- One hearing impaired client

Special Equipment or Modifications to Boat

Tri-cabin design presents problems for wheelchairs. Narrow doors, but roomy boat.

Experience

We have served people in wheelchairs.

Additional Information

Boat has large restroom, crew are first aid-trained, non-ambulatory clients are lifted on board.

Bluewater Charters

P.O. Box 32214
Juneau, AK 99803

Contact: Doug or Linda Unruh
(907) 789-2471

Type of Charter

Fishing, sight-seeing.

Boat Description

<i>Name</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Crew</i>
<i>Linda D</i>	28'	4	1

Charter Area

Northern Southeast Alaska,
area around Shelter Island.

Charter Season

May - September

We are willing and able to work with:

- One client on crutches or with limited ability to walk
- One blind client
- Up to four hearing impaired clients

Special Equipment or Modifications to Boat

None.

Experience

We have served blind and hearing-impaired clients. Cannot accommodate wheelchairs.

Dummer's Marine and Charter

9216 Long Run Drive
Juneau, AK 99801

Contact: Larry or Ann Dummer
(907) 789-3859 (home)

Type of Charter

Hourly, daily, weekly. Cruising, day parties. Limited fishing.

Boat Description

<i>Name</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Crew</i>
<i>C'est Si Bon</i>	50'	40	2

Charter Area

Juneau area for hourly and daily trips,
and all of Southeast for longer trips.

Charter Season

Generally May to
mid-September, but
sometimes earlier or
later depending on
weather.

We are willing and able to work with:

- Up to four clients in wheelchairs (more if person can be moved to seat)
- Up to 10 clients on crutches or with limited ability to walk
- Up to two clients in a wheelchair without use of hands
- Up to four blind clients--more if family members or helpers are present
- Several hearing impaired clients

Special Equipment or Modifications to Boat

No special equipment. Flat loading surface leading to transom door from dock.

Experience

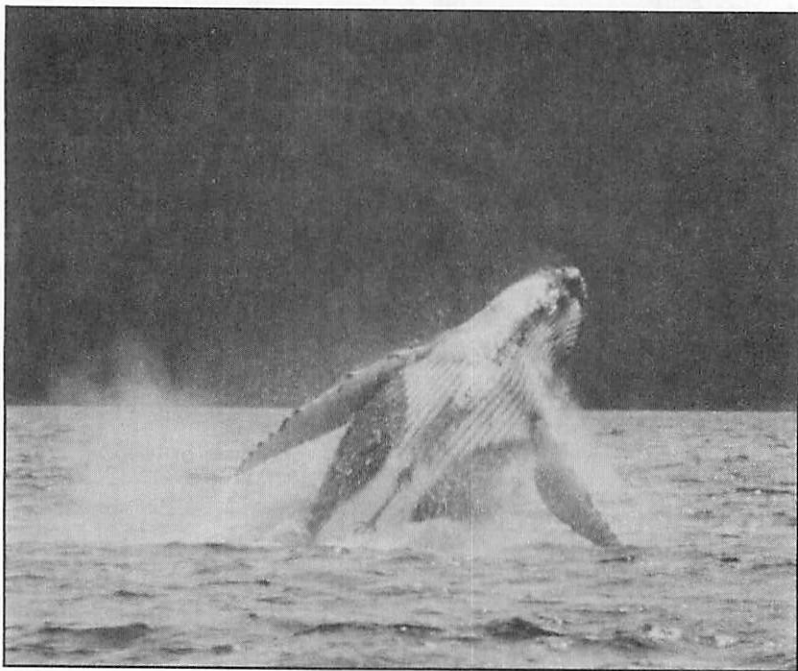
We have had customers who are blind, disabled, and many senior citizens needing care. We once had a group of 28, 18 of whom needed wheelchairs from van.

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Dummer's (continued)

Additional Information

We can put four to five wheelchairs on the back deck for fishing, but do not have equipment to secure wheelchairs in rough seas. We do not have special equipment such as a rail, but each group has examined the boat and found it to be very acceptable for their use and their people. We consider our boat highly desirable for such use, but of course limited, and we often need family or group helpers. We usually get help from other customers. If in a group of disabled people, try to arrange a time when ramp conditions are most workable.



For a spectacular water show, nothing can compete with breaching whales. Here a humpback whale explodes out of southeast Alaska waters. Humpbacks can grow to 52 feet in length. There are between 2,000 and 3,000 of this endangered species in the North Pacific.

58°22' North Sailing Charters

P.O. Box 32391

Juneau, AK 99803

Contact: Wayne and Del Carnes

(907) 789-7301

Type of Charter

Wilderness sailing charters, sailing instruction, bear boat charters.

Boat Description

<i>Name</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Crew</i>
<i>Whisper</i>	30'	6	1
<i>Commitment</i>	36'	4-5	1

Charter Area

Juneau area, Icy Strait, Tracy Arm, Glacier Bay.

Charter Season

May 1 - October 1

We are willing and able to work with:

- Up to two clients on crutches or with limited ability to walk
- Up to two blind clients
- Up to six hearing impaired clients

Special Equipment or Modifications to Boat

None.

Experience

My brother-in-law is paraplegic and has been sailing with me. He can walk with crutches, but has some problems getting to the head.

Alaska Wyldewind Charters

617 Katlian B-33
Sitka, AK 99835

Contact: Jerry Dzugan
(907) 747-3287 (work) or (907) 747-5734 (home)

Type of Charter

Wildlife trips, sailing.

Boat Description

<i>Name</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Crew</i>
<i>Wyldewind</i>	36.5'	6	1-2

Charter Area

Southeast Alaska.

Charter Season

April 15 - September 30

We are willing and able to work with:

- Up to four clients on crutches or with limited ability to walk
- Up to six blind clients
- Up to six hearing impaired clients

Special Equipment or Modifications to Boat

Boat has a relatively large, recessed cockpit providing a secure place to sit.

Experience

Limited.

Additional Information

I would like to provide as many opportunities as possible for disabled people to enjoy boating. Although a boat the size of ours has some limiting physical aspects, our attitude toward people with disabilities and boating is accommodating.

Sitka's Secrets

500 Lincoln Street, #641
 Sitka, AK 99835

Contact: Kent Hall or Bev Minn
 (907) 747-5089 (home)

Type of Charter

Full-day and half-day fishing for salmon and halibut, or wildlife viewing.

Boat Description

<i>Name</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Crew</i>
<i>Sitka Secret</i>	23'	6	1

Charter Area

Sitka Sound area.

Charter Season

April 1 - October 1

We are willing and able to work with:

- Up to four clients on crutches or with limited ability to walk
- Up to four blind clients
- Up to four hearing impaired clients

Special Equipment or Modifications to Boat

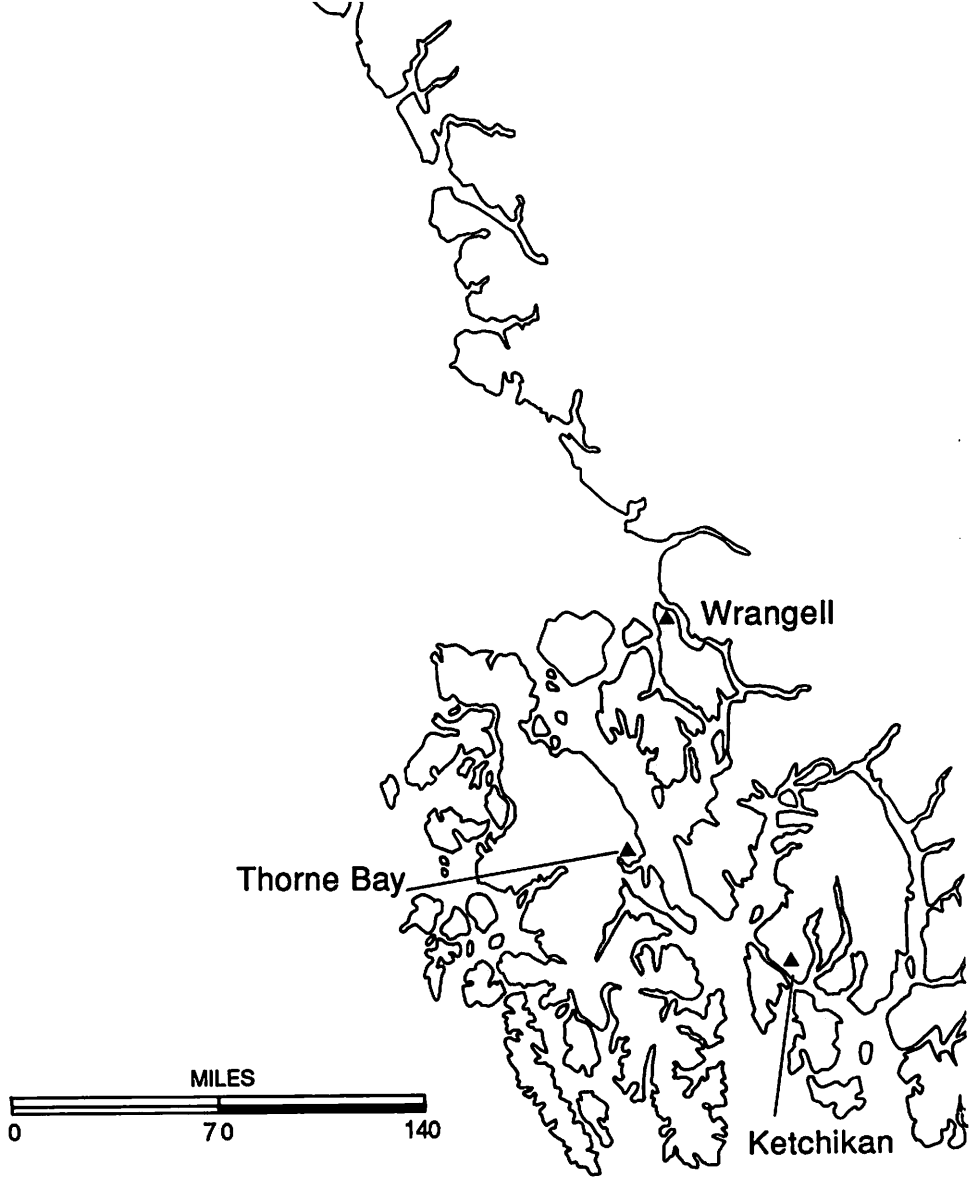
None.

Experience

We have served blind clients and clients in wheelchairs.

Additional Information

For customers in wheelchairs, if you can be easily transferred to a seat in our boat cabin, we could take you on a half-day sightseeing trip quite comfortably.



Southern Southeast

Magnum Charters

Route 1, Box 827
Ketchikan, AK 99901

Contact: Bill or Sharon Kacenas
(907) 247-8462, 274-8100

Type of Charter

Full-day and half-day fishing trips for salmon, halibut, and red snapper.

Boat Description

<i>Name</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Crew</i>
<i>Magnum II</i>	28'	6	2

Charter Area

Inside waters around Ketchikan:
Behm Canal, Clarence Strait, Tongass
Narrows, Nichols Passage, Dixon
Entrance, Clover Pass.

Charter Season

May 1 - September 30

We are willing and able to work with:

- Up to two clients in wheelchairs
- Up to four clients on crutches or with limited ability to walk
- Up to four blind clients
- Up to four hearing impaired clients

Special Equipment or Modifications to Boat

Large flat rear deck, high hand rails.

Experience/Additional Information

Good experiences with people on crutches as well as hearing impaired customers.

Willing to have boat inspected. Able to provide most services needed. Quite flexible and sensitive to people's needs. Due to Ketchikan's extreme tides, additional assistance sometimes is needed. This can be provided.

Seabreeze Charters

1033 Millar Street
Ketchikan, AK 99901

Contact: Jim or Norma Green
(907) 225-5317

Type of Charter

Day-long or multiple-day fishing (halibut and salmon) and sight-seeing trips.

Boat Description

<i>Name</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Crew</i>
Seabreeze	50'	6	2

Charter Area

Southeast Alaska, an area of islands, reefs and extremely varied scenery. All charters conducted within 100 miles of Ketchikan.

Charter Season

May - October

We are willing and able to work with:

- Up to four clients in wheelchairs (if able to move below on multi-day trips)
- Up to four clients on crutches or with limited ability to walk
- Up to four clients in wheelchairs without use of hands
- Up to four blind clients
- Up to six hearing impaired clients

Special Equipment or Modifications to Boat

Salon and fishing deck on same level--wide doors between these areas. Battery power for electric reels. Dinghy davit can be used for loading when necessary.

Experience

We regularly provide multiple-day trips for a quadriplegic. We've had numerous one-day trips with disabled guests, including stroke victims, the elderly, etc.

Ken's Charters

P.O. Box 19329
Thorne Bay, AK 99919

Contact: Kenneth Klein
(907) 828-3387 (September - May)
(907) 225-7290 (June - August)

Type of Charter

Custom charter for sight-seeing, photography, hunting, fishing (halibut, salmon, bottomfish). Specialty is multiple-day trips.

Boat Description

<i>Name</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Crew</i>
<i>Bigenuff II</i>	45'	4-6	2-3

Charter Area

Will cover all of southeast Alaska.
General area served is from northern end of Prince of Wales Island to Misty Fiords National Monument.

Charter Season

Normal season about May 15-September 15, but will go earlier or later depending on the request and details.

We are willing and able to work with:

- Client in a wheelchair--depending on chair and person
- Up to four clients on crutches or with limited ability to walk
- Up to four blind clients
- Up to four hearing impaired clients

Special Equipment or Modifications to Boat

A nice, flat fishing deck covered with a canvas awning.

Experience/Additional Information

Older people and one person in a wheelchair. The client with the wheelchair sat on an ice chest to fish. We stowed his folding wheelchair.

Customers with disabilities should call for reservations.

Last Frontier Charters

P.O. Box 443
Thorne Bay, AK 99919

Contact: Ralph or Jackie Burnett
(206) 676-9351

Type of Charter

Overnight sportfishing trips, two to seven days.

Boat Description

<i>Name</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Crew</i>
<i>Fair Sea</i>	54'	4-6	2

Charter Area

Juneau and Ketchikan area, all
Southeast Alaska.

Charter Season

May - September

We are willing and able to work with:

- Up to four clients on crutches or with limited ability to walk
- Up to four blind clients
- Up to four hearing impaired clients

Special Equipment or Modifications to Boat

Stable ramp from dock to transom door for boarding.

Experience/Additional Information

One amputee on crutches.

Wheelchairs would be impossible to maneuver on the boat. Fishing deck could probably accommodate two secured, standard chairs that could provide stability for anyone with balance problems.

We would be glad to provide as much assistance as we can to make your trip enjoyable. Pick-up can be at Ketchikan Airport dock. We have ordinary car transportation from Juneau Airport to dock.

Although guests usually have below-deck cabins and head to themselves, there are also sleeping accommodations and a head on boarding deck level, so arrangements can be flexible.

T. H. Charters

P.O. Box 934
Wrangell, AK 99929

Contact: Todd Harding
(907) 874-3455

Type of Charter

Fishing (salmon, Dolly Varden and cutthroat trout, halibut), sight-seeing and Stikine River trips.

Boat Description

<i>Name</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Passengers</i>	<i>Crew</i>
<i>Sally H</i>	23'	6	1
<i>David's Boat</i>	16'	2-3	1

Charter Area

Saltwater area within 40-mile radius of Wrangell, the Stikine River, and continuing into Canada.

Charter Season

April - September

We are willing and able to work with:

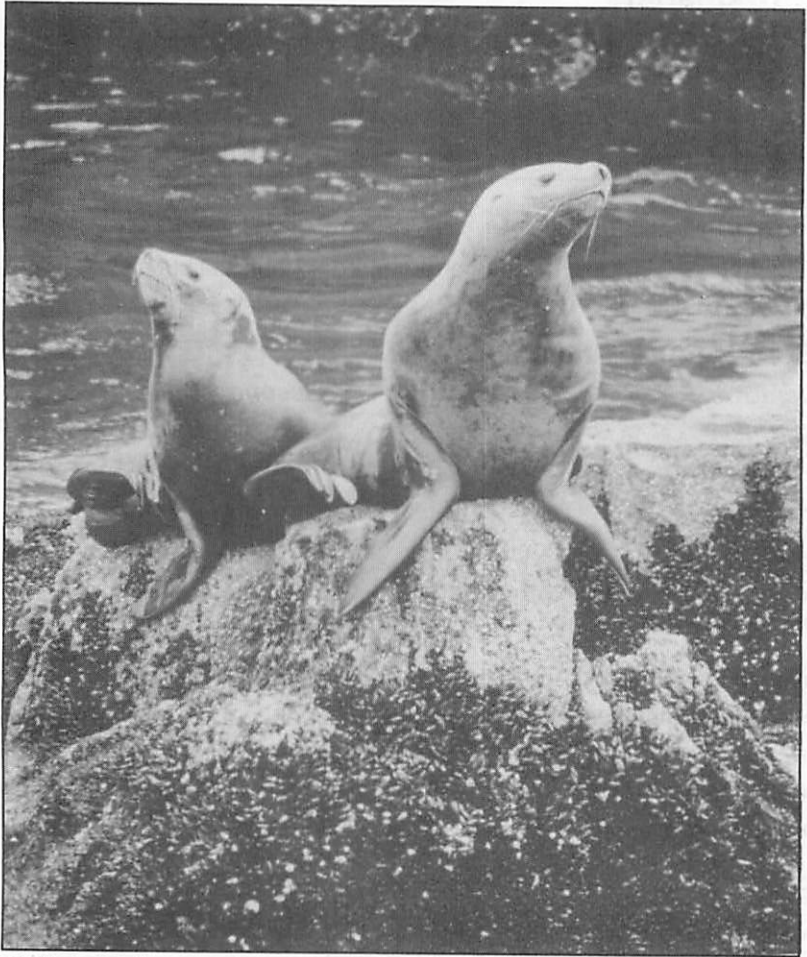
- Client in wheelchair
- Up to two clients on crutches or with limited ability to walk
- Up to two blind clients
- Up to two hearing impaired clients

Special Equipment or Modifications to Boat

No knowledge of special equipment, but willing to work with someone who can provide this information.

Experience

None.



Steller sea lions at Kenai Fiords. These animals are common in the Gulf of Alaska and Aleutian Islands, and can grow to lengths in excess of ten feet on a diet of fish, squid, and octopus.

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