

## Little Lazy Gut Island Rental Cottage

### Systems Orientation

**Mooring:** As you approach the island to the harbor you will see a mooring ball. It is for island use and has a 100 lb. mushroom anchor. It is spaced approximately in the center of the available space in the harbor. There is about 8 feet of water at low tide where the anchor is placed, less when your boat swings toward the shore.

**Outhaul and row boats:** There is a small rowboat and a larger heavier peapod for your use at the island. Be sure to use life jackets for each person in the boat.

**Never leave a row boat on the beach without tying it to the outhaul rope.**

The tide is fast and row boats float away quickly, even from experienced boaters. Looking from the mooring you will see rope leading down the right side of the beach and up onto the ledge. This is for pulling rowboats and other light craft in and out from shore to a mooring without having to carry the boat up and down the beach. There is a loop along the rope to tie to. Keep one end of the rope tied to or looped around the stake on the ledge or the line will float away and you will not be able to pull the boat in when needed. Be sure to leave plenty of scope on the rowboat line since at high tide you will need 12 feet of line to keep the boat floating normally. Use a secure knot such as a bowline to tie to the loop. Pull the opposite rope to pull the loop out to the 50 lb. anchor. You may leave a rowboat on the outhaul overnight while you are staying at the house, but always replace the rowboat to its place above the grass line and upside down with oars stowed underneath at the end of your stay. It is easiest to move the rowboats to their shore position at high tide when the distance to the grass is the shortest.

**Garden cart:** A garden cart is provided to carry things from the beach to the house. Load goods directly from a boat to the cart to keep gear clean, and to reduce the carrying load.

**Water:** There are two rain barrels with 50 gallons capacity each. These are usually full when a moderate amount of rain has fallen. One supplies the kitchen sink and the other the bathroom sink. Use this water for washing only, not drinking. There will be some drinking water supplied in containers at the house. The amount will vary according to the previous occupant's use and replacement.

Call to find out how much water is currently at the house. You may need to bring extra depending on the situation, the number in your party, and the length of your stay. To save potable water use rain barrel water for washing dishes and use fresh water to rinse dishes.

Kitchen: The kitchen is equipped with pots and pans, dishes, bowls, glasses, silverware etc. It also has on hand salt, pepper, and some other spices, some sugar, flour, tea.

Shower: There is a Sun Shower provided. It is a solar heated water bag with a shower attachment. This is camping equipment.

Electricity: There is no electricity on the island.

Phone: There is cell phone reception on the island.

Propane gas system: refrigerator, cooktop and oven, lights.

Gas on and off: If the gas is not already on turn the knob at the top of the gas tank (located outside the house by the kitchen) to the left. The arrow on the regulator above the tank should point to the tank you want to use. When the tank is turned off a red indicator will show. When the gas is turned on the red indicator will turn off. **At the end of your stay turn the gas off at the tank.** Turn tank knob to the right until tight. That will turn off all appliances. Burn off the remaining gas in the system by lighting a stove top burner until the flame goes out.

Kitchen stove: At the kitchen stove check to see if the gas is working by lighting a burner with a match. You may also use the sparker by striking it directly towards and touching the burner from the direction of the center of the stovetop. There is no pilot light for the stove top. **There is a pilot light for the oven and it must be lit or the oven will not work and unburned propane will be emitted into the cabin which is a safety hazard.** Open the bottom drawer and hold a match at the back of the drawer under the pilot until the pilot lights. It sometimes takes a minute for the gas to light. Do not turn the oven on for this job or you may light the whole oven burner. After the pilot is lit you may turn the oven on for baking or broiling. The temperature gauge is not very accurate, use the portable oven thermometer in the oven for a more accurate temperature reading .

Refrigerator: Light the pilot to make it work. Remove the wood panel behind the refrigerator from the hall leading to the bathroom. There is a twist knob at the

top of the panel. Then pull out the metal shield/ tray at the bottom of the refrigerator and locate the red knob and pilot light area. The pilot light area is a small enclosure with some wire mesh to the right of the red button. Push the red button up and hold. With your other hand light a match and hold it to the pilot light until the flame ignites. After the flame is established release the red button. The flame should continue to burn. The refrigerator is now working. Replace the metal shield to its place, replace the wood panel. It will take an hour or so before the refrigerator will be cool. Once established it will make ice and keep things frozen in the freezer. The lower door does not shut very tightly without a little nudge. You may use your foot to gently push on the door to make sure it is shut. That will keep your food cooler and save on propane.

Lights: There are two gas lights mounted to the wall, one near the dining room table and the other next to the bed. To turn on, pivot the L shaped lever on the right hand side so that the lever points out into the room. Hold a lit match under the mantel but **do not touch the mantle**. It is made of ash and once touched it is ruined. Please make this clear to all in the household. For some reason people have an urge to touch it, perhaps to figure it out or see what it is. It usually takes the mantle 15 to 60 seconds to lite. Hold steady and be patient. Sometimes it will make a small burst of flame and blow itself out. Try again. The air flow adjustment has been set to give maximum light, do not change the air flow. To turn off light, pivot the L shaped lever to the upright position. In the case that someone touches the mantle it will need to be replaced. There are extra mantles on the top kitchen shelf towards the right. Read directions to install. The mantle is cloth on the first burn only, thereafter it is an ash which provides a convenient shape for the flame.

Kerosene lights: There are at least two (sometimes more) kerosene lights provided. To light, lift the glass globe off, light the wick with a match and replace the glass globe. Adjust the wick with the side knob as needed. Keep the globe clean for maximum light. We use lamp oil which is cleaner burning than kerosene. Extra oil is in a container on the top kitchen shelf to the right.

Toilet: This is a vented dry toilet and has little or no smell. Add a scoop of peat moss per use or as needed. Always leave the seat in the closed position after use, this helps the draft work properly. Toilet paper is provided. When the toilet container is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  full it is time to empty it. Lift the seat and pick up bucket. Carry and empty it in a pit provided in the area up from the main beach. Cover the deposit with a small amount of soil from the pile next to the pit and replace

the wooden safety cover. When the pit is full, cover with remaining soil and dig a new pit. Rinse the toilet bucket in the ocean or with rain barrel water and return it to its place in the bathroom. To help keep things clean make sure the metal guard under the seat overlaps the bucket. This is a fairly primitive system, but we have been pleased how well it works.

Compost: You may bury food compost in the same pit as the toilet waste.

Paper waste: You may burn paper at the fire pit.

Other waste: Carry other waste back to the mainland for disposal.

Cookout: You may use any wood next to the fire pit and picnic table for cookouts. There is also a small charcoal grill provided, usually stored behind the wood burning Franklin Stove. Use outdoors. Some charcoal is provided in the closet.

Wood stove: The Franklin Stove burns wood. Use firewood provided under the house. Light the fire and close the doors to reduce smoke. The wood stove is not usually needed in mid-summer, but is nice to have for a cold rainy spell.

Beds: A queen size bed is provided in the cabin. A double sized mattress is also available to sleep on in the loft. Extra camp mattresses are provided in the loft for tenting. The beds are provided with linens.

Loft: The loft is used for sleeping and storage. Kids usually love to climb up and down the ladder and play with the hatch pulley system. That is ok but be sure **everyone climbs the ladder with their front towards the steps**. Walking down the stairs facing away from the treads usually results in a fall to the lower level, pain and suffering. When sleeping in the loft close the hatch to prevent rolling into the void. Once you are in the loft detach the rope from the hatch and lower into its position. When ready to come down, reattach the rope.

Tent platforms: There are two spacious tent platforms on the island, each with a private view of the ocean and islands.

Cleaning: Please leave the cabin as clean as you found it, brooms are in the closet. Sand from the beach tracks into the house easily. It helps to leave shoes outside or at the door, wipe feet off on the grass before entering, and to keep pets outdoors as much as possible. It also helps to place gear on the ledges or into the garden cart when unloading from a boat rather than placing on the sandy

beach. At the end of your stay please leave soiled linens in a bag or stacked for pick up.

Windows: At the end of your stay please close windows.

Feedback: Please let us know if everything was satisfactory with your stay, make suggestions, or give us your general feedback. We love repeat visitors and want you to be as enthralled with Little Lazy Gut Island as we are.