



Wednesday, November 19, 2025

## Commercial Recreational Land Use Permit Application

As required by Sitka General Code 14.10 No person may conduct commercial recreational activities on city and borough of Sitka lands subject to this title except as authorized by a permit issued by the municipal staff as designated by the administrator.

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

**Business Name** Sound Sailing - SV BOB  
**Primary Contact** BLAIN ANDERSON  
**Address** [REDACTED]  
SITKA, AK, 99835  
**Phone Number** [REDACTED]  
**Email** [REDACTED]

### DETAILS OF TOUR OR GUIDED ACTIVITY

**Season Start Date** Saturday, May 9, 2026  
**Season End Date** Wednesday, September 30, 2026

**Commercial Allocations:** For each area, the commercial carrying capacity is indicated in the far left column next to the area name, denoted as (maximum client group size/maximum groups per week). For each area at which you would like to request commercial recreational use, check the "Area of use" box. Additionally, provide your maximum proposed group size (clients only, not including guides) for each area; may not exceed commercial carrying capacity maximum group size. For groups per week, provide your estimated number of groups per week based on a season average that will use each area. Enter an estimated total client number using each area in the far right column.

	Area of use	Group Size	Groups per week	Total Clients
Cross Trail North (12/26)				
Cross Trail South (8/23)				
Gavan Hill Access (7/19)				
Indian River (7/23)				
Thimbleberry/Heart Lake (14/24)				

	Area of use	Group Size	Groups per week	Total Clients
<b>Herring Cove/Beaver Lake (7/18)</b>				
<b>Herring Cove Beach (6/24)</b>				
<b>Blue Lake Road (12/26)</b>				
<b>Blue Lake (6/20)</b>				
<b>Green Lake Road (8/26)</b>				
<b>Green Lake (6/20)</b>				
<b>Swan Lake (6/16)</b>				
<b>Eagle Beach ("Back Beach") (6/18)</b>				
<b>Sitka Sound Islands (6/18)</b>				
<b>Baranof Warm Springs (6/18)</b>	✓	6	0.26	12
<b>Goddard Hot Springs (6/14)</b>				
<b>Other (please list area below)</b>				

**Details of tour or guided activity: Fully describe tour or activity in each area, including guided activity, outfitting resources provided, typical areas of use, etc.**

Trips include day-use of the main trail to the lake, dock, baths, and grotto with an overnight at the dock, or at anchor. Guests will be guided to the lake and grotto (if desired) and instructed to stay on the principle boardwalk only. Clients will be allowed to paddle the kayak and/or the SUP in the Bay - landing only on the dock.

**Please include the following information and attachments with your application.**

Safety & Operating plan

Additional documentation (as needed/if applicable):  
Copy of permit(s) from other agencies for use of joint-jurisdiction areas. If use of Baranof Warm Springs or Goddard Hot Springs is requested, attach copy of bathing instructions/etiquette provided to clients.

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BWS Hot Springs Etiquette.docx



Sound Sailing Safety and Ops Plan.docx

# APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

## Commercial Use Regulations:

- Applications and permits issued under [SGC 14.10 COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL USE OF MUNICIPAL LANDS AND FACILITIES](#)
- Guidance provided by the [2026 Commercial Recreational Land Use Plan](#)
- Permits shall expire on December 31st of each calendar year.
- Permits are valid only for the dates, times, activities, and areas specified.
- Permits are not automatically renewable. Issuance of a permit shall not entitle any priority or preferential consideration for subsequent, new, or additional permits for the same area or for related uses.
- Permit Fees will be invoiced after January 4, 2026 application closure.

Upon acceptance of a permit, all permittees shall execute an instrument under the terms of which the permittee shall agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City and Borough of Sitka from any and all claims for injury or damage to persons or property suffered in connection with the permittee's activities unless such injury or damage is caused by the gross negligence of the City and Borough of Sitka.

I certify that the business/operator(s) are registered with the CBS Sales Tax Office, unless specifically exempt from collecting and remitting sales taxes for sales outside of City and Borough of Sitka jurisdiction, and have no outstanding judgements to the City and Borough of Sitka.

## Terms and Conditions

Accepted

## Date

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

## Signature



# BWS Hot Springs Etiquette

## Hot Water Bathhouse Tubs

At Baranof Warm Springs, it is crucial to maintain cleanliness and respect the environment: shower with soap before entering the tub, scrub the tub clean after use, and take all your trash with you. Be prepared to bathe naked in the private bathhouse tubs, as is common local custom, and be mindful of other users by keeping noise levels low and avoiding activities like diving or splashing.

### Before you bathe

- **Shower thoroughly:** Wash your body with soap on the boat before entering the private tubs.
- **Wear proper attire (or don't):** Swimsuits are not allowed in the tubs, as they are filled with natural water that users are expected to clean before entering.
- **Rinse off completely:** Make sure to rinse all soap and shampoo from your body before entering the tub.

### While you bathe

- **Keep noise to a minimum:** Avoid loud talking or screaming, as the baths are for relaxation.
- **Do not swim or splash:** The tubs are for soaking, not for swimming or playing.
- **Do not submerge your head:** Avoid submerging your head in the water, especially if you have a cold.
- **Be mindful of others:** Avoid sitting on the edge of the tub and be careful when entering and exiting.

### After you bathe

- **Clean the tub:** Scrub the tub with the provided brush and then drain the tub by removing the overflow pipe.
- **Do not leave any trash behind:** Pack out everything you bring in.

### Other tips

- **Be aware of privacy:** The private bathhouse tubs offer a degree of privacy, but the view is shared with other visitors, so be respectful of others.
- **Stay hydrated:** Drink plenty of water to avoid overheating.
- **Respect wildlife:** Observe animals from a safe distance and do not feed them.

## Grotto Hot Springs

- **Wear proper attire (or don't):** Swimsuits are typically worn in the grotto, but some folks prefer to use them in the nude. The standard etiquette is that the first group to the tubs sets the mode of tub clothing. If folks are in the nude when you walk up – go in the nude. If folks are wearing suits – wear a suit.
- **Do not leave any trash behind:** Pack out everything you bring in. Absolutely no glass allowed! No smoking, vaping, or chewing tobacco allowed in or near the tubs.
- **Stay hydrated:** Drink plenty of water to avoid overheating. Keep alcohol consumption to a minimum.
- **Respect wildlife:** Observe animals from a safe distance and do not feed them.
- **Don't trample the veg:** Stay at the edge of the grotto pools and don't stray into the woods. The tiny changing area allows modest guests to change clothes if desired.
- **Keep noise to a minimum:** Avoid loud talking or screaming, as the pools are for relaxation.

## **Sound Sailing – S/V BOB Safety and Operating Plan, 2026**

### **Time of desired usage.**

Trips include day-use of the main trail to the lake, dock, baths, and grotto with an overnight at the dock, or at anchor. Guests will be guided to the lake and grotto (if desired) and instructed to stay on the principal boardwalk only. Clients will be allowed to paddle the kayak and/or the SUP in the Bay - landing only on the dock. Trips include day-use and an overnight at the dock, or at anchor, from the middle of May to the middle of September.

### **Plans for restroom accommodations, litter control, emergency evacuation, & clientele safety briefing.**

Restrooms are provided aboard S/V BOB equipped with macerating toilets and holding tanks. All trash generated is collected, sorted, and stored aboard S/V BOB for off-site recycling and/disposal in our final destination community (Juneau, Sitka, or Petersburg). Emergency evacuation plan includes charter float plane, or boat charter, or Coast Guard involvement. We carry a satellite phone/messenger, EPIRB, VHF Radios, and cell phones for communication. We also carry an extensive first-aid kit and AED device aboard.

Safety briefing and orientation is required by US Coast Guard and other permits and is done in our departure dock at the beginning of the trip. Additionally, a bear-awareness briefing is done on the first shore excursion - before setting out. Guides and clients carry bear-spray. Food is typically not carried off the vessel.

### **Training requirements for personnel conducting transport and tour activities.**

Captain is USCG Master 50-ton with Sail Endorsement. He and crew are trained and certified in First Aid/CPR/AED. Both are certified by AMSEA as Fishing Vessel Emergency Drill Instructors. Both have extensive bear safety training. The vessel S/V BOB is 5-Star certified by USCG. Crew are trained in man-overboard, skiff deployment, firefighting, and emergency communications. Sound Sailing holds a special use permit for Tongass National Forest and designated hiking routes as well as an Alaska State Parks Permit. We also have a NPS commercial permit and operate trips in Glacier Bay. This is our 15<sup>th</sup> season providing charter vessel services to this area and the 30<sup>th</sup> year for the business's use.

### **Physical descriptions and license numbers of each vehicle to be used in proposed commercial activity.**

*S/V BOB* – 50' Catalina, Coast Guard Vessel Documentation #1079594, fiberglass, white with blue trim and canopy

*SKIP* - 12' Inflatable dingy (Polaris) AK-7533-AL with 20hp 4-stroke outboard

*Inflatable Kayak (blue)* 2-person

*SUP* – 1-person