

Welcome

Welcome



Welcome: Your Inside Track

Welcome to the start of your vacation! This guest book will provide you everything you need to know about our boat and community. Along with our area guide you'll also find everything you need to know about Equinox

Our Home

M/V Equinox a liveaboard vessel. Enjoy the cozy comfort of a home on the water with easy access to hiking trails, local shops, and most importantly the sea. Equinox has been a home for over 3 years and has all the creature comforts of tiny living, coupled with all the equipment to enjoy a truly authentic Alaskan adventure!

Our Philosophy

We want you to have an exceptional stay in Sitka on our boat. This is your home for however long you are staying and we hope you'll be relaxed, comfortable and happy. We hope you treat our boat as you would your home and we are available at all times to help and assist you. Welcome!								

Arrival Information

WiFi / Internet Details

Sorry - No Wi-fi - it is impossible to get a router and modem hookup on the dock! There are several places close by that offer WIFI.

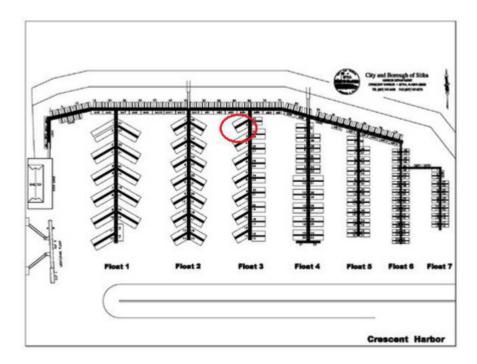
Access Codes / Instructions

I will greet you upon your arrival and hand you the keys to the vessel.

Check-in Time

Check-in time is 3pm-10pm. We can sometimes arrange an early check-in so please contact us if you will arrive early and we'll do our best, without any promises.

Directions



If you are arriving via car please click the map button at the bottom of your screen. Once on the map you will see the icon. This is the location of the top of the dock at Crescent Harbor. Simply click it and then click "get directions". It will open Google Maps and the end point (the house) will be filled in. You simply need to type in your starting point.

When you arrive in at the Harbor follow this map out to the M/V Equinox on finger 3, slip 02.

Parking

There is free parking in the lot at the top of the dock next to Centennial Hall. Most spots are free for 72 hours.

Departure Information

Check-out Process

When you leave, please ensure the following simple tasks are done:

- take your garbage to the bins at the top of the dock (we'll take care of your recycling),
- turn the heaters to 4,
- leave used towels on the floor in front of the washer/dryer,
- do the dishes and leave them in the drying rack,
- lock all the doors,
- leave the key with Cameo.

We hope you had a wonderful stay!

Check-out Time

Check-out time is 12pm. If you need later checkout, we will do our best to accommodate you, but please let us know beforehand.

Appliance Instructions / Information

Electrical

Unlike a home, our boat operates with a fixed amount of power - 50Amps. Please be aware when using any electrical devices you brought with you. Hair dryers and similar electrical accessories use a lot of power and if the heater, dehumidifier, and hair dryer all all operating at full power at the same time, you may exceed our 50Amp capacity and trip the breaker.

If this happens, you need to follow the main yellow power cord at the stern of the boat to the blue power box at the end of the boat stall and switch the 50Amp breaker switch off and then on again.

Without getting to involved in electrolysis, please do not let the yellow power cord rest in the ocean. If you see if drooping into the water, please readjust it.

Galley Stove



We have a gas stove and oven. To light any of the burners:

- Push and turn the knob clockwise you will hear the propane flowing.
- Light the burner.
- You can adjust the height of the flame by turning the knob

To light the oven:

- Push and turn the knob farthest left to the desired temperature.
- Open the oven door and manually light the pilot light at the bottom

Heating

We have a wall mounted heater in the master cabin, salon, and forward hallway that can be controlled by a simple on/off switch and a dial (1-9). We generally leave the heater on 4 and the internal thermostat will turn the unit on and off accordingly.

There is also a dehumidifier in the v-berth. The unit puts out a small amount of heat and will automatically turn itself off and on as it regulates the humidity in the boat.

Hot Water

The boat is equipped with an electric hot water heating system and hot water tank. The tank can accommodate a roughly 12 minute hot shower, before needing 20 minutes or so to heat new water up again. The boat holds 500 gallons of water, so you can take a long shower, but please try to conserve water when possible.

Toilet



ABSOLUTELY NOTHING GOES IN THE TOILET EXCEPT TOILET PAPER AND HUMAN WASTE. NO TYPE OF FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCT, PAPER TOWELS, HAIR, OR MOIST TOWELETTES.

To use the toilet:

- Ensure there is a bit of water in the bowl by flipping "fill" button to the toilet.
- Do your business.
- Push and hold the "flush and fill" button until all the contents are removed from the bowl. Do not hold this button for more than 15 seconds at a time and wait at least 2 minutes between flushing.
- You will hear the waste treatment system kick in and see a green flashing light on the control panel at the foot of the bed. This is normal and mean we are dealing with waste as we should!

Enjoying Your Time Inside

Breakages

We understand that sometimes accidents happen! Should you break anything please let us know immediately - if it's minor we usually won't charge. If it's a larger issue (e.g. a window) we would like to agree the cost with you before you leave to avoid any issues later. Thank you.

Music System

The sound system on the boat rocks! We have surround sound and the necessary bass in both the forward and aft cabins. You can connect your device via bluetooth or USB via the cords provided.

A manual for the stereo is with a copy of this welcome book.

Recycling

We recycle!:

- Plastics #1 & #2 please rinse clean and throw away all lids
- Glass please rinse clean and throw away all lids
- Tin please rinse clean and remove the paper label
- Aluminum please rinse clean

There is a mesh tote on the aft deck for you to throw your recyclables - we will take care of them at the end of your visit.

Windows and blinds

Please shut the windows, hatches, and fully zip the outside cover before you leave the vessel. If it rains in your absence (and this is Sitka, so it might) the water will run in through the windows.

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Enjoying Your Time Outside

Chairs / Tables

There are deck chairs and an outside table stowed on the upper deck. Feel free to use, but please put away if it is raining.

Grill / BBQ

Your grilling supplies are provided!

To use the charcoal grill:

- Lift the grate:
- Use the stacker to ignite the charcoal;
- Dump the glowing coals into the grill bed;
- put the grate back in place, and enjoy a savory meal!

Please clean the grate as well as you can when done - a wire brush is provided.

Kayaks

If you would like to use the kayaks, please let me know and I will put them in the water for you. We have life jackets and can offer some simple fishing gear if you would like!

Rules & Regulations



No pets please!

Quiet Times

This is a working harbor, with a few residents. Please be respectful and keep loud noise to a minimum after 10pm.

Smoking Policy

No smoking please

Safety Information

Emergency Phone Numbers

For emergency services please immediately call 911.

For any boat alarms or boat concerns at any hour, please contact Cameo at 907-738-4736. Do not hesitate to call me!

General Safety

Boats and harbors can be slippery! Please watch your step when you are transiting the dock and moving around the boat. You are welcome to enjoy and explore anything aboard the Equinox, all other vessels are privately owned, so they are off limits unless you are invited aboard by the owners.

Location of Fire Extinguisher

There are fire extinguishers throughout the boat. A diagram with their locations is in the physical copy of this welcome book. Any cabinet that houses a fire extinguisher is marked so you know a fire extinguisher is inside.

Location of Gas Shut-off Valve

For safety purposes, we have several harmful fume sensors throughout the boat. Some of these are connected to an automatic shut off at the propane tank. If the sensors detect any gas or fumes, the sensors will shut off the flow of propane and the gas stove will stop working.

There is a sensor control panel on the cabinet above the stove in the galley - if the propane shuts itself off, you will need to wait until the gas or exhaust

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dissipates and then reset the system.

Please call me if this happens! It is simple to fix, but we want you to have a safe stay on our vessel so we'd like to figure out why the sensor was triggered before we reset it.

Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors

There are smoke/carbon monoxide detectors in all areas of the boat. If it gets particularly smokey when you are cooking the galley, you will likely set of the detector in the salon.

Telephone Numbers You May Need

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Call Cameo anytime at 907-738-4736

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Bars & Nightlife

Bayview Restaurant

- Address
 - 407 Lincoln St, Sitka, AK 99835, USA
- Phone
 - · <u>+1 907-747-5300</u>

Mean Queen

- Address
 - 205 Harbor Drive, Sitka, AK, Sitka, AK 99835, USA
- Phone
 - · +1 907-747-0616

Entertainment & Activities

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The <u>Visit Sitka</u> website has an excellent directory of great Sitka activities! Please check it out!

Getting Around

Bike Rentals

You can rent bikes from <u>Yellow Jersey Cycle Shop</u>. Check out their website for rates and their location.

The Ride

<u>The Ride</u>, is our local bus system. Check out their website to see their route and schedule.

Grocery Shopping

Lakeside Grocery

- Address
 - ∘ Sitka, AK 99835, USA

Sea Mart Quality Foods

- Address
 - 9604, 1867 Halibut Point Rd, Sitka, AK 99835, USA
- Phone
 - · +1 907-747-6266

Restaurants

Back Door

- Address
 - 104 Barracks St, Sitka, AK 99835, USA
- Phone
 - · +1 907-747-8856

Beak

- Address
 - 2, Lincoln St #1A, Sitka, AK 99835, USA
- Phone
 - · +1 907-966-2326

Ludvig's Bistro

- Address
 - 256 Katlian St, Sitka, AK 99835, USA
- Phone
 - · <u>+1 907-966-3663</u>

Mean Queen

- Address
 - 205 Harbor Drive, Sitka, AK, Sitka, AK 99835, USA
- Phone
 - · +1 907-747-0616

Sitka Hotel & Restaurant

- Address
 - ° 118 Lincoln St, Sitka, AK 99835, USA
- Phone
 - · +1 907-747-3288

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Please Stay in Touch

Leave Us a Review

We hope you had a lovely stay with us. If you did, then we'd really appreciate it if you could leave us an online review with Airbnb.

Looking to Book Again?

If you enjoyed your stay and would like to rebook, we look forward to having you again!

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