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Shadowed by the majesty of Mount Rainier, the lively sea town of Gig Harbor, Washington, has several marinas, a fishing fleet, and one of the most competitive rowing and paddling fleets in the United States. It also drips with maritime history. Its namesake dates back to 1840, when Capt. Charles Wilkes and crew, looking for safe haven during a heavy storm, entered the perfectly protected harbor's narrow entrance in a longboat called a "captain's gig." Today the location is home to an upscale community with museums, great restaurants, hiking and biking trails, and a variety of stores and options for provisioning, as well as a rich maritime history discovered on a recent winter expedition through the Pacific Northwest.

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