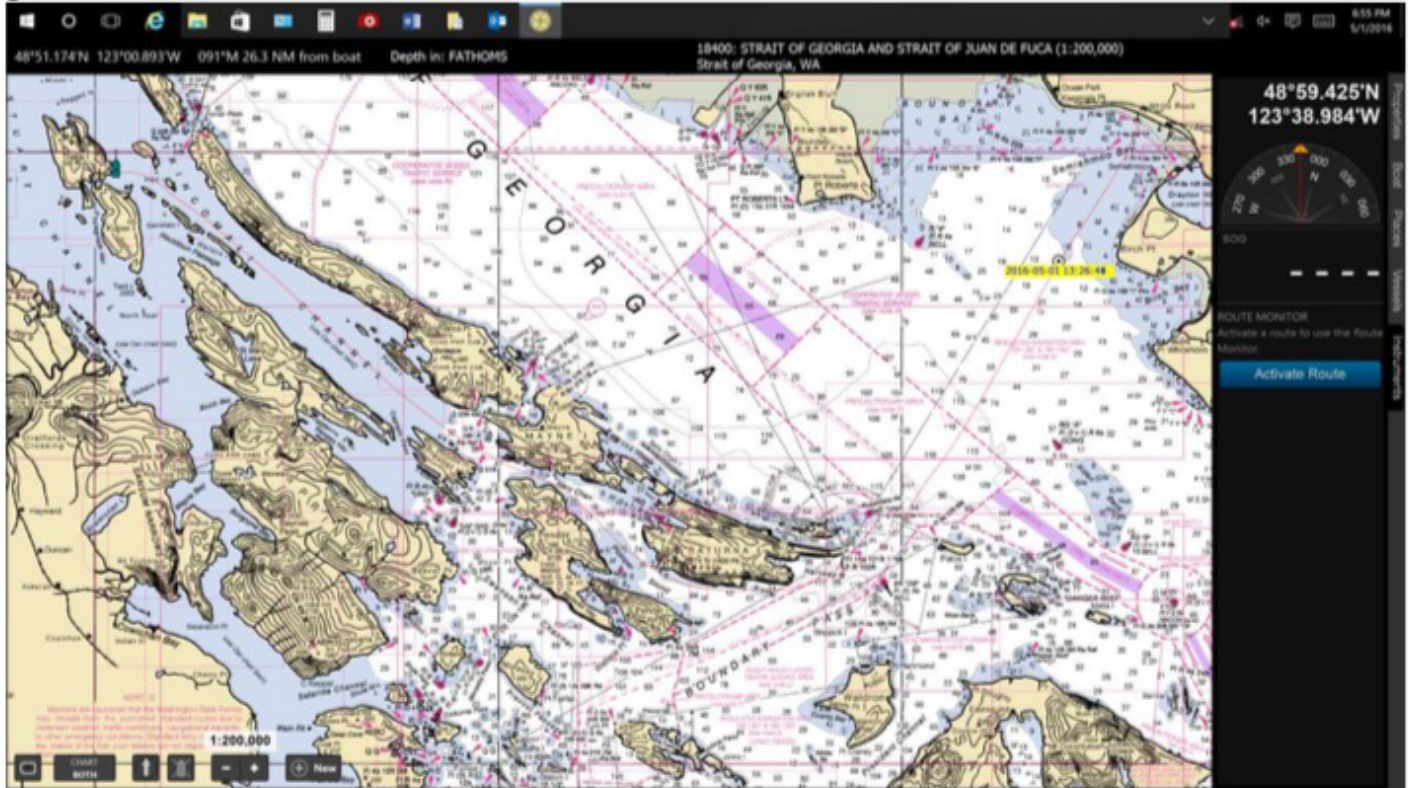


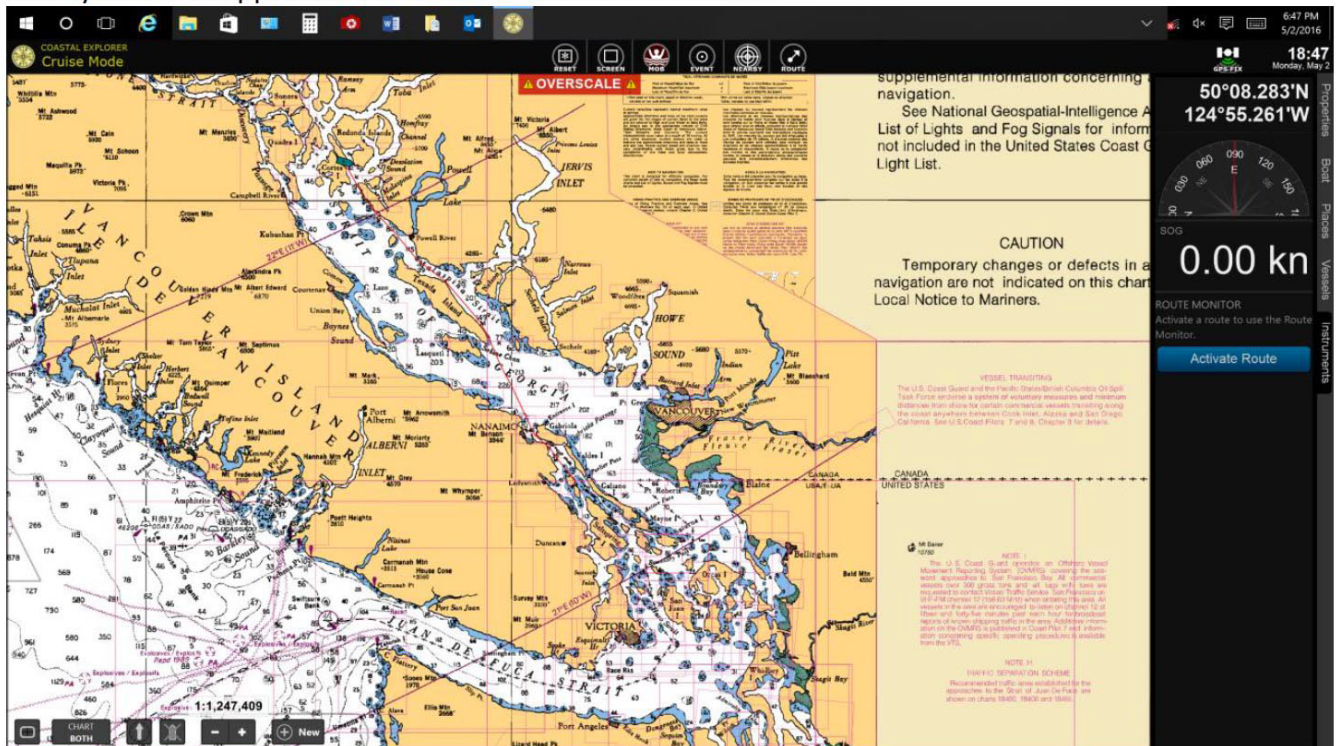
Day 1

Left Blaine at 1145 and checked in at White Rock customs and left at 1245. Ran around East Point and up Saturna and anchored at Clam Bay on Thetis Island at 1845. Sun was beautiful and the water was great.



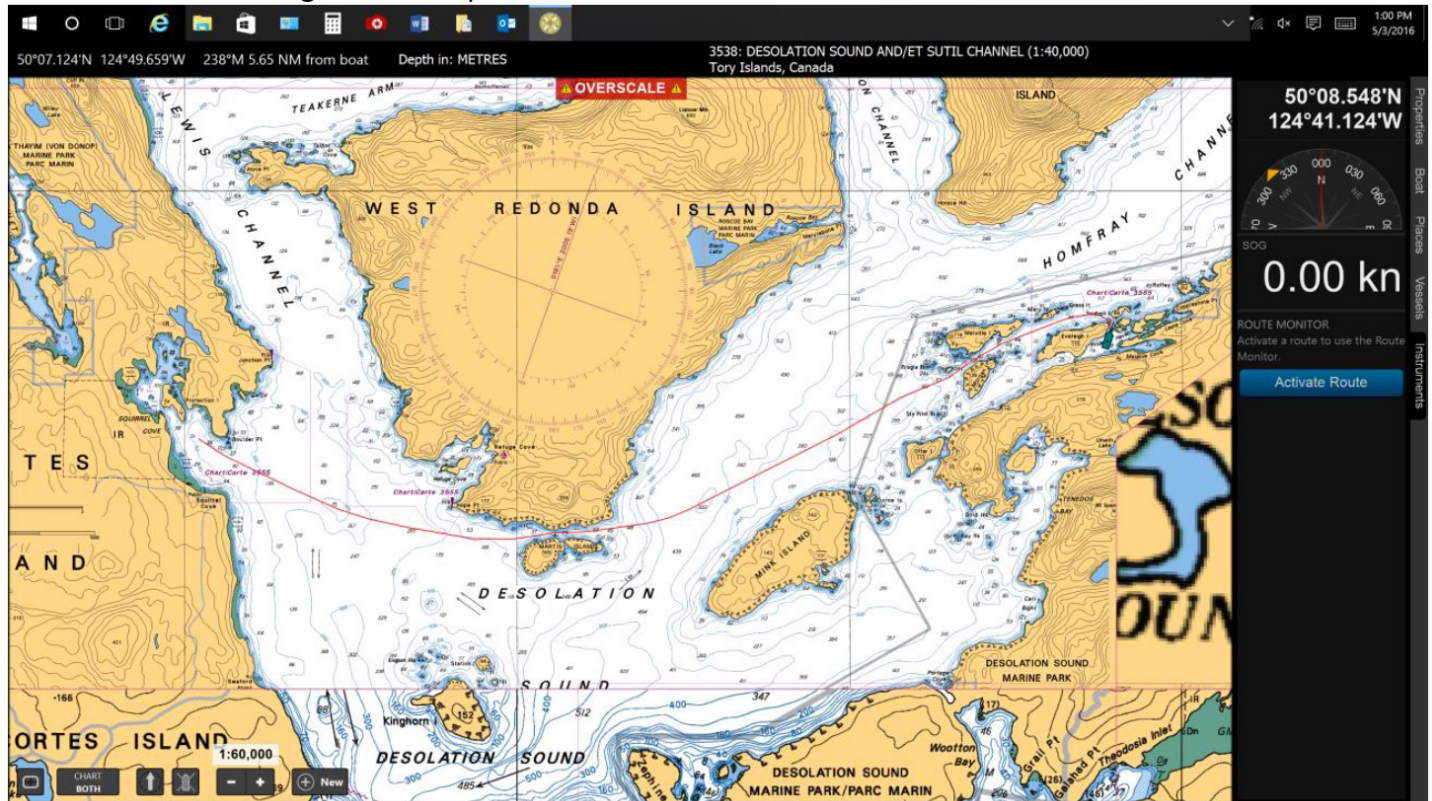
Day 2

Weighed anchor at 0730 May 2nd. Hit Dodd Narrows at 0900. Traveled all day to Squirrel Cove on Cortez Island. Lund Harbour was full so we didn't stop there. We usually do because there is a great bakery there. Dropped anchor at 1830. Traveled 97.2 miles.



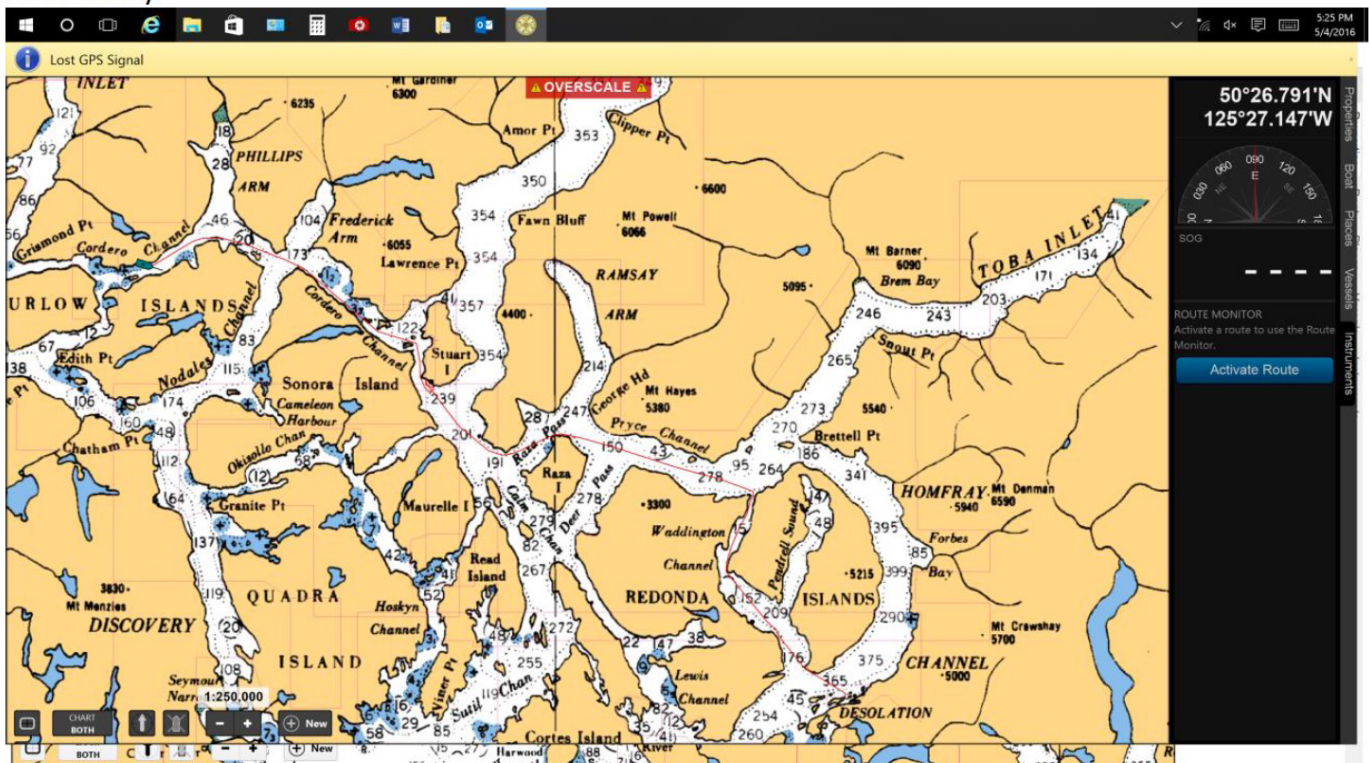
Day 3

We had just pulled anchor when Al and Christi from the “Viking Star” called on the radio. They were over in Prideau Haven. So we motored across and visited and decided to stay there as we wouldn’t be able to hit the tides right at the rapids.



Day 4

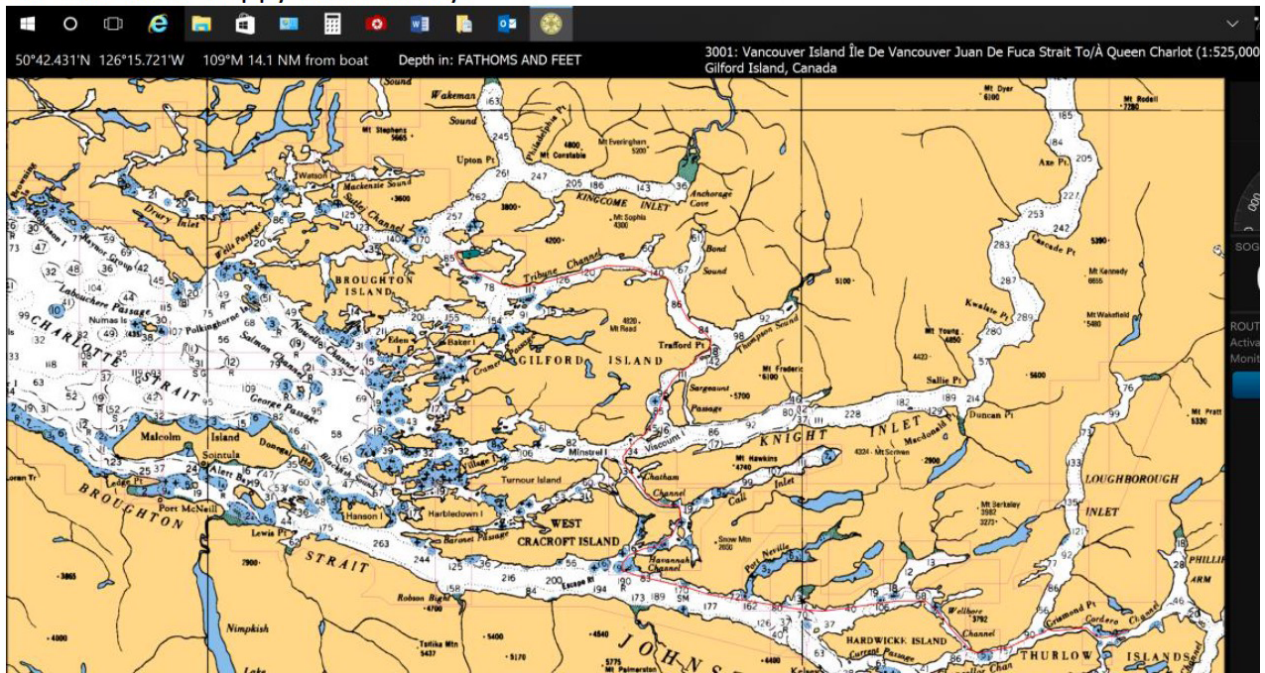
Left Prideaux Haven at 1000. Reached Yaculta Rapids at 1400 and waited for the tide to change. Entered Yaculta Rapids at 1518 and Dent rapids at 1538. Reached Cordero Lodge at 1715. Traveled 50.3 miles today.



Day 6

Laid over at Cordero Lodge and left this morning at 0800. Went through Green Rapids at 08 Wellborne Channel and rapids at 0925. Entered Sunderland Channel at 1000. Entered John at 1050. Entered Havannah Channel at 1230. Arrived at Shawl Bay at 1800. Shawl Bay is cl being renovated by new owners.

We had some sloppy water today.

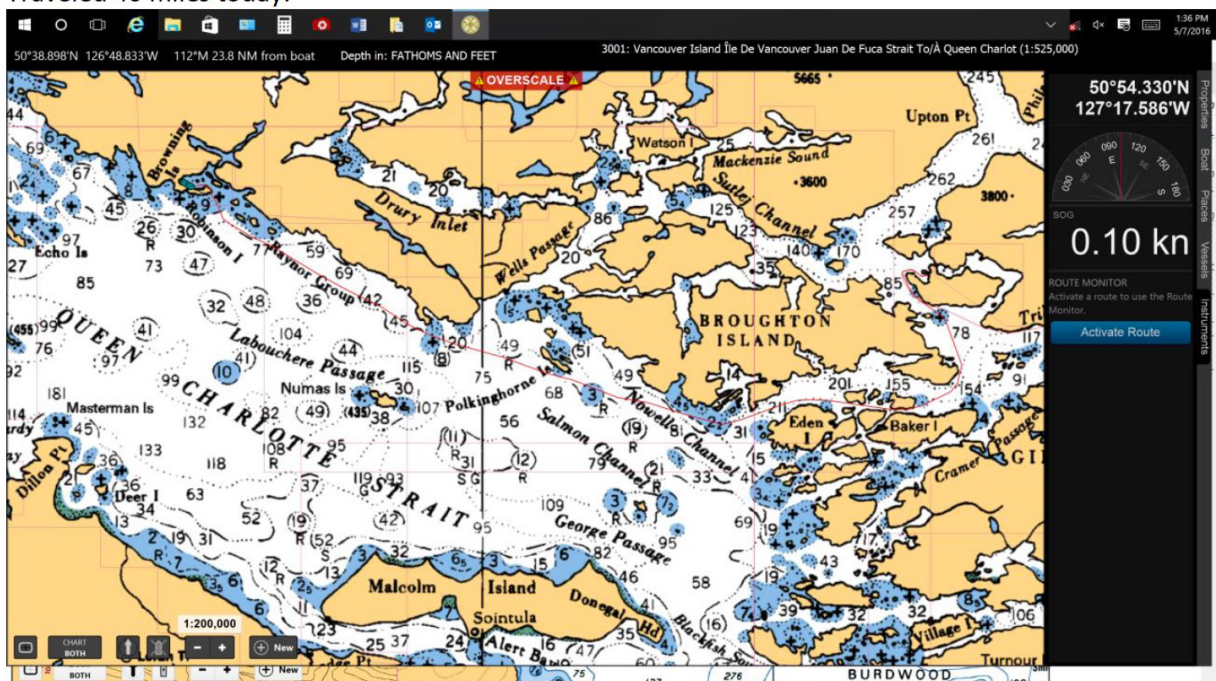


Day 7

Left Shawl Bay this morning at 0800. Had beautiful water until just past Wells Passage. The water wasn't bad but it was clouding up and the water was starting to act up. There was a lot of junk in the water today. When we came abreast of Blunden Harbour it was raining pretty hard and the wind was picking up. J So we pulled into Blunden Harbour and anchored. During the rest of the day we had winds in excess of 40 miles and hour.

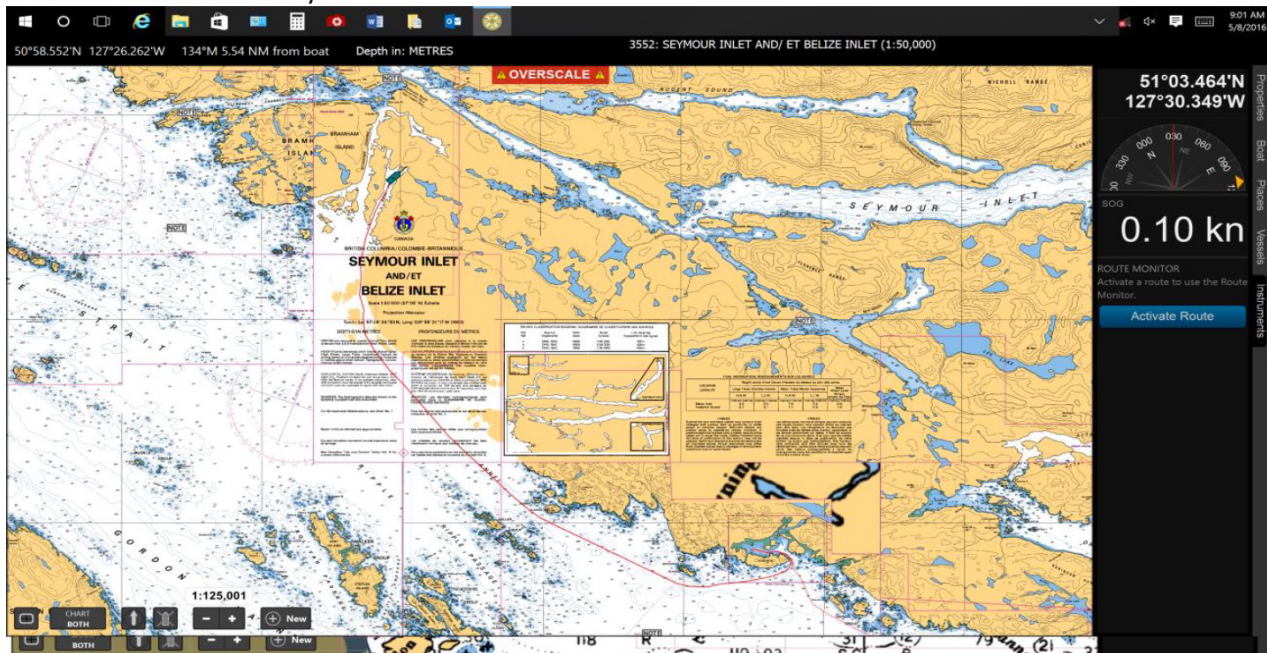
Saw our first otter today eating crabs and urchins. No whales as of yet.

Traveled 40 miles today.



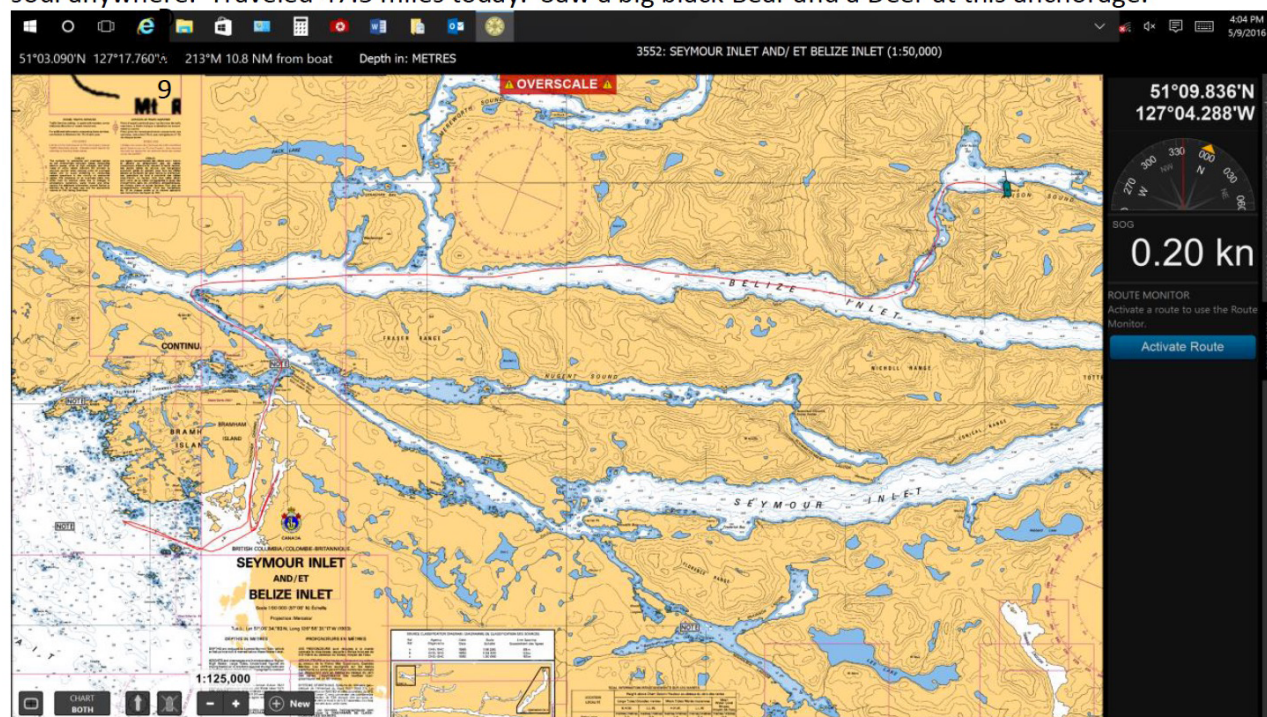
Day 8

Woke up to a bright sunny morning at 0600 and decided to go out and see what the water was like. If nothing else we could get closer to the Charlottes by getting to Allison Harbour. Well, the water turned down right nasty and we got bounced around all the way to Allison Harbour. We cut in behind some islands of the Southgate group and made it into Allison Harbour with appreciation for calm water. We anchored and spent the day reading and running around exploring in the skiff. We decided that if we didn't have a better forecast (it didn't look good) then we would run up Seymour or Belize Inlets tomorrow. The weather doesn't look promising until Thursday to make the crossing. Traveled 20.1 miles today.



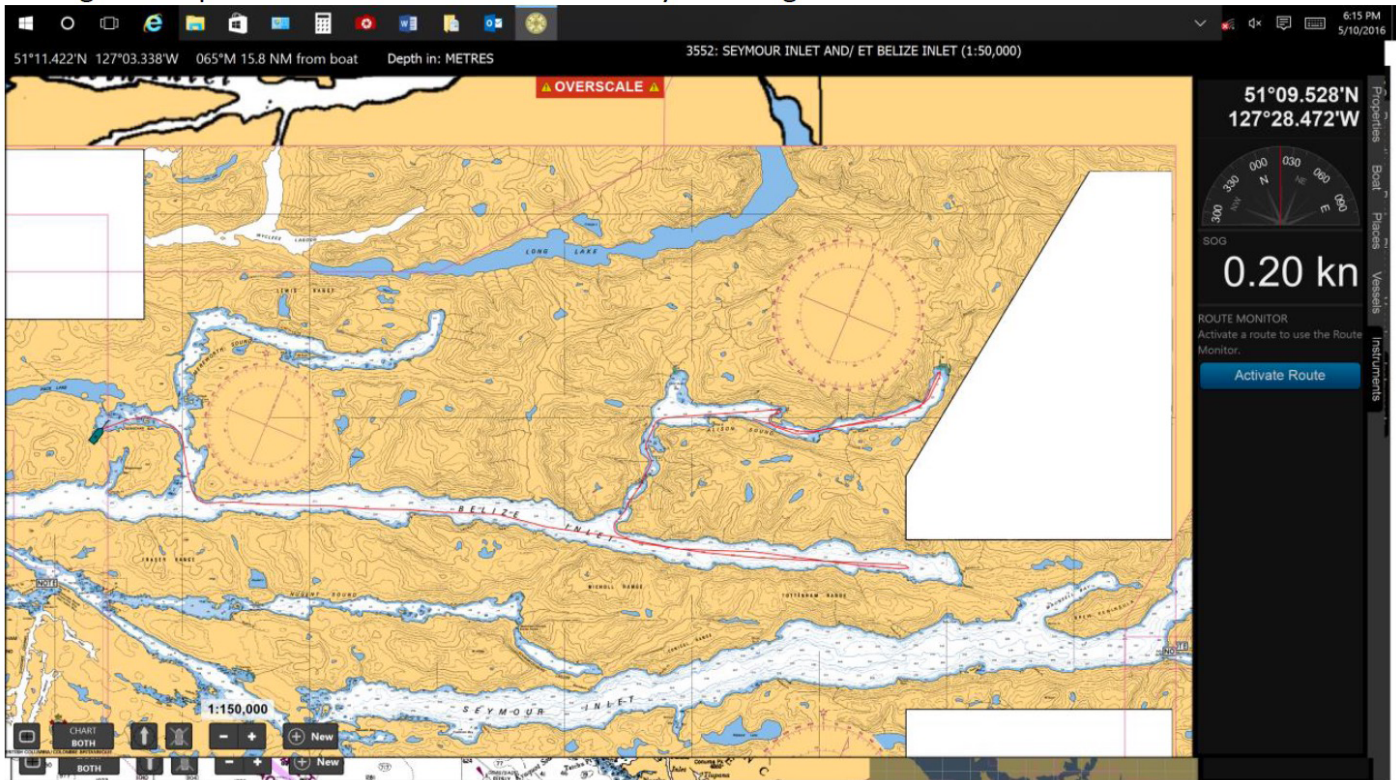
Day 9

Started out at 0700 to try to cross Queen Charlotte Sound. Got out several miles and got the crap beat out of us so turned around and returned to Allison Harbour. At 1200 we motored up Schooner Channel towards Nakwakto Rapids at a crawl so that we would reach them at slack tide. Went through them and up Belize Inlet to Alison Sound and anchored in Peet Bay. Wild mountains all around and not another soul anywhere. Traveled 47.5 miles today. Saw a big black Bear and a Deer at this anchorage.



Day 10

Traveled up to the end of Alison Sound and it was beautiful. Then proceeded out of Alison Sound and up Belize Inlet to the end. Nothing too spectacular there. Motored down the inlet to Mereworth Sound and into Strachan Bay where we found a great little anchoring spot in the end of the bay. Tomorrow through the rapids and anchor and see if Thursday we can get across the Charlottes.



Day 11

Got up and had our coffee and then did some maintenance and Lauresa vacuumed. Left Strachan Bay at 1100 and moseyed down towards Nakwakto Rapids for the 1440 slack. Went through at 1430 and proceeded down Slingsby Channel to the open water of the Queen Charlotte Straits. Going was pretty good until we reach Cape Caution. Then things went to pot in a hurry. The swells got larger and irregular. We had a pretty bouncy ride until we reach Millbrook Cove and Anchored. We will leave in the morning at 0430 for the rest of the crossing. Traveled 42 miles today.

