

Seagate and Wild Blue Alaska Cruise – Wednesday, July 30, 2008



It's just 48 calm ocean miles to Cutter Cove on the BC mainland. The Cove is a quiet anchorage close enough to Johnstone Strait, allowing easy entry and exit. After yesterday's wild ride, words like *calm* and *quiet* are desirable.

(← *Birds help to identify deadheads in the calm water.*)



(Above: *It's a noisy seagull convention in the middle of Knight Inlet.*)



It's difficult to stay awake in the now warm, sunny weather and it appears the sun will stay with us over the next several days. Better put the coffee on.

(← *The water becomes mirror flat, which makes the tug Yucalta Strait's job easier.*)



(← *Lady Anne can't get there fast enough and zooms ahead to scout the anchorage.*)

Besides the weather, the other BIG difference between northern and southern BC: scores and scores more boats. Up north we see less boats and seldom hear radio chatter, while here the radio is jammed and you're constantly focusing on approaching traffic. After 5 hours of scenic



cruising the boats are happily anchored in the Cove.

*(← Seagate, Wild Blue and Lady Anne in Cutter Cove's dreamy pond.)*

Sid and Alex are like two bachelors fumbling around the kitchen, and since there's no cell service we can't call Pat for help. It takes a while to locate all the ingredients, then Sid cooks hamburgers on the stove, with cheese and all the condiments. After cocktails, the big, juicy burgers, and a fine Caribbean cigar, it's just like being single, sort of.

*(← The Seagate crew enjoys big prawns they captured at the Port Hardy market.)*



Tomorrow we have a 75-mile run down Johnstone Strait to Campbell River and real civilization. I think we'll have coffee at the Starbucks, assuming they're still in business.