

Idaho resort lures Calgary sailor

Sail in summer, ski in winter
at Lake Pend Oreille



PHOTO: DOVER BAY
A view of Dover Bay, a residential waterfront community on Lake Pend Oreille.

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Cam Marriott is pulling his 26-foot sailboat, Lola Bel, out of the Okanagan Lake and putting down anchors in Idaho's Lake Pend Oreille (pronounced pond-duh-ray) set in the foothills of the Selkirk Mountains.

"It's a nice lake, not too crowded or too much development, lots of trees, and numerous places to moor for swimming," says Marriott, who purchased a recreational home at nearby Schweitzer Mountain Resort last summer.

Lake Pend Oreille has 177 kilometres of shoreline, 80 per cent of it state owned, which means it will never be developed, and much of that public land is accessible only by boat. Great for fishing Kamloops rainbow, Mackinaw and bull trout with its deepest point at 1,200 feet.

Though Marriott lives at Chestermere Lake near Calgary, a small boating lake, he is willing to drive the six-and-a-half hours to Sandpoint, Idaho, through the Crowsnest Pass or over Hwy. 93 through Radium, crossing the border at Yahk.

"The only disadvantage of our new place is we have to drive every time. There are no direct flights like there were to Kelowna. We just book on an extra day for travel," says Marriott.

The Schweitzer Mountain home sits on a quarter-acre lot and is a low maintenance, two-storey 10-year-old detached home with hillside and nearby lake views, two bedrooms and a den, three bathrooms, walk out basement and fireplace located right at the ski hill.

"There is really no yard work because the natural forest surrounds the home," says Marriott, who purchased it for approximately \$315,000 US when the dollar was close to par and believes it was good value. Other opportunities at Schweitzer vary in price according to features.

MountainSide at Schweitzer is a slope side, eco-friendly community adjacent to and above the Schweitzer Mountain Village

More to choose from near Sandpoint, Idaho, and Lake Pend Oreille

Located on the shore of Lake Pend Oreille against the foothills of the Selkirk Mountains, Sandpoint, Idaho, is a destination for outdoor recreation—boating, swimming, golfing, hiking, biking with all the pleasures of a charming town with plenty of art galleries, restaurants, pubs and shopping. Sandpoint was recently rated as one of the "Top Ten small towns in the Western U.S." by Sunset Magazine.

An artistic community of 8,000, Sandpoint is in the northern panhandle, 90 minutes from the Spokane International Airport, and 100 kilometres south of the Canadian border. If mountain living at Mount Schweitzer is not your first choice, there are many opportunities for investment lakeside or tee side in master-planned communities.

WATERFRONT NEAR SANDPOINT

Seasons at Sandpoint, a residential resort and spa on the shore of Lake Pend Oreille, is just blocks from downtown for people who prefer to park and walk to

dinner or shopping. A collection of town homes and condominiums with natural finishes, Pacific Northwest-inspired interiors with clean modern lines and spectacular views of the lake and mountains.

Residents at Seasons have access to a private beach and marina, concierge, spa and fitness facilities.

Prices range from \$380,000 US for condominiums to \$2.1 million US for the 4,000-square-foot waterfront homes. www.seasonsatsandpoint.com

Dover Bay, a residential waterfront community with a mix of home sites, custom homes, cabins, cottages and condominiums. Waterfront and view home sites range from around 5,000 square feet to over one acre, featuring panoramic views of the lake and mountains. Community amenities include over 3,300 feet of public beach, full-service marina, central waterfront village and fitness center.

More than half of Dover Bay's dramatic 285 acres are set aside in perpetuity as undeveloped open space con-

nected to the community, recreation areas and wildlife habitats. Part of this open space is a 70-acre nature preserve of marshes, wetlands, cattails and timberlands. Prices ranged from \$200,000 US for 900 square foot cottages to over \$1 million US for a custom built home. www.doverbayidaho.com

TEESIDE

Jack Nicklaus 18-Hole Signature Golf Resort is the only Jack Nicklaus course in the state of Idaho, set along the shores of Lake Pend Oreille.

The Idaho Club is just minutes from the town of Sandpoint. From custom-built homes to Lodge Homes, which are 1,800- to 3,300-square-foot finished homes. Prices range from \$700,000 to \$1.1 million US.

Each home site offers unique views with just the right amount of seclusion, all wrapped around a Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course, with easy access to an array of resort-style amenity offerings for the whole