

## ***"WOL-END" -- THE INSIDE STORY .....***

(Lot 29, Wise Island, British Columbia, Canada)

### 1. THE SITE:

1.1 THIS IS A RARE CHANCE TO OWN AND ENJOY A "TROPHY" PROPERTY THAT'S UNIQUE BY ANY STANDARDS. IT IS SET ON A POINT, COMPRISING THE WHOLE OF A 0.81 Acre, SOUTH-EAST ORIENTATED PENINSULA WITH UNOBSTRUCTED VIEWS. COMPLETE WITH YOUR OWN SHELTERED DOCK.

1.2 It has 1200 ft. +/- of low-bank waterfront, with oyster-beds, rocky outcrops, bays, rock-slabs and plunging pools, resident otters and eagles.

1.3 The modern, architecturally designed house (2002) faces South, but there's about 270 deg of view, more-or-less equally disposed about due South, over the pristine Southern Gulf Islands (14 at last count!) and Trincomali Channel.

1.4 Sunrises & sunsets are often spectacular. Sunrise through the bedroom window, sunsets from the Dining Deck, the Living Area and the "Cafe-Cognac Deck".

1.5 Wol-End is blessed with many aspects, East, South & West, from sunny to shady, from protected & hot to breezy & cool. One can move from rest spots on the dock, through many secluded spots on "God's 3/4 Acre" (the entire peninsula); the front-stoop/breakfast-deck; the sun-bathing-deck dive into nice refreshing water!); the paved guest-deck (outside "The Cave"), the afternoon / supper-deck; to the Cafe-Cognac or Sunset-Deck). You'll always find somewhere to relax & enjoy the outdoor experience of Wol-End. Please make sure your Realtor tours you round the whole site. Look at the photos, and imagine what a full-day's experience at Wol-End will bring (as opposed to an hour or so you may be able to spend there with your Realtor).

1.6 The S.E. tip of the property lets onto an oyster-bed. Clams also.

1.7 Rock crabs off the dock.

1.8 Wol-End is also home to my buddies - several bald eagles; that is, when they're not

fishing elsewhere! They sit in the trees and watch the waters for fish. Eagles bring luck - we are blessed.

1.9 Watch for sea-otters (resident under the dock most years) who cross the isthmus under your nose rather than swim round to go fishing on the other side.

1.10 And seals, whales, kingfishers, herons, oystercatchers... even the occasional deer which swims across in search of mates. Hummingbirds & sea-birds galore...

1.11 Fishing is apparently very good... I never got into it.

1.12 There is a careening slip near the dock for 'beaching' your boat for inspections etc.

1.13 I have sketch-plans for two extension ideas. One, Northwards from the back door towards the Ancillary Building. This would add a bedroom over a ground-floor family or work-room. Upstairs would have lovely views and potential for a glorious roof-deck over the existing entrance hall. The second is for a Studio a few feet North of the Master Bedroom Suite. Good views again.

## 2. THINGS I WILL MISS ABOUT Wol-End:

2.1 I have never owned a place of such beauty & tranquility and with such a spiritual feel. It has good karma .....

2.2 "They" don't make sites like this any more!

2.3 There can't be many places more beautiful than this. Is it 98 percentile? 99%?

2.4 The eagles, who have come to treat me as 'part of the family'.

2.5 The incredible wildlife.

2.6 The sailing in these waters.

2.7 The ever-changing sea and sky-scape. Magnificent sunrises and sunsets.

2.8 The delightful living experience juxtaposing seascape with forest, foreshore, wild flowers, bays, craggy clifflets and the murmuring ocean.

3. O.K., SO WHY ON EARTH MOVE? I'm getting older, not younger. My kids have flown the coop. I'm settling in Ganges on Salt Spring Island, whereas Wol-End was my summer recreational property when I lived & worked in Calgary.

#### 4. THINGS YOU COULD DO WITH Wol-End:

4.1. A "launch-pad" for cruising the Southern Gulf Islands, one of the finest cruising destinations on the West Coast of North America. A Family Outstation? Day-trips and longer. Those who want to just laze at home can! Remember that the dock has minimum 4 ft. draft at low-water, 14 ft. at dock-end.

4.2. Ditto, for fishing trips.

4.3. One of the greatest joys is just crashing-out on a sun-recliner with a good book and a glass of wine! Or finding a quiet little contemplation-spot on the peninsula.

4.4 Remember, Wol-End occupies the S.E. peninsula of Wise Island. There are not many properties like this; the sense of uniqueness & privacy is more-or-less unequalled. And you live in harmony with unspoilt nature and teeming wildlife.

4.5. Kayaking & sailing the dinghy to explore the rugged & magnificent, isolated beaches and rocky islets. A row round Wise Island is a delightful trip in itself. Lovely beach at Walker's Hook, across Trincomali Channel.

## 5. FACILITIES:

5.1. Shopping. 10 - 20 minutes by a speed boat into Ganges which has more-or-less everything, including banks, doctors, dentists, veterinarians, supermarkets, liquor stores, hardware & lumber stores, cleaners, accountants ..... Don't forget Ganges' famous Saturday Market! Just browsing the arts & crafts stuff is a day's worth!

5.2. Galiano Island (Montague Harbour) is 10 minutes away, accessible year-round, and may likely be your "road-head". Gas & moorage available at the Marina. Stores, bakery, etc., on Galiano.

5.3. Ferries from Tsawwassen: direct to Galiano (50 minutes to Sturdies Bay); to Ganges (Long Harbour). Ferries from Vancouver Island (Swartz Bay to Fulford and Crofton to Vesuvius). 15 minutes by float plane from downtown Vancouver or the Vancouver Airport.

## 6. SERVICES:

6.1. Water – Wol-End is self-sufficient, supplied by rainwater-catchment & treatment system (6,000 gals.) Provision exists for connecting to the Wise Island water-supply but I installed my own water system to give me the uninterrupted quantities and quality of water I want and when I want, year-round.

6.2. Electricity – Wol-End has a solar-powered system with propane-powered-generator back-up, regular household voltage, wiring & appliances.

6.3. Heating: Propane-powered space-heater, augmented by wood-burning stove in The Cave (very efficient at heating upstairs!) plus open fire-place in Living Room plus supplementary electrical heating in Master Bathroom.

6.4. T.V. By satellite (Star Choice).

6.5. Telecommunications: Cellphone. Hi-speed internet is available to Wise Island (talk

to Gulf Islands InterNet) but has not been connected at Wol-End.

6.6. Cooking & refrigeration by propane. Incidental electrical appliances. Hot water by on-demand, propane-powered heater.

6.7. Septic by gravity draining, and auto-pumping to septic-field.

6.8. Building & Septic Permits are in place.

Why the name "Wol-End"?

- I spent several years living a part of Chelsea, London, known as "World's End", so-called because that's where the Victorian-era tram reached the edge of civilization and turned round. Wol-End has this delightful feel ... it's still (very!) civilized but you have reached the end of the road.
- I collect owls (of which there are several on wise Island). Now, if you are familiar with the Winnie-the-Pooh stories, you will remember Owl, the wise, educated creature in the forest. Pooh and gang were awestruck, and not a little afraid of the stern-looking Owl and his academic abilities and went to him, as an expert, to get anything written. Little did they know that Owl's reputation far exceeded his ability-level – the sign outside his house (an old oak tree) was scripted with a crude paint-brush, all a-dribble, with blotches, in the most child-like writing, which said something like: "OwL liVs HeeR. .... WoL's hOWsE".
- And so, World's End, owls ..... what else could I call it but "Wol-End"?