

# Captain George Vancouver in Puget Sound

## A Timeline

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| April 1792                                           | Capt Bodega y Quadra arrived at Nootka with 3 ships, awaiting <i>Discovery</i> /Capt Vancouver. Frigate <i>Santa Gertrudis</i> , and later <i>Activa</i> and <i>Aranzazu</i> . Also met with brigantine <i>Hope</i> /Joseph Ingraham and learned the British has no settlement at Nootka                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 4/2/1792 (3/26?)                                     | <i>Columbia Rediviva</i> /Capt Gray Departs Clayoquot Sound, after burning unoccupied village of Opitsat of 200 homes. Later had armed encounter with natives at Nasparti Inlet, north of Nootka                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 4/2/1792                                             | <i>Sutul</i> /Capt Alcala Galiano and <i>Mexicana</i> /Capt Cayetano Valdes left Nootka but had returned due to bad weather.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 4/5/1792                                             | <i>Halcyon</i> /Charles Barkley and Francis had lost one-year old Martha/Patty, and later buried 4/5/1792 her at Dutch Celebes/Sulawesi but were not allowed by the Dutch to get off the ship and had to watch from a distance. Charles also had a severe fever prior but recovered. Frances notes says Martha died 4/15/1791/1792 but also says one day short of 12 months (5/8/1791??).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 4/5/1792<br><b>Final Spanish to Str Juan de Fuca</b> | <i>Sutul</i> /Capt Alcala Galiano and <i>Mexicana</i> /Capt Cayetano Valdes left Nootka again, and anchored at Nunez Gaona/Neah bay with frigate <i>Princesa</i> /Salvador Fidalgo                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 4/8/1792                                             | <i>Sutul</i> /Capt Alcala Galiano and <i>Mexicana</i> /Capt Cayetano Valdes left Nunez Gaona for Puerto de Cordoba                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 4/9/1792                                             | <i>Sutul</i> /Capt Alcala Galiano and <i>Mexicana</i> /Capt Cayetano Valdes arrived Puerto de Cordoba, then east to Fraser River and NW to Gabriola Island.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 4/15/1792                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 4/17/1792                                            | <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver arrives PNW coast at Ft Bragg, CA/Cape Mendocino from Hawaii and heads north.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 4/22/1792                                            | <i>Columbia Rediviva</i> /Capt Gray at Willipa Bay searching for shelter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 4/27/1792                                            | <b><i>Discovery</i>/Capt Vancouver at Cape D, 'not worthy of more attention'.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 4/28/1792                                            | <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver and <i>Chatham</i> /Broughton at noon at Destruction Island                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 4/29/1792                                            | 4:00 AM <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver and <i>Chatham</i> /Broughton saw <i>Columbia Rediviva</i> /Capt Gray meets <i>Discovery</i> /Capt Vancouver and <i>Chatham</i> /William Broughton at Cape Flattery, and they spoke at 6:00 AM Vancouver felt no large river in the area and continues on. Vancouver told Gray about Meares's account of Gray circumnavigating Vancouver Island which Gray denied. Vancouver had not seen another ship for 8 months. Vancouver sailed between Tattoosh Island and Cape Flattery at noon entered Str Juan de Fuca. <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver and <i>Chatham</i> /Broughton apparently anchored east of Neah Bay at Rasmussen Creek |
| 4/29/1792                                            | <i>Santa Gertrudis</i> /Bodega arrived Nootka, with passenger Spanish botanist/naturalist Jose Mariano Mozino who wrote 'Noticias de Nutka'. Bodega waited for Vancouver.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 4/30/1792??                                          | <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver arrives Cape Flattery, saw de Fucas Pillar???                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 4/30/1792                                            | <i>Columbia Rediviva</i> /Capt Gray departs Cape Flattery.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 4/30/1792                                            | <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver departs anchorage near Shipwreck Point area, then goes to Dungeness for the night. Protection Island and Discovery Bay, where they spent 16 days. Saw Mt Baker<br><b>Vancouver/Broughton at Str Juan de Fuca</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| 5/1/1792  | Vancouver entered channel to SW of Protection Island landed on the west end Protection Island and climbed to the top and Discovery Bay, where they spent 16 days. Saw Mt Baker. Vancouver eventually charted 10,000 miles of PNW coastline                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 5/2/1792  | Explored Discovery Bay, moored at Contractor Point/Contractors creek. And established observation tents on the north side of the creek.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 5/3/1792  | <i>Discovery/Vancouver</i> and <i>Chatham/Broughton</i> at Contractors Point, repairing the ship                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| May 1792  | Chinese prohibition of sea otter, assuming they were all Russian, was lifted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| May 1792  | Spanish explorer Salvador Fidalgo establishes the first European settlement in Washington, 'Nunez Genoa', a short-lived fort at Neah Bay.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 5/4/1792  | <i>Brigantine Activa</i> /Salvador Menendez arrives Nootka                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 5/6/1792  | <i>Discovery/Vancouver</i> and <i>Chatham/Broughton</i> take a day of rest at Contractors Point. They traded with the natives and declined to purchased two children.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 5/7/1792  | 5:00 AM Vancouver departs Discovery Bay at noon in 3 ships boats, for local exploration in poor weather and rounded Point Wilson, and used seine net between there and Hudson Point fog lifted 2 miles north of Hudson Point and opposite Marrowstone Point they saw and named Mt. Rainier. They split up and again met at Kala Point and camped near Hadlock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 5/7/1792  | <i>Columbia Rediviva</i> /Capt Gray at Grays Harbor/Bulfinch Harbor and fired upon canoe of 20 armed threatening natives                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 5/8/1792  | Vancouver at Chimacum Creek (north of Pt Ludlow) and had to go a mile inland to get fresh water. Johnstone had been to Kilisut Harbor between Deer and Marrowstone Islands and had been stranded at the shallow water between Scow Bay and Oak Bay. At Walan Point/Indian Island they found 2 human heads on poles with a cremation fire between the poles. At the long sand spit NW Marrowstone Island there were 17 other such poles, but no heads or other indication of their use. They inspected soil profile at Marrowstone Point/Lighthouse and dined and could see Mt Baker and Mt Rainier and split up to meet at Foulweather Bluff to the south. They were forced to camp on the western shore near Kinney Point on SE Marrowstone Island in heavy rain as the tide and wind would not allow them to get to Foulweather Bluff. Nearby Admiralty Inlet (Port Ludlow) |
| 5/9/1792  | Vancouver went to head of Oak Bay near portage area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5/10/1792 | Vancouver went along shore and met natives north of Port Ludlow                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 5/11/1792 | <b><i>Columbia Rediviva</i>/Capt Gray crosses Columbia River Bar</b> , Vancouver at noon at Bangor/Hazel Point and went around Oak Point and north up Dabob Bay. Vancouver camped near Pulall Point. Gray had spent 9 days trying to cross the Columbia bar.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 5/12/1792 | Vancouver 4:00 AM departed and kept going down Hood Canal, noon at Lilluwap Creek and lunched with natives. They went around the Great Bend and then past Hoodsport to Skokomish river and then to Ayres Point/Bald Point and saw several natives affected by smallpox and camped nearby after Johnstone confirmed that the Hood canal ended at the end of the arm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5/12/1792 | Vancouver supply ship <i>Daedalus</i> in encounter at Waimea, Oahu where 3 crew were killed on shore by priestly warriors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 5/12/1792 | <i>Sutul</i> /Capt Alcala Galiano and <i>Mexicana</i> /Capt Cayetano Valdes arrived at Nootka, but Sutil grounded at entrance. Present were the dismantled frigate <i>Concepcion</i> , frigate <i>Santa Gertrudis</i> and brigantine <i>Activa</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 5/13/1792 | Vancouver proceeded up Hood Canal but progress was slow                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| 5/14/1792 | Noon Vancouver finally reached Foulweather Bluff and camped in heavy rain.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 5/14/1792 | Supply Ship Frigate <i>Aranzazu</i> /Jacinto Caamano arrived at Nootka                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 5/15/1792 | Vancouver waited for clear weather until 10:00 but finally departed Foulweather bluff and arrived at the ship about 4:00 in gale and rain.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 5/16/1792 | <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver and <i>Chatham</i> /Broughton at Discovery Bay.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 5/17/1792 | <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver and <i>Chatham</i> /Broughton afternoon finally able to make observation after weather cleared                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 5/18/1792 | <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver departs Discovery Bay, <i>Chatham</i> /Broughton explores Puget sound to Str. Georgia May 18-25 Vancouver landed at the east end Protection Island and went to the top to view the Sound and Admiralty Inlet. At noon they split up with <i>Discovery</i> heading south and <i>Chatham</i> heading north. <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver anchored for night at Bush Point west Whidbey Island                        |
| 5/19/1792 | <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver had fog until 9:00 at noon passed Possession Sound and then sees Mt St Helens and anchored off Restoration Point. At nearby native village Chief Seattle was about 7 years old. They anchored at a rendezvous Point between Restoration Point and Blake Island (opposite Alki Point) Vancouver also landed on the north shore and saw Orchard rocks                                                               |
| 5/20/1792 | 4:00 AM Puget and Whidbey departed to explore Rich Passage and they moved the <i>Discovery's</i> moorage closer to Restoration Point. They still had view of Mt. Baker and Mt. Rainier but could not see Mt. St. Helens. At Noon Vancouver goes ashore to take observation at a 'miserable' village.                                                                                                                                          |
| 5/20/1792 | <i>Columbia Rediviva</i> /Capt Gray departs Columbia River for China, after exploring 30 miles upriver near Skamakowa                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 5/21/1792 | <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver at anchor off Restoration Point                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 5/22/1792 | <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver at anchor off Restoration Point                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 5/23/1792 | <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver at anchor, Vancouver explored to Port Orchard                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 5/23/1792 | <i>Aranzazu</i> /Jacinto Caamano departed Nootka for Bucarili Sound                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5/24/1792 | <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver at anchor off Restoration Point                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 5/25/1792 | <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver at anchor off Restoration Point 4:00 <i>Chatham</i> /Broughton returned                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5/25/1792 | <i>Columbia Rediviva</i> /Capt Gray at Esperanza Inlet, and was greeted by the natives dressed for war, after initially trading there apparently was an encounter in which Capt Gray ransacked the village and attacked the men to take furs by force. Boit's journal is silent in this time.                                                                                                                                                 |
| 5/26/1792 | <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver departed for East Passage east of Vashon Island and <i>Chatham</i> /Broughton waited for Whidbey and Puget to return then go to Possession Sound. About noon Vancouver landed at Dash Point or Browns Point, then went to Commencement Bay (Tacoma), then Dalco Passage., then Tacoma Narrows, and anchored for the night at Ketron island, and were joined by the boats of Puget and Whidbey coming from the SW. |
| 5/27/1792 | <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver 4:00 AM to SW by S to Nisqually River and Nisqually Flats to Johnson Point and then SW to Dana Passage and apparently anchored in Budd Inlet (Olympia).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5/28/1792 | <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver went by Hope and Steamboat islands and landed at noon near Herron Island and Case inlet. Seeing the futility of their exploration, they resolved to depart and anchored at Whiteman Cove. Johnstone investigated Pickering Passage.                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| 5/28/1792 | <i>Columbia Rediviva</i> /Capt Gray moved the ship to another anchorage in Nasparti Inlet. Natives attacked the ship at night and the crew fired upon the natives, killing many.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 5/29/1792 | <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver completed survey of Puget Sound and departed up the narrows to Colvos Passage. The small boats had explored Fox, McNeil and Anderson Islands. Because of efforts by Puget it was named Puget Sound.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 5/29/1792 | <i>Frigate Princesa</i> /Fidalgo arrives at Neah Bay anchored at SW corner at Village Creek, Quimper had named it Bahía de Nuñez Gaona, as possible replacement for Nootka in ploy of negotiations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 5/30/1792 | <i>Columbia Rediviva</i> /Capt Gray departed Columbia Cove at Nasparti Inlet. <i>Columbia Rediviva</i> /Capt Gray was later attacked at Queen Charlotte Sound by 200 natives while ashore to cut a new mizzen top mast. The natives were driven back by fire from the ship so the crew could get back to their boat. Later, while trading with peaceful natives, they were attacked again by hostile natives who had appeared, and a native threw a spear onto the deck of the <i>Columbia Rediviva</i> .              |
| 5/30/1792 | <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver met <i>Chatham</i> /Broughton at Mukiltio behind Elliot Point and anchored.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 5/31/1792 | <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver and <i>Chatham</i> /Broughton woke up to Possession Sound and saw Gedney island and Saratoga Passage. Because of wind and tides only made 5 miles and anchored between Gedney Island and Camano Head. <i>Chatham</i> /Broughton had previously gone around Gedney Island                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| June 1792 | <i>Santa Saturnina</i> /Juan Carrasco departed San Blas to get message to Nootka that the site was not to be abandoned, as the King would never consent to the entire abandonment of Nootka. .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 6/1/1792  | 6:00 AM <i>Discovery</i> /Vancouver and <i>Chatham</i> /Broughton They proceeded north up Port Susan and at the end of the sound signaled to return but Chatham went aground about a mile NW of Kayak Point, in high water, because of the man at the lead line giving false readings as they proceeded over a mud flat. Vancouver went out in a boat to measure the water depth and noted the Stillaguamish River. The undamaged <i>Chatham</i> was off the bank at midnight and anchored near the <i>Discovery</i> . |