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# DISCOVERY PASSAGE, B.C.

## April Point Resort and Marina, Quadra Island, British Columbia

**D**eeply rooted in the local salmon fishing traditions of Discovery Passage, April Point Resort and Marina originally began in the 1940's as a camp that catered not to tourists, but to commercial fishermen. Situated off beautiful British Columbia's Vancouver Islands' east shore, today it's a gem of a west coast paradise well away from the crowds.

April Point Resort and Marina combines natural beauty with adventure activities to create the ultimate boating vacation experience. While moored at the April Point Marina, in the cove south of Gowlland Harbour on exquisite Quadra Island, we discovered that as marina guests we had access to all the facilities and services available at April Point Resort & Spa, as well as Painter's Lodge – a complimentary ten minute water taxi rides across Discovery Crossing.

With choices of activities from whale watching to golf to salmon fishing, it's tough to pick just one. I'll admit that I took a pass on the

Ocean Rapids tour of tumultuous Arron Rapids in an open zodiac, opting instead for a more serene (and self-propelled) kayak exploration around the shoreline.

When it came time for dinner we had the opportunity to choose between the two *locations dining options*. At *Painter's Lodge*, there's casual Pub dining in the Tyee Pub or traditional west coast cuisine in Legends, the Lodge's dining room. Tough as the choice was, we opted for April Point Resort's dining room and lounge where we had the best of both worlds choosing between the sushi bar, seafood, west coast cuisine, and traditional pub-fare. I must admit, I really enjoyed the view of a cruise ship passing through Discovery Passage while sipping my martini on the patio. When our dinner arrived, I learned that the culinary presentation of this fine dining establishment is truly as inviting as the resorts' surrounding. This is one of the most spectacular places I've ever visited. Next time I'll book a spa. ☐



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**Getting There by Boat:** As you enter the harbor from Discovery Crossing, use Chart 3540, pass April Point Resort & Spa where you will see a private red spar buoy. Keep this buoy close to your starboard side. The marina is located further down into the cove. Call April Point Marina on VHF Channel 66A or call 1-250-598-3366 for your docking assignment. The friendly marina staff will gladly provide docking assistance into your slip.

**Getting There by Car:** Via a 10 minute local ferry service from the town of Campbell River on Vancouver Island.

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