



Rainforest Kayak ADVENTURES



There are 5 seats left on our September Leadership course!

This course is open to recreational paddlers who want the all-in-one course, as well as future guides. September is often the best time to paddle here in Clayoquot Sound! For more info please call Majestic Ocean Kayaking at 877-422-9453.



FIELD NOTES

It's raining lightly and the Swainson's Thrush are trilling outside the cabin window—sure signs of summer's approach—time to go paddling!

Bonny & I are packing our cameras and gear and heading back to the Great Bear Rainforest on BC's north coast for a six-week expedition. This year we plan to journey from Prince Rupert south to Hartley Bay, passing Porcher, Pitt and Banks Islands. The charts indicate some beaches, so hopefully this year we will be enjoying some sand and sunshine.

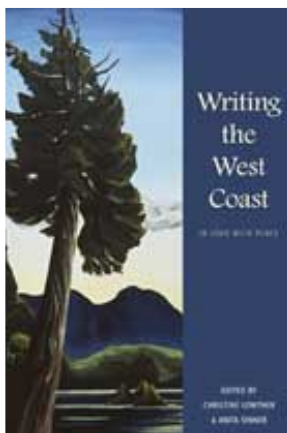
Winter flew by, followed by a spring that was much like winter—cold and wet. Our big changes here at Rainforest Kayak Adventures are working out well. Projects over the winter included a slide show tour to Alberta, as well as sprucing up our cabin.

We just finished our spring season, training the leaders of tomorrow. It was great to see some familiar faces back for further adventures, and to meet a bunch of keen new paddlers. We are already looking forward to our late summer season of scheduled courses and custom tours.

Hope you all have some adventures planned for summer!

WRITING THE WEST COAST: IN LOVE WITH PLACE

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Check out this new anthology which includes an essay by Bonny! She writes about commuting by kayak, describing some of her close encounters with wildlife as well as some of the paddling situations she has encountered—both the challenging and the exhilarating.

The book includes essays by both well-known and emerging writers, exploring what it means to "be at home" on Canada's West Coast. The essays examine ways of investing landscape with meaning so as to find landscapes of meaning. The writers describe yearning for a particular place and way of being; arriving at a personal habitat and community; lingering in nature's spaces of contemplation; immersing oneself in the natural world; and encountering one's surroundings in diverse, inspiring, and sometimes humorous ways.

SURF ZONE

Check out Twyla Roscovich's website at <http://www.callingfromthecoast.com/>. She is an independent filmmaker producing documentaries about threats to the biodiversity of the BC coast. Check out her latest on Alexandra Morton's efforts to save the wild salmon from fish farms.

Dan has recently discovered how to rock the weather. Check out this link: <http://www.ssd.noaa.gov/goes/west/nepac/loop-vis.html>.

Actually watching the weather systems moving makes it obvious—we really *do* live in the storm track!



"LEAD 101 is the best sea kayaking course I could imagine. Even if you just want to paddle recreationally, this course would be a fantastic start." Tim, AUS.