

## Seagate and Wild Blue Alaska Cruise – May 2, 2008

The Alaska cruisers left Nanaimo today for Campbell River, BC. Wild Blue got an early start but Seagate held back. A couple hours later Seagate easily caught up, using just 18 of her 22-knot speed. Maybe they were holding back to “catch” more spot prawns? The crews enjoyed calm seas, an overcast day and a light southerly breeze.



(← Seagate easily catches Wild Blue with her BIG twin diesels!)

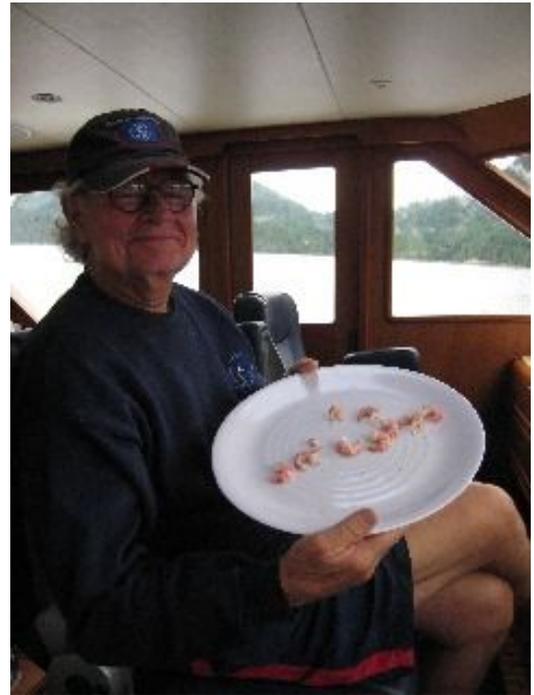


(← Sisters Islands lighthouse with Lasqueti Island in the background. Note the flat seas in BC's Strait Of Georgia)



(← BC ordered 3 of these \$50 million dollar ferries from Germany. They came in early and under budget)

Speaking of prawns, last year Seagate was quite successful at catching spot prawns up here. The tradition bound Seagate crew baits a prawn trap, drives it out to their secret prawning location, sets the trap at 300+ feet, waits several hours, pulls the trap then unloads the bounty. You might get a bit wet but it's loads of fun and quite gratifying. Here's a photo (candidly submitted by a Seagate crew) providing "proof of catch". Look at the size of those prawns and the satisfied smile of Seagate's skipper! →



The Wild Blue crew have further developed the art of "prawning". It entails more dock walking than boating, you don't get wet, and you'll need more than a fishing license in your wallet..... but just look at these results!



(← Lunch aboard Wild Blue on the Strait of Georgia. Boil salted water, insert prawns, bring back to boil for 5 minutes, remove and let cool. Serve on ice with cocktail sauce. Peel and consume!)



(← Dinner entrée aboard Wild Blue: Italian Garlic Prawns. No worries: these were shared with the crew of Seagate)



(← The complete epicurean experience: fresh caught, Italian garlic prawns; smoked-paprika seasoned, pan-fried quail; Yukon gold potatoes with shallots and herbs; and Brussels sprouts in Gorgonzola sauce.)

Tomorrow we push on through Seymour Narrows. It's a notoriously dangerous passage because currents can exceed 17 knots! We leave in the dark to arrive at the narrows on a 7-knot ebb current at 5:30AM. We'll use the current to push us up Discovery Passage and then up Johnstone Strait. Our goal is Alert Bay on Malcolm Island. Not sure if we will have Internet access so you may not get an update for a few days.