

Cell Coverage & Internet Access During Boat Company Trips

The Boat Company boats do not have satellite-type Wi-Fi (like the big cruise ships) during the trips. Cell phone coverage (and access to the internet via your cell) is spotty in the wilderness – this is true even for satellite phone coverage. When the boat is out in a main channel – moving from point to point - you can sometimes pick up a cell signal (you'll see the crew checking their email) When you are anchored in a protected bay with high mountains on 3 sides... even the Sat phones don't always work. A word from you to the crew at the beginning of the trip and they can alert you when a likely signal is coming up. Also... we have noticed that AT&T phones have better coverage than Verizon... Verizon has practically none - but they say they are trying to catch up.

Here's the scoop from one of our captains:

1. In Security bay the coverage is good.
2. When the weather is right and we can anchor between the Brothers Islands we usually have it there.
3. Up Chatham when we are going to Lake Eva and at the Lake Eva trailhead we will have coverage,
4. Just north of Sitka - in the Magoun Islands - we will have coverage.

