

gull, 12 glaucous-winged gulls, generally distributed. at W end Thatcher Pass 13 glaucous-winged gulls, 1 pigeon guillemot, 5 glaucous-winged gulls. at S end of Willow Island 1 glaucous-winged gull. Arrived Lopez Island ferry terminal.

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Yacht Sates

Left Lopez at 9:00 AM for Union Lake, thence to Western on Union Lake to organize boat for return to Lopez Island. This is a 1968, 32' Grand Banks Sedan, Hull no. WA 25934A1968, Registration no. WN 5786 M, 120 h.p. Ford Lehman engine. Purchase from Donald B. Snow of Mercer Island, Washington. James R and I left WYSales Marine at 1:30 P.M. for Lopez. Between Union Lake and Ballard locks noted 14 mallards, 8 Canada geese, 3 double-crested cormorant, all semi-tame. Passed thru locks at 2:25 P.M. at outer light buoy at mouth of channel just S of Shilshole marina a dark colored sea lion (Calif sea lion) was resting on a basal platform. It remained as we passed by at approx. 35'. Head 2 other Calif. sea lions toward Shilshole marina. From here N in Puget Sound keeping mid-channel past Edmonds, Everett, Sedney Island to Sandy Point thence Langley arriving 7:15 P.M. for night. All afternoon has been high waves, rough water, black skies, especially to S and wind & rain. Only a few birds observed and 3 Calif sea lions. Birds included 9 western grebes, 16 black nesters,

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Left 5:36 AM just in front of black storm cloud at hour meter reading of 2583.0. 12 western grebes along way, Rock Point 7:30 A.M. Taking most direct route up Saratoga Passage. 8:36 W entrance Swinomish Channel at end jetty at 2586 hr meter. Ranch La Conner. Swinomish Bridge (highway 20) at 2588^{hr} meter at 1:10 P.M. Dil 60°, temp 160°. 8 western grebes just N of RR swinging bridge, approx 1/2 way N along channel were low tide exposures bay to E noted 2,035 black brant (estimated by hundreds). Continued W past Anacortes and thence across Rosario Straits to Thatcher Pass, thence to Bee House on Humphrey Head, thence to Spencer Spit where we anchored arriving at 3:00 P.M. Left The Bee and called Annette for transportation back to Bee House. Rosario Straits surprisingly calm compared to windy weather all along prior route.