Alberni Charters' hybrid engine for fishing tranquility

This is a unique custom vacation with fishing, touring, lodging and seafood all in one: serious fishing or a combination trip with crabbing prawning and all the west coast favorite nautical experiences.

lberni Charters in Port Alberni has been twice to the podium of Ducks Unlimited Fishing Derby. Owned and operated by Captain Orest Iwaszko (60 Ton Master Ltd. Captain, Transport Canada certified), this fishing guide is also distinct for his technology. Alberni Charters 34 foot CHB trawler, the Oracle is equipped with a hybrid trolling engine giving a quiet, clean and efficient trip with precise speed control.

Alberni Charters cruises Barkely Sound in the Oracle, and can comfortably sleep up to six guests, legally accommodating 12 persons so bring the whole family. The boat, a former Department of Fisheries vessel, has a spacious fishing deck, flying bridge, full galley and washroom. It is the perfect floating lodge. Port Alberni is the home port but during the summer Alberni Charters operates out of Bamfield, Poett



Nook and Ucluelet. Salmon, halibut, bottomfish, as well as crabbing and prawning along with sightseeing and whale watching are part of this unique get-away.

What makes the experience more special is the boat trolls with a quiet hybrid / electric engine, sipping fuel and leaving a cleaner environment. The unique propulsion system, combined with the

size and mass of the boat allow for precision in setting trolling speeds and keeping true to a tack; it makes for more efficient salmon trolling.

Orest Iwaszko, Captain of the Oracle said, "We have incredible fishing speed automation. Orest Storoshchuk, PhD has built an interface beyond imagination, featuring electric propulsion. Our vessel is fully loaded: generator, inverter, fridge, shower, washroom, and heat for your comfort in all weather."

Salmon fishing is always productive, but this time of year you can join an overnight halibut challenge. The trip includes your individual halibut rod with 80 lb. Dacron, your bait, and bunk for the night. Orientation is on the Oracle at Poett Nook before heading out at 7 pm for the halibut grounds to start fishing and returning at 2 pm the next day. The catch will be divided among the group.

For more information or to arrange



your "quiet" fishing adventure visit Alberni Charters on the web at http://albernicharters.com/ or email info@albernicharters.com or phone 1-250-735-6503.

Nootka Marine Adventures \$20,000 Salmon Derby

June 27 and 28 (Saturday and Sunday) Nootka Marine Adventures will hold their second annual Salmon Derby in the waters of Nootka Sound and Esperanza Inlet. The objective is to promote and participate in salmon enhancement and habitat restoration in Nootka Sound and Esperanza Inlet as well as to foster and develop interest in sport fishing.



Moutcha Bay Resort is headquarters for the derby's fish weigh-in and prize ceremonies. There is a \$60 per contestant entry fee. Participants can register at Moutcha Bay Resort

This year's total cash prizes are \$11,000. There is also additional merchandise of \$20,000 from a variety of sponsors, for raf-

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Maquinna Point, from Burdwood to Escalante and when weather permits, out at Beano Creek and Bajo Reef. The majority of the chinook have been 16-25 lb. At least 50 per cent are clipped fish migrating south. Our top bait producers have been needlefish hootchies, four inch spoons and anchovies trolled behind flashers that mimic the small needle fish they are feeding on. We found fish at depths from 30 feet in the mornings to 95

trolled behind flashers have been the hot ticket for our guides. Anchovies with a six foot leader are always a good bet as well. Try whole or cut plug herring 10 feet off the bottom when slow trolling for bottom fish.

We are hosting our second annual Salmon Derby June 27 and 28 based at Moutcha Bay Resort with over \$20,000 in cash and prizes. All money raised is going to the Nootka Sound Watershed Society for coho enhancement.

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