

Seagate and Wild Blue Alaska Cruise – Saturday and Sunday, June 14-15, 2008

Saturday was your typical 6AM castoff for the 3-hour cruise to Auke Bay, that is except for the Seagate. They are liking Juneau so much they don't want to leave! So instead they sleep in while the Wild Blue crew drags out of bed at 5:30 and prepares to depart. Just as WB thrusts away from the dock, Captain Dick jumps out of bed to say goodbye. No worries, we'll meet up with the Seagate crew later after they sample some more of the great dining fare Juneau has to offer.



(← *The Carnival Spirit was in the way as Wild Blue leaves Juneau. They conveniently moved to their moorage just for us.*)

On the way out of Juneau, Wild Blue stops just out of the harbor

to pick up a couple crab traps we soaked over night. We have learned to set the traps near creek outfalls as the crab seem to flourish near the fresh water/seawater interface.

*(Gerard and Bob retrieve crab traps set near Juneau creek using the WB foredeck. →)*



Sure enough one trap yielded 10 good-sized crabs, with two females which were promptly returned to continue their reproductive years. Wow! We're getting our share of crabs. Ten of us barely got through have the crab caught in Taku Harbor. So I guess will have to force some more down. Life in Alaska is just one struggle after another.

Once the crab were boated, we continued around Douglass Island, making 3-hour right-hand turn. Along the way we spied more humpback whales feeding along the shoreline. Today was Peggy and Gerard's 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. And there's no better anniversary gift than a homemade crab omelet. Gerard fired up the galley stove and created some tasty crab delights!



*(Peggy celebrates her 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with Gerard's homemade crab omelet.)*

After our 3-hour right turn ended, we came to Auke Bay which is situated just down the valley from the famous Mendenhall Glacier.



*(← O-M-G! Who is driving the Wild Blue anyway? Why it's Tina with her navigator Peggy. Before you know it a woman will be running for President.)*



*(The docks at Auke Bay have dozens of eagles. This one likes sailboats. →)*



*(Auke Bay Harbor with Mendenhall Glacier on the right.)*



*(← The majestic Mendenhall Glacier.)*

So it was crab omelettes for breakfast, a crab sandwich for lunch, but for Gerard's 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner, it was fresh caught Alaskan prawns, with a warm crab dip, of course.

*(Fresh caught Alaska prawns. →)*





(← *Goodbye prawn.....*)

Today the boats have new crews and we'll meet them later. Tomorrow we'll head to an anchorage near the Three-Sisters Islands. The locals are saying the salmon have been biting everything around there. We'll see.