

Amazing and beautiful: whales of the Salish Sea



An orca breaches not far from the shore of San Juan Island.
(Photo courtesy of Puget Sound Express)



During the few tours Island Adventures was able to run in early March, gray whales were seen in area waters. (Photo courtesy Island Adventures.)



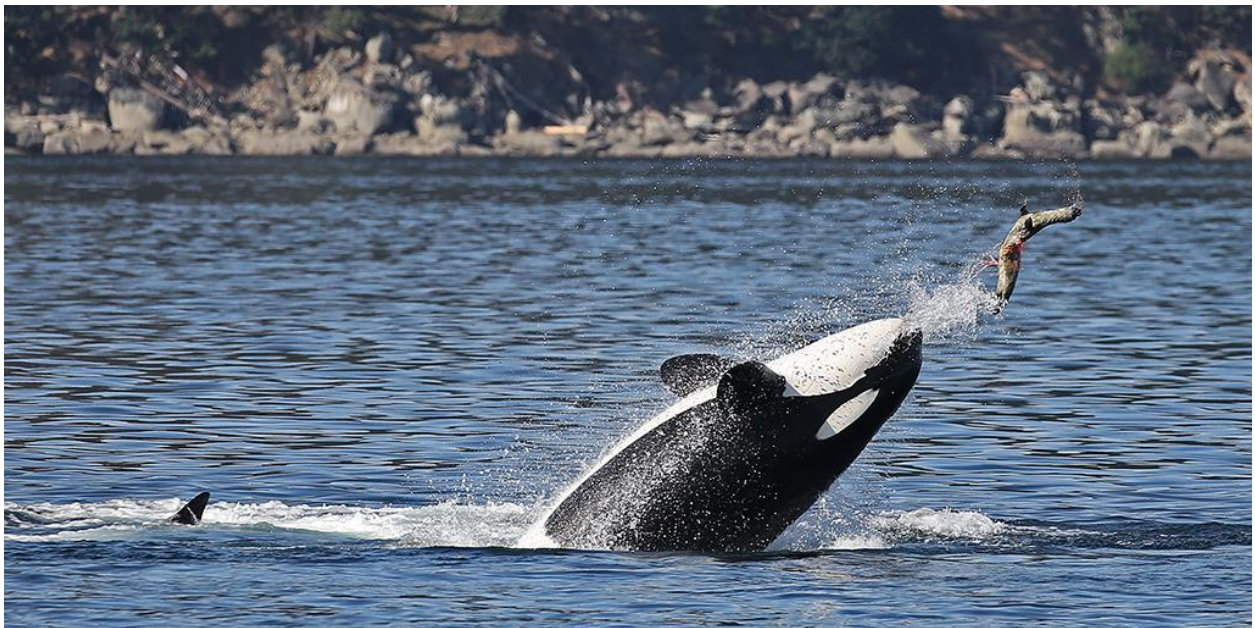
An orca jumps from the water in front of a whale watching boat.
(Photo courtesy of the Pacific Whale Watch Association / Island Adventures)



An orca leaps from the water not far from shore.
(Photo courtesy of the Pacific Whale Watch Association / Ashley Keegan)



Mist shrouds a group of transient, or Bigg's, orcas.
(Photo courtesy of the Pacific Whale Watch Association)



A transient, or Bigg's, orca tosses a seal from the water before eating it.
(Photo courtesy of the Pacific Whale Watch Association / Valerie Shore)



Three southern resident orcas of the family group called J pod hunt fish not far from shore.
(Photo courtesy of Puget Sound Express)



A humpback whale's tail flashes as it dives underwater.
(Photo courtesy of the Pacific Whale Watch Association)