

Seagate and Wild Blue Alaska Cruise – Friday-Saturday, July 25-26, 2008



Yesterday we motored 109 miles from the Queen Charlottes to here in Strom Cove, our longest of the entire Alaska Cruise.

*(← Lady Anne gets underway early hoping to find fuel in Shearwater. The Seagate crew is sleeping-in again.)*

Friday's encore: just 5 miles to Shearwater Marina across from Bella Bella, BC. Why not just add 5 miles to yesterday's cruise? Moorage. Shearwater is busy and there was no moorage available yesterday.

*(← Seagate is moored at Shearwater and sandwiched between two Selenes, Wild Blue and Brizo, a Selene 43.)*



*(← A wildlife display adorns the Shearwater bar and restaurant.)*



Today we have reservations. Our space opens up after the noon checkout so we lounge around, have an extended breakfast then fire up the diesels at 11AM.

The wharfinger (Canadian for harbormaster) at Shearwater is accommodating and we tie up just after noon. Although we had good water here on

the trip north, there is no potable water during the summer. We'll just have to conserve or load water from Seagate, which has a desalinator (watermaker) aboard, and Lady Anne does just that.

Saturday is crew exchange day. Shearwater is near Bella Bella which has an airport serviced by Pacific Coastal Air, a great local airline. Norman and Trish Angus, Seagate's crew for the past 3-weeks, are leaving today and new crews are arriving.



*(← Fresh crew arrive from Bella Bella airport. L to R: Harriett with Seagate crew David Collins, Lady Anne crew Ed and Marge McIntyre with Hugh, and Dick with Seagate crew Penny Collins.)*

Seagate's new crew are David and Penny Collins of North Hollywood, California. David is an IT Professional and Penny is the chair of the Fashion Design Department at Woodbury University, Los Angeles. Penny has recently published a new fashion/interior design book entitled "Wear Your Chair". Both are members of the California Yacht Club where David, if he behaves himself, will become Commodore in 2012. David and Penny have boated for many decades and currently own a fast sailboat.



*(← Pat and Hugh's family including sister-in-law Marge, brother Ed, Hugh, son Cam and daughter-in-law Nadine enjoy homemade apple pie from Denny Island. Surprisingly everyone was cordial and there wasn't any food fights.)*

Ed and Marge McIntyre are Lady Anne's new crew who live 30 miles south of Tallahassee on Florida's Gulf Coast. Ed is a retired college professor from Florida State University. Both are boaters who regularly fish in the ocean in their sports fisher. Marge said Ed told her he was the Florida State Water Ski Champion a few years back. We can't wait to see this 6'4" giant do the double-somersault back-flip while skiing off of Lady Anne! Ed also happens to be Hugh's younger brother and it's great fun to see them interact.



(← *Saturday night's sunset over Bella Bella, British Columbia.*)

Tomorrow we leave Shearwater for Namu and Rock Inlet on Fitz Hugh Sound. It's been nice after a week to dine out a bit. Wild Blue new crew arrives in the

afternoon so Seagate and Lady Anne will start in the morning. The boats will meet tomorrow evening at Namu. Good night.