



# SEATTLE POGGIE CLUB

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## Ten Ways to Tick Off Your Guide (or stay on his good side)

Excerpts from Rob Endsley's BLOG with judicious editing and additions by Chief Poggie Dick Kikuchi

Many Poggies have been fishing with professional guides as of late. We are all aware of how to treat a fellow club member who hosts a trip, but it might be good to view things from a guide's perspective. I am gratefully sharing some of Rob Endsley's words from the terrific new website [www.fishfrontiers.com](http://www.fishfrontiers.com). Check it out. Here are a few things to do, or not, on your next guided trip to get the most out of your guide. Guides who like and appreciate their clients are more likely to work hard, share information, and become lifelong friends.

### Showing up late

This drives a guide crazy every time. When a guide shows up at Oh Dark Thirty with a clear plan to beat the crowd and the clients are late, the whole day can be shot. In tough conditions, ten minutes can sometimes make or break the day. Be sure to check with the guide ahead of time and always double check the meeting time and place. Most guides carry cell

phones so get their number *in case you get lost*. (take it from Dick, this is important!)

### The Know it All

Chances are your guide has probably fished the body of water a lot more than you have, and while you may have some great fishing stories, constantly telling the guide what they're doing wrong is not a great incentive. There's a reason why they're working a particular location and there is a good chance they know what they're doing.

### Forgetting Your License

Telling your guide partway thru the day that you forgot your license may get you an early trip back to the boat ramp. Most guides will cultivate a positive relationship with the local game agent. The last thing they want is to have the agent pick them apart every time they're on the water.

### Eating the Guides Lunch

When you forget your lunch and ask the guide if you can munch on theirs they might

share, but I guarantee they're not going to like it. This is especially true with drift boat or raft guides who have to row all day. They work hard pulling on the oars and need the energy to maintain their strength.

### How Come We Haven't Caught Anything?

If the guide knew the answer you probably would have already caught something. Again, you can be assured that your guide is probably doing everything in his power to get you a fish. Sit tight, be patient, and it will happen. Good guides take pride in doing everything they can to put fish in the boat. (that's why they call it fishing, not catching)

### When We Fished At...

Maybe you caught a big king on a Royal Coachman on the Copper River, but that doesn't mean it's going to work here. (cont. p.2)



Don Silvers motors out for spring triploid fishing at Lk. Rufus Woods

## STANDING WITH OUR FRIENDS

Claude Elerding, one of our most senior and valued Poggie Club members was recently diagnosed with a serious ailment of the stomach and will be undergoing treatment. Please join with me in giving he and wife Carol our best wishes and prayers for his speedy and complete recovery.

Joe Hall has been caring for his wife, Janie, who was taken ill and hospitalized earlier. We know Joe has been spending long hours both at her side and on care arrangements. Joe, we are holding you and your family close in our thoughts. You will be delighted that we passed the hat for the Youth Conservation Camp and came up with over \$75 after Rudy Schaffner spoke to us about some unmet needs.

## **Ten Ways continued!**

Hopefully someone was kind enough to tell you it was a fluke, but if not the guide might just tell you that and then not talk to you the rest of the day.

### **Changing Gear Constantly**

Most guides have a few tried and true techniques and a dynamic plan for the fishery you booked. Switching gear after ten casts without a bite might work with your guide the first couple of times, but after a few more switches the guide may stop talking to you and ignore you for the rest of the day. You are also detracting from attention the guide can give to others on the boat.

### **Abusing the Gear**

Most good guides use high quality gear and may get some discounts, but they like to maintain their gear in good condition for their clients. Please be respectful of the fine tackle you are using, especially high modulus rods which are sensitive to nicks and cuts. Throwing the rod down

when you lose a fish or dropping the rod in the boat or on the beach will get you quartered and drawn.

### **Stealing the Guide's Honey Hole**

There's nothing worse than taking a client to a prime spot, showing them the secrets, and then having him steal the same spot the next day. If your guide suspects you will return with your own boat and hog his spot, he may use every trick in the book to make your day truly forgettable.

### **Not Following Instructions**

If the guide's advice for a customer is to not set the hook on a fish immediately or to fish a lure a certain way they're telling you because they know what works. Don't blame him at the end of the day if your independent techniques haven't put any fish in the boat.

### **\*Bonus\* I'm Not Your Lackey Boy!**

You pay your guide a fee to take you fishing, spend an enjoyable day on the water,

catch some fish, and hopefully learn something. Tossing garbage on the floor of his boat is just plain rude. Please take your garbage with you. The worst behavior was from a client who wanted the guide to empty the "P" bucket. (now you understand when some guides get cranky!)

### **Being a Fish Hog**

We all recognize that some positions on a boat just get more hits. Sometimes this is due to being the closest to the guide, who is paying close attention to your rod. So spread good will among your fishing companions and win their respect by agreeing to pass off a fish or by changing seats when your rod is the hot rod!

A tip of the hat to Rob Endsley for all this fine advice from his BLOG. Captain Rob will be fishing from Craig, Alaska this summer. Those waters have also experienced low returns this year, and the possession limits for salmon have been ratcheted down.

## **JUNE SPEAKER: Dr. Chuck Wischman**

Chuck Wischman has been delivering humorous lectures on aging for about 40 years now. During that time, the number of centenarians has increased from around 5,000 to over 100,00 today, so maybe his advice really has some "perils of wisdom" as he aptly puts it.

He might also call his lectures "Growing old is not for sissies" or "Use it or lose it!" Chuck will speak smilingly on topics for the whole family, so be sure to invite your spouse and friends to hear him.

If you haven't already figured it out, Wischman is a strong believer in the power of humor and laughter. Laughing is like going out for a good long walk," says Wischman. "It gives you a sense of well-being and makes you feel great. I once told Bob Hope he did more for the health of the country than all the doctors put together." Cultivate a positive attitude. "Our attitude is one of the few things we can control in life" says Wischman.

"And don't take things so seriously. None of us are getting out of here alive!" We are sure looking forward to sharing some wisdom and laughter with Chuck!

## **COMING EVENTS:**

Jerry Bica has volunteered to reserve Blyth Park in Bothell for a summer picnic. The board will be setting a date, preferably a rain-free Sunday in July. Come early and hungry for pot luck with Dick's sloppy joes and Don's corn-on-the-cob. We'll be counting on some home-cooked desserts, potato salad and other tasty summer dishes. Can someone smoke some salmon too? We'll announce a date soon.

Our double-header last month proved so successful we will feature another club member. Tom Zimmerman, our "Fanatical Fisherman", will let us know to finesse hatchery kings on the Samish River. Start curing eggs, as they will be the top producer. Dig out your hip waders and cut a walking stick and get ready for early morning combat fishing. We'll try to give you maps, organize some carpools, and maybe pack a lunch, to ensure your trip north to Bow—Edison is fun and productive.

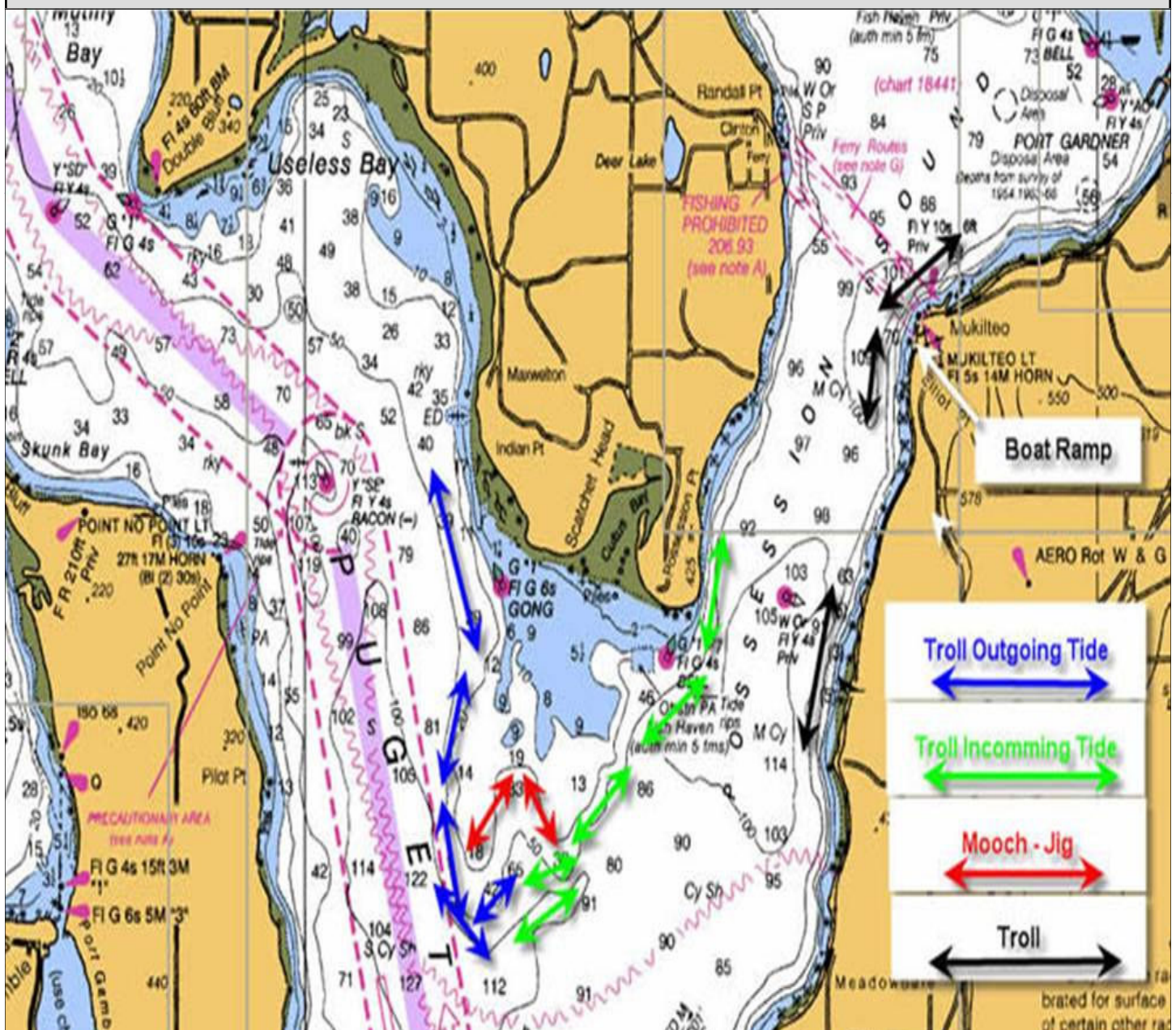
# Poggie King Derby—July 19th, Edmonds Marina, M Dock

Announcing a club-only King derby from the Edmonds Marina, Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up your boat or indicate if you need a ride. Plan to arrange for guest moorage or motor in from Shilshole or Mukilteo. Let's go out to enjoy summer King fishing. I hope to see a bunch of fish caught having learned from Bob Michajla's excellent tutorial on how to fish Possession Bar.

Tie up at guest or visitor moorage near M dock at the Port of Edmonds. Poggie Logie has guaranteed limits for all attendees if they promise to follow him around Possession Bar. For those interested, you should bring your boat down a day or two before as the season opens midweek. Poggies are welcome to use Poggie Logie's toilet in case of emergencies. \$10 entry fee, winner take all.

For those of you who want good charts for Area 9, specifically Possession Bar & Point No Point, I am printing an example of what can be had from the Fish Frontiers website. Because of the limitations of size, the chart below won't be as usable as a full page chart would be. For expandable charts in color, go to [www.fishfrontiers.com/index.cfm](http://www.fishfrontiers.com/index.cfm).

If you don't have a computer and want a color copy of this chart or of Pt. No Pt., call Dick on 206-930-3425.





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### Mark Your Calendars

- June 10** Board Meeting – Location may change, watch your email.
- June 13-14** **Halibut Outing Canadian Waters: Jambo's Sportfishing. See Don Silvers**
- June 18** General Meeting: City Light Auditorium, 1300 N. 97th St. Seattle WA. Dr. Chuck Wischman delivers his "Perils of Wisdom" humor and insight.
- July 19** Poggie Members only King Derby from Edmonds Marina. **M dock**, near Bob Michajla's and Poggie Logie's slips. \$10 entry fee and winner takes all.
- August 12** Board Meeting. Watch for announcement of club sidewalk tackle sale.
- August 20** General Meeting: City Light Auditorium, 1300 N. 97th St. Seattle, WA.
- September** Get ready for a Samish River walk-in after a seminar by Tom Zimmerman

**ATTEND!** Meetings are held the Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Seattle City Light North building at 97th & Stone Way, one block east of Aurora Avenue. The street address is 1300 N. 97th St., Seattle, WA. Meetings include refreshments, a raffle, Guest Speaker, and sharing stories & tips with fellow sportfishing enthusiasts. **Spouses, children, guests and walk-ins are all welcome!**



*(AT LEFT: Former Chief Poggie Herb Sheppard looking enthusiastic at Lake Rufus Woods. Nice to see Herb enjoying a day on the water.*

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