



**DOLPHIN**CHARTERS

ALASKA, CALIFORNIA,  
BAJA, GALAPAGOS  
& BEYOND





# dear friends

Dolphin Charters' natural history programs are designed for nature lovers. With our 50 ft. trawler style exploration boat "Delphinus" we invite you to explore, experience, and educate yourself about the natural world around you. Photographers, wildlife enthusiasts, and lovers of vastness will find these voyages unsurpassed.

Our tour leaders are wonderful naturalists and renowned photographers that share with you their extensive knowledge of marine wilderness areas. We specialize in small groups, as is appropriate to true wilderness and to ensure a unique intimate experience.

Dolphin Charters hopes to show you the serenity, beauty and majesty of the marine wilderness and our natural world. Please join us for an unrivaled adventure!

*"On all these shores there are echoes of past and future: of the flow of time, obliterating yet containing all that has gone before: of the sea's eternal rhythms-the tides, the beat of surf, the pressing rivers of the currents-shaping, changing, dominating: of the stream of life, flowing as inexorably as any ocean current, from past to unknown future."*

From: *The Edge of the Sea* by Rachel Carson

All brochure photographs taken on Dolphin Charters trips



## california day cruises



Photo: John Kipping

October through May Dolphin Charters offers varied and interesting day cruises in the San Francisco Bay and its' surrounding waterways. Trips up the Napa and Petaluma Rivers as well as the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta provide forays into a watery natural world that most of us don't realize exists. Many of these wetland and coastal areas look much as they would have 100-200 years ago and other parts have changed dramatically. Come with us and visit these important natural and cultural history aspects of California that shaped our state.

All of our trips are narrated and we encourage passengers to ask questions about the shorelines, islands, and wildlife that we encounter.

Apart from our Road Scholar, museum, and college Bay Area trips, our boats are also available for private and group charters. Please call for details and our fall 2014 and winter/spring 2015 Bay Area schedule will be on our website.

*"We both learned a heck of a lot of nature info and the history of the Napa River and surrounding area. Superb job! Excellent, unique! We certainly will encourage others to join you on your cruises."*

**Bill M.**  
**San Jose, CA**





Photo: Buff and Gerald Corsi

## baja and galapagos

Separate from our Pacific Northwest and California cruises Ronn Patterson and Dolphin Charters set up one or more Ecuador and Baja trips each year. For 2015 we have a Galapagos/Ecuador trip taking place in January. In addition we have put together a Baja "land and lagoon" desert and whale special for February 2015.

For the Galapagos in 2015 Ronn will be leading an 11 day boat based trip highlighting the best of the islands. Great food, a superb crew, and a magical area combine to make this a lifetime experience. A side trip to the Ecuadorian Amazon is part of the 2015 trip and is a "must see".

For Baja we have a land based trip starting in Loreto with daily boat trips for whale watching and explorations of the town and surrounding areas. The group will then experience a trip through the starkly beautiful desert country before arriving in San Ignacio Lagoon and several days of friendly gray whales before returning to Loreto.

Contact us if interested and see our Facebook page for a pictorial review of the 2013 trip.



# alaska and british columbia

Hello all adventurers!

We start our 2015 Alaska/British Columbia season with a repositioning cruise from Port Townsend to Ketchikan. The Inside Passage waterways that we traverse are spectacular in scenery and we will stop at a number of “off the beaten track” places on our journey between Port Townsend and Ketchikan.

Next up is a cruise from Ketchikan to Juneau showcasing whales, ice, and opportunities. Foraging “bears on the beach” are commonly seen close up as they hunt in the sedges and the tidal wrack for their meals. Our 2015 “Around Admiralty Island” trip with Betty Sederquist as photo leader has become a favorite of Ronn’s. The scenery is spectacular and a great time of year for salmon, bears, whales, and ice. Two Glacier Bay trips this season give access to this incredible “sapphire” of the National Park System. We then have three wonderful cruises between Juneau and Wrangell in our travels across Southeast Alaska. These “Wildlife Specials” showcase the natural history, wildlife (marine and on land), and landscapes of this area.

Our final two trips of the season emphasize the spectacular natural beauty of remote British Columbia and the wildlife and First Nation cultures to be found there. As we head south, the Spirit Bear trip starts in Ketchikan and ends in Port McNeill, BC. This trip and the Orca trip that follows (Port McNeill-Friday Harbor) tend to be wildlife heavy, especially with marine mammals.

Check out our Facebook page to view the photo albums put up after each trip has run - they’re beautiful!







# alaska 2015 calendar



|                                |   |                                 |            |
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| 1. Port Townsend-Ketchikan     | <b>Fabulous Inside Passage</b><br>Ronn Patterson          | June 9 - 18                     | \$2895     |
| 2. Ketchikan- Juneau           | <b>Native Culture / Natural History</b><br>Ronn Patterson | June 21 - 29<br>PC              | \$3795     |
| 3. Juneau -Gustavus            | <b>Glacier Bay I</b><br>Mark Kelly                        | July 2 - 10<br>GBNP             | \$4395     |
| 4. Hoonah-Gustavus             | <b>Glacier Bay II</b><br>Brenda Tharp / Jed Manwaring     | July 13 - 29<br>GBNP            | \$3795     |
| 5. Hoonah-Juneau               | <b>Around Admiralty Island</b><br>Betty Sederquist        | July 21 - 30<br>PC              | \$4895     |
| 6. Juneau-Wrangell             | <b>Whales, Bears, Glaciers I</b><br>Roger Devore          | August 2 - 10<br>AN/PC/Stikine  | \$4695     |
| 7. Wrangell to Juneau          | <b>Whales, Bears, Glaciers II</b><br>Ronn Patterson       | August 12 - 20<br>AN/PC/Stikine | \$4695     |
| 8. Juneau-Wrangell             | <b>Whales, Bears, Glaciers III</b><br>Ronn Patterson      | August 23 - 31<br>AN/PC/Stikine | \$4695     |
| 9. Ketchikan-Port McNeill      | <b>Spirit Bear</b><br>Gordon & Cathy Illg                 | September 7 - 16                | \$4495     |
| 10. Port McNeill-Friday Harbor | <b>Orcas, Orcas, Orcas</b><br>Ronn Patterson              | September 18 - 26               | \$40<br>95 |

PC = Pack Creek Grizzly Bear Reserve, AN = Anan Creek Wildlife Viewing Area, GBNP = Glacier Bay National Park

PHOTO = Photography Workshop

Dolphin Charters operates under permit from the Tongass National Forest.

Dolphin Charters is an equal opportunity provider. Supporter of Leave No Trace Practices.



# enrollment

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please enroll me/send additional information in/on the following trip:

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 deposit/person)

To enroll in a DOLPHIN CHARTERS LLC Cruise, use the enrollment form provided or list the information requested for each person enrolling on a separate sheet. Enclose a deposit of \$500 for each enrollment or enclose full payment. Make your check payable to DOLPHIN CHARTERS LLC and mail it along with this enrollment form to 1007 Leneve Place, El Cerrito CA 94530, or FAX 510-525-0720. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Full payment (the balance if you send a deposit upon enrollment) is due 90 days prior to departure. All of our trips require that participants be in reasonable health and be able to get in and out of a skiff and go up and down one or more ladders.

Fee includes instruction, meals, accommodations, and transportation while aboard the vessel. Generally the fee also includes airport or hotel transfers to the boat and other side trips when using recommended hotels. It does not include transfers to and from the Seattle (SeaTac) Airport or San Francisco. Fee does not include hard liquor, fishing license, personal fishing gear, gratuities, airfare, or meals and lodging enroute to or from the boat, laundry, or other items of a personal nature.

Travel Arrangements: We are prepared to handle your travel arrangements from your home to the departure point of the trip and return. We can also make customized extensions or side trips either before or after your DOLPHIN CHARTERS LLC cruise. We can best serve you if you use our agent, Bev at Dalianes Travel Agency 800-462-2937, fax 707-443-2104, bev@dalianes.com. She is familiar with all our trips and can book the most efficient flights for you.

Cancellations: A full refund (less \$200 per person processing fee) will be made if your cancellation is received 90 days prior to the departure date. Late cancellations (less \$500 per person processing fee) will be made ONLY if a suitable replacement is available; otherwise no refunds will be made for any reason. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended to protect your investment. Rarely is it necessary for us to cancel a trip. In the event that we are required to cancel a trip you will be notified 30 days before departure and all fees will be refunded.

California Law: Requires sellers of travel to maintain a trust account or bond. This business has a trust account. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

For more information: If you have questions or wish more information contact DOLPHIN CHARTERS LLC at 1007 Leneve Place, El Cerrito CA 94530; (510) 527-9622 or [trips@dolphincharters.com](mailto:trips@dolphincharters.com)



Photo: Julie Freestone



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