

Seagate and Wild Blue Alaska Cruise – Sunday, July 27, 2008



Late this morning Seagate and Lady Anne left for Namu on Fitz Hugh Sound, a 25-mile cruise. Wild Blue is holding back for crew Sid to arrive by air later this afternoon.

(← *Wild Blue all alone at the Shearwater docks.*)

(← *Wild Blue crew Sid returns for yet another week.*)

Sid Findley and wife Virginia crewed on the Ketchikan to Wrangell leg back in early June. He is a retired judge who continues to hear cases for the San Luis Obispo Superior Court. This is Sid's 5th cruise aboard the Wild Blue.

Meanwhile, Seagate and Lady Anne have arrived at Namu, a nearly abandoned cannery and town. Several different investors have tried to revive Namu as a tourist destination and all have failed so far. It's situated directly on the Inside Passage close to ferry service, fishing, and services on Bella Bella. Namu



sits just in front of a fine anchorage know as Rock Inlet.



(← *Pacific Canadian Fisheries is still operating on Denny Island next to Shearwater.*)



(← Seagate, free of the slower Wild Blue and near numerous fueling locations, runs those diesels at much higher RPM.)

(Below: Seagate motors past the cannery and town of Namu, which needs some TLC.)



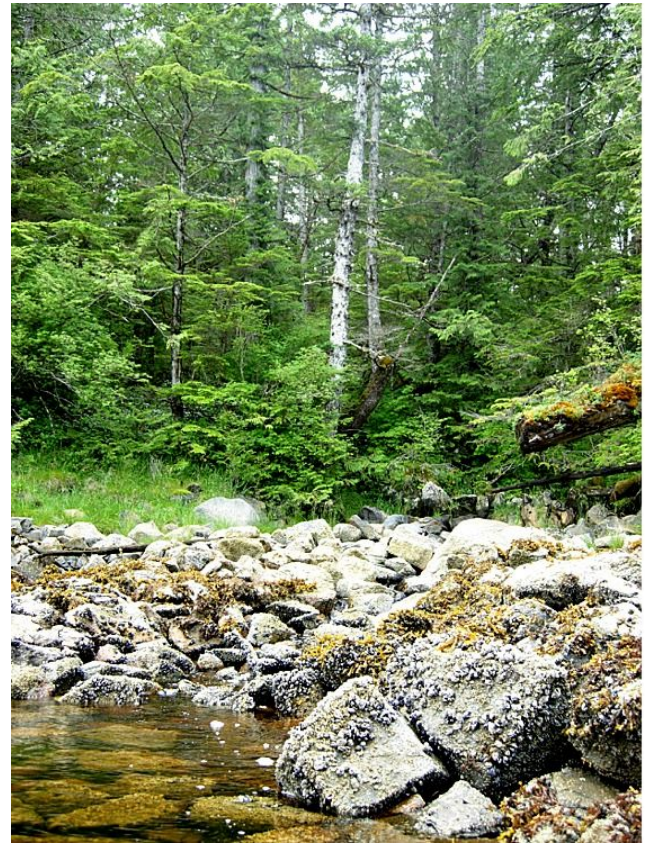
(← Lady Anne has set her anchor in Rock Inlet, just behind Namu.)

(Below: As soon as Seagate is anchored, the crew immediately launches all its toys.)





(← David is keen on organizing a “yak attack” and recruits Penny to be the other yaker.)



(Above: David and Penny explore Rock Inlet finding a secret passage into Namu and bear tracks near the mouth of the creek on the right.)



(← Lady Anne is hiding just inside Rock Inlet.)

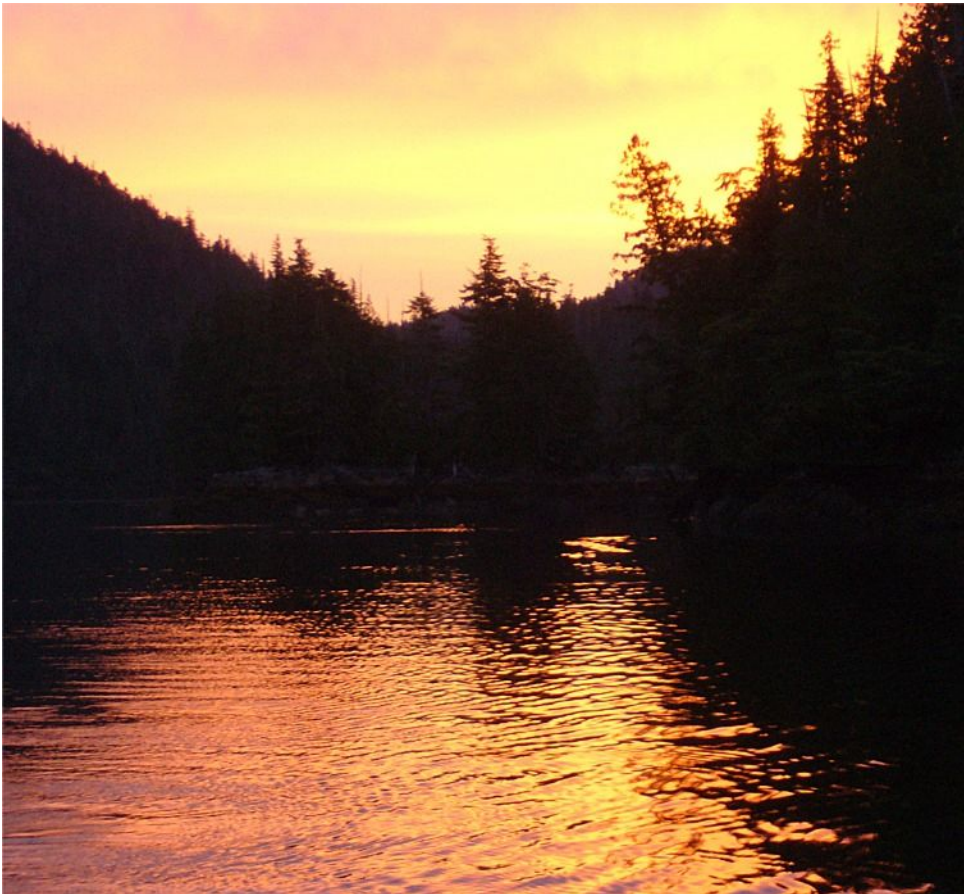
After Sid arrives, Wild Blue begins moving water and making a wake for Rock Inlet. 25 miles at 9 knots requires about 2 hours 45 minutes. It's near dark when the anchor is finally dropped into the Inlet. It's a magical, quiet place but a storm is brewing tonight. The weather report calls for strong winds beginning tomorrow so our cruise to Duncanby Landing may be a bit bumpy. See you tomorrow.



(← The small islet guarding the entrance to Rock inlet.)



(Above: Guests on the Lady Anne can expect bottled water, fresh towels embroidered with the yacht's name, and Ghirardelli chocolates. Wow!)



(← Sunset over Rock Inlet.)