

Seagate and Wild Blue Alaska Cruise – Thursday, May 8, 2008

At 6:00AM Willie and Alex continued their private assault on the BC salmon. At the end of a 2-hour fishing battle, it was: salmon one billion - fisherman zero. Then it was a rush to get the boats clean, and launder the bedding in preparation for the new crews arriving today. (Nice job Pat). Dick and Alex saw off Bill, Jody, Walter, Willie and Pat and welcomed the Leg #2 crew.



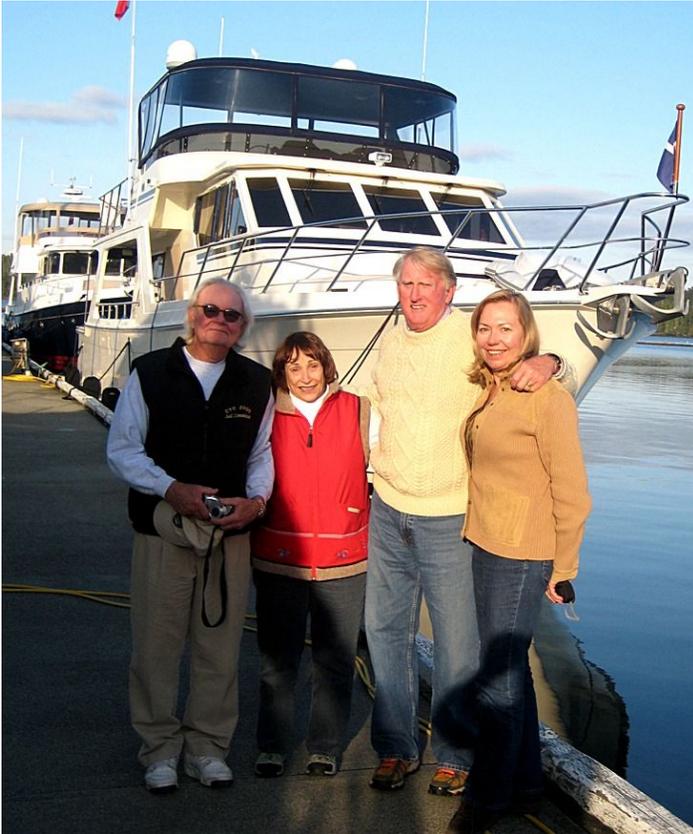
This past week long we've sighted many whale spouts, but always in the distance. On the water taxi to Bella Bella, we finally got close to a whale. The taxi driver said this was a humpback feeding on krill. Just like the geese and whales, we're all going north for the summer.



The new Wild Blue crew from Bella Bella to Ketchikan is Elaine and John Curry of Thousand Oaks and Gayle and John Pratt of San Luis Obispo.

(←Elaine and John Curry, Gayle and John Pratt)

Alex and John Pratt serve on the board of a SLO non-profit. The Currys and Pratts are long-time friends, both Johns are experienced commercial divers, and divers are always handy to have around boats.



Joining Seagate is Ray and Cheryl Mahaffey of Playa del Rey. Ray and Cheryl are long-time friends of the Squires and Bensons from the California Yacht Club. The Mahaffeys have boated over 30 years and currently own both power and sail boats. One of their boats is the Squires previous Seagate, a 48' motor vessel.

*(← Dick and Harriett Squire welcome Ray and Cheryl Mahaffey to Seagate)*

Epicurean Footnote: The crew aboard Wild Blue enjoyed BBQ duckbreast from Willie Bird Farms. It was fresh BC halibut, caught by Willie Bird himself, aboard Seagate. Tomorrow we're off to Klemtu and maybe Bottleneck Cove.



*(BBQ duckbreast)*



*(Fresh Lemon Caper Halibut)*