

Sampling of Chart of 1961 Willits Canoe Voyage to Alaska from Camp TahadoWa
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When writing the Fall 2025 *Wooden Canoe Journal* article about the 1961 expedition paddling from Camp TahadoWa in the lower Puget Sound to Juneau, Alaska, I was inspired to undertake a long intended project of visually tracing our route. I did so on two maps of the Northwest Coast published by SoBay Publications, Olympia, WA, copyrighted in 1984, which I

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had purchased years ago with this project in mind. The entire route is laid out on two sheets, each approx. 59 inches long, resulting in an overall map nearly 10 ft. tall, too long for me to hang anywhere in my house. I do not find an indication of the scale used for the maps, but they certainly appear to be a highly accurate reflection of the waterways all the way up the "Inside Passage" to Alaska.

Using my personal log from the expedition, I took great pains to trace our route accurately as I could, with each night's campsite indicated in red. Above is an example of the detailed working, showing the first couple of days out of our starting point on Tanglewood Island. I found it impossible to capture an image of the 2 sheets showing entire route with my iPhone camera, but nevertheless offer the images below to give some idea of how the two matching maps might represent our 1961 route if hung as one unit.

