

Seagate and Wild Blue Alaska Cruise – Wednesday, July 9, 2008

It's just a 2.5-hour motor over to Welcome Bay, on the northern tip of Porcher Island, today's destination. "After a safe arrival, you won't want to leave" says the Don Douglass guidebook. The harbor is composed of a labyrinth of islands, islets and reefs in an area of about 4 square miles, and although only a "stones throw" from rugged Hecate Strait, is completely calm water. But, in order to get out Prince Rupert, we need to visit the museum, cell phone, and marine



*(Queen of Prince Rupert on her route to Queen Charlotte Islands.)*



stores. Just at noon the boats pull out headed southwesterly down Chatham Sound to Edge Passage and Porcher Island. Just as we enter Edge Passage, the Queen of Prince Rupert, passes on her way to Queen Charlotte City, tomorrow's destination for us. We easily arrive in Welcome Harbour after only a few wild and crazy turns through the thin rocky openings and drop the hook.

*(← Wild Blue has three hooks down: one anchor and two fishing hooks watched closely by Jerry.)*



*(Justin plays on one of Seagate's numerous water toys. →)*



*(← Dick gives oars and rowing tips to Justin.)*

Dick for years has enjoyed teaching the ways of the ocean to others. Whether it's sailing, powerboating, knot tying or rowing he is ready to teach. So with eager Justin as pupil, row boating is the topic, the beautiful BC coastline is the classroom, and professor Squire is at the lectern. Jan and Jerry better start saving for that new boat!



Jerry hooks a pretty big dogfish. This one has floppy ears. Pat is sad for this dogfish, and tells us not to catch any catfish! The barometer is rising and tomorrow it's off to the Queen Charlotte Islands.

*(← Jerry's dogfish.)*

*(Seagate at anchor in Welcome Harbor, rowing dinghy launched, ready for class.)*

