



For adventures near and far, fractional yacht ownership gives you the best of all worlds.

Destination — Bowen Island

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When you only have a few hours to steal away from your busy life and you love to really get away on the water, a fractional share of a yacht from One 4 Yacht Fractions is the perfect way to have your cake and eat it too!

Our Friday afternoon getaway from the office began in False Creek, where we boarded the 46-foot West Coast, the *West Coast Spirit*, a locally designed and built luxury cruiser, which welcomed us aboard for a trip to Bowen Island.

With the sea air blowing away the cobwebs of a week of work, we took advantage of the vast outdoor space aboard this vessel, from the fly bridge designed for entertaining and the aft deck with barbecue and room for dining *aux deux*, to the foredeck where you could lounge in full force of a summer breeze.

We cruised at a comfortable speed through the False Creek harbour and out into Queen Charlotte Strait keeping our gaze and the camera lens on the kayakers, sailboats, waterbirds and the immense freighters basking in the glow of the setting sun.

We eased into Snug Cove and pulled into an easy berth with One 4 Yacht's Nuno Alves at the helm. A lone trumpeter swan greeted our arrival, along with a pair of Canada geese (local ambassadors, I assume, just in case we were Americans).

At Doc Morgan's Inn & Pub on Bowen we belled up to the bar with the local establishment, well-mannered dogs included, for dinner.

With two staterooms fore and aft, complete with heads, an amazing galley and comfortable salon, the 46-foot West Coast is a perfect vessel to overnight on. A local tells me The Snug Cafe is the place to be in the morning for their specialty of Eggs Bennie or a smoked salmon bagel and a friendly "good morning" from café owners, Joan Hayes and Lisa Howland. The temptation is overwhelming, but alas, the city beckons us back, and we board the *West Coast Spirit* for our trip home, grateful to have had the opportunity to see all the advantages of fractional ownership through One 4 Yacht. See for yourself at www.one4yacht.com. DH

