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I spent two days in False Creek, a bay on the south side of Vancouver city center. What a fun place!

Pixie was berthed amongst a sorry bunch of old worn out fishing boats. Near my dock was a tiny ramshackle shack that served sea food from noon to 6:30 PM. In that time there was a continuous line of customers 15 deep waiting to order. The food is great, fish right of the boats 100 feet away. The place is Zagat rated excellent, and it has my endorsement too.

False Creek bay is a park with walkways, bike paths and open grass areas all bordered by low rise garden condos and high rise apartments. I biked around the bay, about 6 miles. There was a dragon boat race in progress, small ferry boats, tons of joggers, bikers, people flying kites, and dogs fetching balls for their owners. On the south side of the bay is Granville Island a concatenation of small art galleries, tourist traps, chic clothing stores, restaurants, and a large indoor farmers market selling fresh fish, meats, artisan breads and goodies, vegetables and fruits, and booths offering foods from all over the world.

On Sunday I moved into Coal Harbor on the north side of Vancouver city center. By sunset a 30 to 40 knot wind had set in and it lasted until Tuesday morning. Tuesday was beautiful; I replaced the window wiper arms and blades, bought four fuel filters, and bought food for the journey to Campbell River.