

Anniversary Cruise II

Departure Time: June 30, 2005 - Mission, BC – 1500

Returning: September 2, 2005

Date: Thursday, June 30	Anchorage: Captain's Cove	Weather: Sunny
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Remarks:

Arrived at 1500 and met with Mark aboard the Bonus Points. He had sorry news of engine trouble to report. We called Doug Mitchell from Pacific Yacht sales and he met and boarded the FnC with a six pack and a bottle of wine to check out the boat for his new listing. He was very much impressed with her and thought she would show well. Mark then joined us for pizza dinner. CA retired early and the Captain was entertained aboard the Bonus Points until the wee hours of the morning.

Date: Friday, July 1st	Anchorage: Telegraph Harbour - Thetis	Weather: Sunny
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Remarks: Woke up and phoned Peter to let him know we wouldn't be leaving Captain's Cove as planned because the wind was blowing hard. He and Heidi would come later on for brunch. Received a phone call from Dave Thompson, the skipper pilot, that he had gone out 12 miles with Sea Foam and noticed a leaking gear box. He returned to Newport and took the boat to a mechanic – Scott from Curry Marine. On first inspection it was suggested that the transmission would need to be replaced at a cost between 3-5K and 10 days in the shop. We now had a sad story to share with Mark about mechanical failure. CA called Sam from Vercoe Yachts and told him the story and asked him to feel out the owner, Chris Thoreen, about any assistance he might give to this situation. A call was made later in the day again to Sam and only voice mail was reached. Dave Thompson later told us that he had also contacted Chris Thoreen and asked if he had ever had any problems in this area. The answer was no. Throughout the day we discussed possible plans to go to Canada fireworks but it was determined they were going to be held at Ambleside Park and the sea conditions were not good enough and if they were we would head to Thetis Island. Peter, Heidi and Mark arrived for brunch. At 1930, while going to shore with Kona, the Captain determined the wind had died down enough to proceed to Thetis. The FnC set out. Seas were calm and the crossing was great. Beautiful sunset pictures for Heidi. We arrived at Thetis and the Captain navigated the FnC through the Cut in the dark with Peter assisting. Had late lasagna dinner, took Kona to shore and retired.

Date:
Saturday, July 2nd

Anchorage:
Hunter's Beach – Thetis
Island

Weather:
Sunny, Partly Cloudy



Remarks: After breakfast pulled anchor and proceeded to Tent Island. Captain, Kona and Peter went to shore while CA and Heidi prepared a salmon for the barbeque to offer up at the party tonight at Hunter's Beach. Called Running Bear by cell phone and was informed he was anchored at Hunter's Beach. We then pulled anchor and made away for that location. Running Bear and Sondra buzzed by us in the A-yotte tender and stopped to tell us they were on

their way to Chemanus for lunch and a visit with friends. As they were leaving Running Bear spotted a distressed sailboat caught on the clearly marked reef north of Tent Island. He asked the FnC to standby and he tried to pull them off with his tender. They were then advised to wait for the tide to rise and Running Bear and the FnC continued on their way. We anchored near the "airplane" and jumped into the Catch-up and went back to Telegraph Cove for Peter and Heidi to buy cigarettes and vodka for Caesars. We returned to Hunter's beach and went to shore. Met with Karen and Rick (Sailor Bear and wife). Also Gwen Hunter the hostess. Met Big Joe, Karen and Rick's son, and his baby girl, Joey. After several hours of catching up it was determined that we missed the party – it was on Canada Day and always has been. We then moved our small party to the A-yotte for dinner. Running Bear prepared a fine fare and we added our salmon and potatoes. He later set up his keyboard and played for us on the bridge of the A-yotte. CA and Heidi retired to the FnC by midnight and Peter and the Captain returned to Hunter's beach and a bonfire until 0300.

Date:
Sunday, July 3rd

Anchorage:
Maple Bay

Weather:
Cloudy with sunny periods

Remarks: Woke up late and jumped into the Catch-up for oyster and clam gathering with Running Bear and Sondra. Peter and Heidi stayed on board to relax. We were instructed to hunt off Hunter's camp ground just north of the party site for clams and to Scott Island (where the Welsh lord lives) for oysters. We returned with a bucket of oysters and a full bucket of manilla clams and gave all to Sondra for a feast on the A-yotte during their return across the Strait. We returned to the FnC and made away for Maple Bay. We stopped in at Duck Bay on the west side of Saltspring Is. and had lunch



and a nap while we waited out the current before approaching Samsun Narrows. We proceeded into Maple Bay harbour and dropped anchor. We then went ashore with Kona and bought a few grocery items at Bird's Eye Cove. Peter and Heidi went for a swim; we relaxed with a Caesar and had barbequed steak for supper. Kids watched a video and CA and the Captain retired to read in bed.

Date:

Monday, July 4th

Anchorage:

Sidney Spit, Sidney Island

Weather:

Sunny

Remarks: After breakfast all but the Captain went to Bird's Eye Cove to shop in a curio stop. Heidi and CA bought several items and gifts for sister's birthdays and house warmings. Peter and Kona waited patiently outside. When we returned we pulled up anchor and started a leisurely cruise into Samsun Narrows on route to Sidney Spit. On our arrival at Sidney spit we attached to a mooring buoy and proceeded to the dock in the Catch-up. We walked the short distance to the beach where, with Heidi and Peter's encouragement, Kona fetched her stick in the water and was swimming back and forth to a sandbar for the first time. Returned home to a warm and cozy FnC with a roast smelling up the cabin for dinner. Beef dip and wine – good evening sunset and fireworks off the bow from the 4th of July American neighbors



to the east!

Date:
Tuesday, July 5th

Anchorage:
Tsehum Harbour

Weather:
Rain

Remarks: Had a bit of a rocky morning in Sidney Spit anchorage as passing boats went by and wind came up a bit. Left after breakfast and headed for Port of Sidney Marina. Tied up at \$5.00 per hour and filled our water tanks and got Heidi and Peter ready to go by Catch-up to off-load to the ferry. While they prepared for a wet and somewhat rough ride CA went to the nearby grocery store to reprovision. Because the weather was not so



great the Captain off-loaded the kids in Royal Victoria Yacht Club office rather than go further north to Canoe Bay. The Captain proceeded from Sidney Marina to Tsehum Harbour where we were out of the wind and in protected water. Rain continued all day. Many boats on mooring buoys and at anchor although poor holding ground in the harbour. Peter later called and told us that he and Heidi walked for about 20 minutes to get to the ferry from the drop-off site. Peter added that there is a public dock near the ferry where, if the weather had been

better, they could have been dropped off to catch the ferry and only walked about 10 feet. They called at 1530 to say they had arrived safely back to Heidi's home. Later in the afternoon we took Kona to shore for a walk, returned for dinner and an early night.

Date:
Wednesday, July 6th

Anchorage:
Tsehum Harbour

Weather:
Cloudy with Sun in the
Afternoon

Remarks: After breakfast we went to shore with Kona while the Captain went into the Tsehum Harbour office to print and mail a roof report to Steve Harris from QAI. Janet, the harbour manager, remembered Rick from the Cowichan Bay conference and was happy to oblige him her assistance. We returned to the vessel and made a picnic and took off to explore all the marinas in the harbour by kayak. We were looking for the blue hulled Eagle we once met in Montague who is from Sidney but after looking at over 5000 boats in the surrounding marinas we did not find any Eagles. Two Krogens, several Nordic Tugs and two Pacific Trawlers but no Eagles. We stopped on a dock for lunch and returned to the FnC about 1700. We had a further update regarding the Sea Foam. The mechanic from Curry Marine has indicated there appears to be a broken fitting on one of the gear box cooler lines and therefore, we may be able to claim the repair through our insurance. We continue to remain optimistic that this large expense will be eased some by a claim. Took Kona to shore at Lillian Hoffar Park at the north east part of the harbour. We had a somewhat relieved happy hour, pizza dinner and retired early to read.



Date:
Thursday, July 7th

Anchorage:
Tsehum Harbour

Weather:
Cloudy with sunny breaks



Remarks: CA woke up first and made coffee and started to work on naming the pictures and filling in the log. The Captain was up late after a series of nightmares. After breakfast several calls were made to our insurance agent, Sean Thompson, regarding our pending claim. We very soon after had a call from Paul Duprie, the adjuster, wanting the broken part sent to him as well as any pertinent photographs to support our claim. Scott from Curry Marine was at the ready to e-mail pictures and priority post the sheared off fitting. Gary, from Friday Harbour was also called and informed that the drawings of the Eagle needed for the Tonnage Surveyor had not arrived in Mission as yet. He informed us that they had neglected to put an "international" sticker on the package and it was returned. Rick also called the surveyor in Surrey, William F. Marshall, and told him why he has not yet received the drawings. CA continued to work on the log and the Captain filled scuba tanks and prepared dive lights for a pending dive tomorrow. It was decided to stay put at this anchorage as the winds from the south are predicted to blow up tonight. We decided to take a walk to Blue Heron Park also called McDonald Provincial Park. We took the

rib to the public dock and walked around to a chandlery where we purchased a new power cord, a shiny power outlet, and a Waggoner 2005. Good prices. We then proceeded to the park and Kona had a merry romp through the woods. On our return we had a lamb dinner and watched one of the videos Heidi left behind for us. To bed by midnight.

Date:
Friday, July 8th

Anchorage:
Tsehum Harbour

Weather:
Raining, cloudy in the afternoon, sunny by evening

Remarks: Woke up at 900 to rain and wind as predicted. Breakfast, e-mail, shore duty and log. By 1300 rain and wind had stopped but reports on the VHF heard from mariners south of Sidney Island spoke of 23 knot winds and 3 footers. Looks like we may be in for another night while we wait for the good weather forecasted for the weekend. Spent the afternoon taking pictures of the interior of the boat to send to Doug Mitchell to add to



boat ad on Yacht World. The FnC is officially for sale to the world! Late afternoon read and napped and took Kona back to Blue Heron Park for an evening stroll. Remarkable how clean and well kept the park is around Parkland High school. Sunny evening but still chilled without a jacket on. No phone calls regarding the Sea Foam. Everyone must be doing their job to get her here. Late supper and to bed by midnight.

Date:
Saturday, July 9th

Anchorage:
Cabbage Island

Weather:
Cloudy am Sunny p.m.

Remarks: After breakfast we took Kona to shore and walked to the All Bay Marina Chandlery off Resthaven Road where we had been two days prior to buy our power cord and power outlet. CA informed the clerk that his prices were higher than Steveston Marine (she had checked it out on the internet) and with some prodding he agreed to give a 25% discount on the purchase of some new rope to secure the kayaks and a new filter for the toilet in the Sea Foam. We returned to the boat and pulled anchor. We proceeded to North Saanich Marine for fuel (100 litres @88.1) to even out the port tank. Topped up gas and water tanks. While backing out, the Catch-up bumped up against another vessel's hull, the "All I Need", and chipped a piece off the fin of the mighty 50

four stroke. The plastic is old and very brittle. We headed out of Tsehum Harbour and made away for Cabbage Island. Sea was very calm and the sun was shining. At the south end of the Penders we spotted several whale watching boats and a pod of killer whales heading south. We anchored at the beginning of Reef Harbour after negotiating around several crab traps. We laid our crab trap and took off for the shore of Tumbo Island and walked around with Kona. We spotted a deer that was running through the field. Kona started to give chase but she was called back. Returned around 2100 and checked our trap. A Dungeness, a red rock and a sunfish. When CA tried to pick up the Dungeness from the back he reached around and tried to pinch her with his claws. She flung him off and in so doing flung him right back into the water. No decision was necessary as to whether he was big enough to keep. Reset the trap and returned to the vessel. Had a late supper. Two eagles sat watching us from the opposite shore. Small waves were rolling in from the strait so the Captain put out a stern anchor to keep the FnC from rolling. Now she faced the waves head on and CA was comfortable again.



Date:
Sunday, July 10th

Anchorage:
Horton Bay

Weather:
Sunny, Rain in p.m.

Remarks: We got up at 730 thinking slack was at 900 for diving. Checked the tables and discovered that diving today would be around 1500. Shook the Captain out of bed and checked e-mail, had



breakfast and began to pull the diving gear out for this afternoon. Took Kona to shore at Cabbage Island



and walked all the way around it. Spoke to some kayakers heading back to Mayne Island as well as a Grandma and Grandpa with their daughter and grandchildren – also from Mayne. Took photos of eagles and beach shots. Went around Tumbo by rib scouting out good dive spots and relocated our crab trap. Returned to FnC for lunch and a quick nap on the bow for CA. Prepared to dive and left for the cliffs on Tumbo Island's west side. After our dive we picked up our trap – one small rock crab –

returned to FnC and pulled anchor headed for Horton Bay. Phoned Scott from Curry Marine and still no pictures or parts have been sent to Paul the adjuster. Anchored and went to shore with Kona. Dinner and an early night.

Date:
Monday, July 11th

Anchorage:
Glenthorne Passage
Prevost Island

Weather:
Cloudy with some sunny
breaks

Remarks: Woke up at 900 and prepared for departure. Made porridge with Kona and the Captain went to shore. Captain repaired leaking o-ring on the neck of one of the scuba tanks. Pulled anchor and headed for Prevost Island for better cell phone reception. While underway Captain filled tanks for dive later today. CA checked e-mail and responded to two friends while approaching Prevost. Downloaded most current pictures from camera to computer and named them. Sent newsletter No. 2 out with photos from Cabbage



Island anchorage. Anchored and the Captain left voice mail for Scott from Curry Marine wanting an update on the Sea Foam. In an earlier call to Paul the adjuster it was determined that he has still not yet received any pictures or parts concerning the repair. At 1400 we prepared to dive off Owl Island. Kona watched the shore line intently for marmots and sheep. After the dive we returned to the FnC and CA struggled with something irritating her left eye. Saline was applied and some relief was experienced. Captain took Kona to shore and took the crab trap along to drop.

Date:
Tuesday, July 12th

Anchorage:
Glenthorne Passage,
Prevost Island

Weather:
Cloudy with few sunny
periods

Remarks: Slept in and once up started getting things ready to dive. Kona continues to keep a sharp look-out for marmots and sheep along the shoreline and barks to warn us of an impending attack. Had a phone call from Paul Duprie stating that he had received a report and pictures from Curry Marine that did not support the notion that the repair was needed due to an accident. The wrong fitting was used to secure one of the hoses that caused the leakage. Looks like no insurance claim. Janet Gunson also called to inform us that the drawings of the Eagle had arrived from Friday Harbour to be sent to Bill Marshall the tonnage surveyor. She said the drawings looked like they were to scale and would serve their purpose for Bill Marshall. Went diving just outside Active Pass off of Collinson Point. After we surfaced we putted around in Active Pass looking for the next dive spot. Returned to the FnC and found the "Snow Bird" from Anacortes anchored beside us. Took Kona walking on Owl Island. Her left tear duct was bulging out of her eye and I had to fish out two small seeds that might have been irritating her. The Captain ordered Mexican food from the galley and we ate and watched another Heidi video, "Thirteen Going on Thirty". Kona and Captain went for a late night shore duty, returned and read a while and retired.

Date:Wednesday, July 13th**Anchorage:**Glenthorne Passage,
Prevost Island**Weather:**Cloudy with sunny
glimpses

Remarks: The phone rang at 830 and woke us up. We read a few chapters and got up. The call was from Scott at Curry Marine. He informed us that Bill Bailey was working on the Sea Foam but had been called away for two days to fix a commercial fishing vessel out of the area. The parts have been ordered and should be in today or tomorrow. If we have any questions we are to speak to Marsha or Bill Bailey. After breakfast and shore duty we headed off to Saltspring to buy beer and groceries. Sunny trip over and pleasant walk through the plaza there. Returned home at 1630 in slight chop and decided not to go kayaking but read and relax instead. Had a call from Marsha at Curry Marine informing us that a gear shaft was ordered from Italy and wouldn't be here until next week. So far the tally on the repair is \$3000 for parts. Rick called the pilot, Dave Thompson, and gave him the update on his voice mail. Dave called back but did not leave a message. Had rib and steak barbeque and retired to read.

Date:

Thursday, July 14th

Anchorage:Glenthorne Passage,
Prevost Island**Weather:**Mostly sunny with cloudy
periods

Remarks: We decided that we would spend the day kayaking. It was a perfect day for it. Very little wind, sunny but not too hot. We visited Annette Inlet, one bay over from where we are anchored, and saw that there was a substantial house there and two float homes and several boats anchored in the head of the bay. There were oysters near the float homes but second thoughts were considered because of pollution concerns. We passed by Shelby Point and noticed quite a current there and thought we would check it out later for a potential dive spot. We then passed James Bay and noticed what looked like the marine park sign and several tents located at the head. We continued on around the point and down the east side of Prevost. We saw a couple of eagles on the way and got some close-up pictures. An eagle is towering over CA in her kayak in this picture. We paddled until we were adjacent to Hawkins Island and pulled



up on a beach for lunch. Continued on paddling and CA spotted a whale out of the corner of her eye going north in Trincomoli Channel just across from Enterprise Reef from Navy Channel. CA told the Captain by walky-talky and he immediately started paddling toward the center of the channel. He positioned himself there and several whales passed by. One large male came very close and he got a great photo of him. He was so close the waves from the animal rocked his kayak. Several whale watcher boats were also close by and also a ferry. As the ferry passed by one whale was flapping its side fin and its tail almost like it was waving to the passengers on the ferry. We continued on after the pod passed by and returned to our anchorage. As we entered in near the head we spotted a red-hulled Nordic Tug and



paddled over to admire it. The “Sonshine” was from Edmonds, Washington and the Captain, Terry, was very friendly. His wife also came out on deck to chat. They are on their way north for six weeks. We returned the kayaks and took Kona to James Bay to explore the marine park. It is one of the newest areas and we walked a short way along the edge of the bay. We then got back into the Catch-up and checked out Shelby Point for a dive spot tomorrow. Returned to the FnC and found a voice mail waiting for us from Mark informing us that the Bonus Points had been sold. Had a late dinner of perogies at 2200 and retired.

Date:
Friday, July 15th.

Anchorage:
Glenthorne Passage,
Prevost Island

Weather:
Raining

Remarks: Woke up to rain. Had breakfast, shore duty, e-mail and CA made muffin batter. Filled tanks for a dive today at 1800 at Shelby Point. Put a prawn trap down off of Owl Island and returned to the FnC to get suited up for our dive. Dove off of Shelby Point and enjoyed the dive. Brought up 3 rock scallops because they were plentiful at this dive. Returned to the FnC and picked up Kona and pulled up our trap. About 20 small shrimp and one mystery guest. Took Kona for a hike at the tip of Annette Inlet. Returned for appies of shrimp and scallops and several crantines. Checked e-mail and called Peter and David on the cell. Had a quiche for supper and retired by 2300.

Date:
Saturday, July 16th

Anchorage:
Ganges Harbour

Weather:
Sunny with cloudy periods

Remarks: Woke up to sunny skies and checked e-mail to find Janet and Andrew are underway this a.m. and plan to be in Steveston by tonight. Will try to rendezvous with us on Sunday. Bake muffins, answered e-mail and shore duty with Kona. Captain took more photos of James Bay Park Reserve and Shelby Cove. On his return we pulled anchor and headed across Captain Passage to Ganges Harbour. We anchored on the east side of the Chain Islands across from Goat Island. We took the kayaks off and paddled down the Chain Islands to explore. We saw and photographed a baby seal hidden in the rocks at Second Sister Island. After that we paddled to Third Sister Island and had a picnic on the shell beach there. The Captain called Andrew and firmed up our plans to meet tomorrow on Wallace Island. Returned on the west side of the Chain Islands, took Kona to shore at the north end of Goat Island, had a barbeque and retired.



Date: Sunday, July 17th **Anchorage:** Princess Bay, Wallace Island **Weather:** Sunny Hot

Remarks: Woke up, loaded kayaks on, shore duty, breakfast and into Ganges for gas, water and groceries. Made off for Wallace Island and had radio contact with the Maiatla coming across the Strait of Georgia at Sandheads. Beautiful sunny skies but choppy sea for them. Arrived at Princess and anchored with a shore tie on the private side of the bay. Took Kona to shore and the Maiatla, after much fussing rafted up to the FnC. Andrew took his stern line to shore by swimming from his boat to shore and back again. Had happy hour and appies on the bow of the FnC. Took another short walk on the island with Kona and had dinner. Showed Janet and Andrew pictures of the Sea Foam and retired for an early wake up 0700 to get the low slack for a dive at Alcala Point tomorrow.



Date: Monday, July 19th **Anchorage:** Princess Bay, Wallace Island **Weather:** Sunny

Remarks: Woke up with the alarm clock for early dive. Took Kona to shore first and took off for Porlier pass to dive at 830. After our dive we went to look at the sandy beach at Cardale Point. Returned to south end of Wallace Island at Panther Point for CA to get a bucket of oysters. Returned to FnC and got an update from the Maiatla. They were taking Melissa to dive off Conover Cove beach. We rested and later took Kona for a hike. Had dinner on the Maiatla and the wind picked up. The Maiatla untied from the FnC and we retired by 2230. Another early dive time in Porlier Pass for tomorrow.

Date: Tuesday, July 20th **Anchorage:** Degnen Bay, Gabriola Is. **Weather:** Sunny

Remarks: After breakfast CA went to lay a crab trap just north of the entrance to Conover Cove where Andrew and Melissa dove yesterday. Took Kona to shore and returned to get ready to dive. Captain said there was no time to lose if we were going to get in on time. Grabbed Andrew off the Maiatla and away we went to dive Virago Wall. During the dive Andrew found a Bruce anchor and plans were made to later go down again to get it. Returned to the FnC and took Kona to retrieve the crab trap. Good site –

found the trap with 10 red rock crabs, 3 of them we put back. Kona and CA were put off on the shore to walk back to Princess Bay and the Captain returned the crabs to the Maiatla to be cooked up. When we started up the FnC the Captain discovered the port engine starter motor was not working. Pulled anchored and headed for the sandy beach at Cardale Point with starboard engine only to anchor. The Maiatla crew had been fishing while waiting for us and had netted a big salmon but he flipped and got away. Janet had another one on her line but it got away as well. They were using buzz bombs. A flood was just finishing. Janet, Melissa, Kona and CA were put on the sandy shore beach while the Captain and Andrew went back to Virago Wall to retrieve the anchor at 1530 slack in Porlier. They returned with a 7.5kg Bruce anchor. Pulled anchor and continued on to Degnen Bay. Anchored and called Denise at Carole and Gary's place at Descanso Bay. Told her our dilemma and she suggested we take the starter motor to Silva Bay for repair and failing that she would provide us with her van to go into Nanaimo tomorrow. Had the crew of the Maiatla for dinner. Retired at 2300.

Date:	Anchorage:	Weather:
Wednesday, July 20th	Degnen Bay, Gabriola Is.	Sunny

Remarks: After breakfast CA called the Silva Bay Boatyard and made arrangements to have the starter motor repaired. The Captain preceded to remove the starter motor and Kenny and Bobby Buckoll were on their way to the FnC to assist. By the time they arrived at the FnC the starter motor was out and they took the Catch-up around the corner to Silva Bay with the broken starter motor. The rotor shaft was broken in two places. CA stayed on board with Kona and the wind picked up. CA noticed the anchor was slipping and radioed the Captain for his ETA FnC. The Captain was on his return from Silva Bay and when he returned he had to reset the anchor. The Maiatla radioed in to say they were in Pilot's Bay at the north end of the island and they would be returning to Degnen Bay tomorrow or next day to do more diving with us. We moved out of the congestion of the inner harbour, dropped anchor, put on the kelleet and the crew of the FnC, Kenny and Bobbie went to shore and drove in Bobbie's truck to Carole and Gary's place where Earlene and Denise were waiting. The guys sat on the deck and the women went shopping. Had a tour of Earlene's daughter's home near Pilot Bay. Met her son-in-law, Bruce, and admired the home he had built there. Bought more beer and some groceries for the FnC and returned to Carole and Gary's. Had a barbeque there. Had a call from Bill Marshall to say the tonnage survey was complete and that he would be forwarding same to our lawyer, Gordon Ruley to complete the Sea Foam registration. He would fax the \$250 bill to us. Also got a call from Mike at Silva Bay Boat Yard to inform us that he had found a starter motor and it would be here tomorrow at 1400 and he would deliver it for us if we wanted. After a very pleasant evening, Denise and Earlene drove us back down the island, with Earlene pointing out all the places from her childhood days on the island. We invited them to the FnC for dinner tomorrow night. Retired after an eventful day at 2200.

Date:	Anchorage:	Weather:
Thursday, July 21	Degnen Bay, Gabriola Is.	Sunny, Windy

Remarks: Another beautiful blue sky day. Had an early voice mail from Denise to inform us that they would not be coming for dinner after all. They had already invited

Bruce and his son Benjamin to their place and it would be too much for us to have everyone on board. Had a visit from Harold from the "Olympic Shadow". He had spent the night in Silva Bay and said the wind blew up around 0300 for a rocky night. He was going to fish at Thrasher Rock but it was too choppy out. Told him of good salmon potential at Cardale Point where we had anchored with the Maiatla. He asked after the Sea Foam and we gave him an update. The Captain then called Curry Marine to ask about the progress there and we were informed that the part from Italy had arrived and they were working on the Sea Foam today. The Captain then called Dave Thompson to give him the heads up that the Sea Foam was almost ready and to keep in contact with Curry Marine for her completion. He said the weather had not been good up until now and if the Sea Foam were ready earlier he would not have been able to bring her up anyway. It looks like our girl will be here soon – alleluia thank you God!! Spent the rest of the day resting and reading. Called Silva Bay Boatyard to ask where the starter motor was, left a message and did not hear back. At 1700 Denise and Benjamin picked us up and we had dinner again with them. After dinner we went to Bruce's home and watched the sunset. Returned to the FnC by 2200 and retired.

Date: Friday, July 22nd
Anchorage: Degnen Bay, Gabriola Is.
Weather: Cloudy with Sunny periods
Remarks: Woke up, had breakfast, shore duty and off to Breakwater Island to dive. On our return we had a message from Silva Bay Boatyard that the starter motor was ready and he would bring it over. Rick met him at the dock, paid \$1000.00 (\$800 for motor, \$100 handling, GST/PST) and returned to the FnC and installed it in 20 minutes. Better than ever. Andrew called from the Maiatla and urged us to join him in Mark Bay by Nanaimo to watch the Bathtub races and the fireworks tomorrow night. He added that he had several teenagers on board. He suggested we take the Gabriola ferry as foot passengers and he would pick us up on the other side. Denise called and we agreed we would skip dinner together tonight. CA answered e-mail, had lunch and went to put out a prawn trap outside Carlos Island. Very rough out there -2-3 footers. Great partner work to lay the trap. Returned to the FnC for dinner. Picked up prawn trap after dinner and had 17 large prawns in the trap. Much calmer sea by 2000. Returned to find a voice mail from Denise to inform us that we are invited to Leslie and Bruce's for dinner tonight and I informed her there would be fireworks from the Bathtub Races tonight which would be very enjoyable from their deck.

Date: Saturday, July 23rd
Anchorage: Degnen Bay, Gabriola Is.
Weather: Sunny with cloudy periods
Remarks: Had breakfast and prepared to dive. Had a voice mail from Denise inviting me to the market at Gabriola at 1000. Declined because of the diving. We were invited to dinner at Leslie and Bruce's home on the beach near Tinson Point. Rick had e-mail from Steve Harris to do a roof report. Went out to Carlos Island to lay a prawn trap and the waves were 3-4 feet high. No diving on Brant Reef and by the time we layed the trap CA was feeling sea sick and we didn't have time to dive in Gabriola Pass. Took Kona to shore on Vance Island off Silva Bay. On our return to the FnC we did an exploration of a potential dive site off Bath Island. On our return CA put a prawn tail on a line and hung it over the starboard side in the gunnel to catch a bottom fish for a crab trap. As she was



preparing a casserole for dinner the rod dipped down and she had caught a 15 pound dog fish. The Captain netted him and sliced him up to freeze for future bait. One our way out to pick up our prawn trap we laid a crab trap with some of the fresh dog fish. When we pulled up the condo prawning the sea was smooth and calm. 56 prawns to add to the 17 caught yesterday. Radioed Andrew on the Maiatla and told him of our plans. He is planning to return to Degnen Bay tomorrow to dive with us. One small female in

the crab trap on our return. Left it down to check this evening when we return from dinner. Had a nice dinner at Leslie and Bruce's – oysters and prawns from the sea. Fireworks are tonight for the Bath Tub races but are better viewed from Carole and Gary's place off Descanso Bay. We were driven home by 2200 after a road tour of the North Road and Silva Bay. Told the Silva Bay store is under new management and quite extensive selection there now. Checked our crab trap and threw back 3 small females and kept 5 Rock Crabs to give to Janet tomorrow. Left the trap overnight.

Date:Sunday, July 24th**Anchorage:**

Degnen Bay, Gabriola

Weather:

Sunny and windy

Remarks: After breakfast, computer work and e-mailing Captain took Kona to shore and checked the crab trap. Too windy to dive Brant Reef today so we prepared for a 1300 slack in Gabriola Pass at Josef Point. Once we got out to Gabriola Pass we decided to go to Saturnina Island instead to see if it was too windy. Decided to dive there instead. After dive checked crab trap and had 5 more crabs to bring home. Radio call from Maiatla telling us they were headed to Silva Bay and would check in later. Andrew wanted to dive with us tomorrow. Captain filled tanks and after lunch decided CA's regulator needed to be replaced so called Tom Upton on the radio – "The High Test" – and made arrangements to meet with him at 1900. CA slept on the bow while the Captain read in the cabin. Met with Tom and bought a new second stage regulator for \$150. He told us his dive shop was behind the peaked house that you can see at the head of Degnen Bay – Whalebone Tours. He told us to go along the "trail" for about 7 minutes and you will be there. Had a call from Andrew and made arrangements to pick him up to dive tomorrow. After meeting with Tom we returned to the FnC and had dinner. E-mailed and up-dated dive log and retired.

Date:

Monday, July 25

Anchorage:

Degnen Bay, Gabriola

Weather:

Sunny and windy

Remarks: After breakfast checked out crab trap and found a Dungeness and 3 rock crabs. Good bait. Took Kona to shore and proceeded to Silva Bay for gas and groceries. Stopped in at the Maiatla and confirmed plans to dive at Breakwater Island this

afternoon. Too windy again for Brant Reef. Returned to the FnC and got suited up and ready to go. Picked up Andrew in Silva Bay and made away for Breakwater to dive. Great dive and returned to the Maiatla to tell Melissa what she missed. Had a few beers on their boat and returned to Degnen. Picked up by Denise at 1730 for dinner at Carole's. Sat on their porch until 2100 and got a ride home. Earlene and Bobby had left today and Earlene will be back on Wednesday.

Date:Tuesday, July 26th**Anchorage:**

Degnen Bay, Gabriola

Weather:

Sunny and windy

Remarks: After breakfast the Captain took Kona to shore and collected more crabs from our trap. We've caught about 16 crabs with Mr. Dogfish! Had a voice mail from "Kevin" who works with David saying he wanted Rick to call him back. CA panicked thinking it was news of David being injured at work. Turned out to be Kevin wanting to interest Rick in a humidifier for boats. Said he would e-mail a proposal to him. Had a relaxing afternoon reading, napping. Call from the Maiatla for sailing today was cancelled due to Melissa needing to have some blood work done at Gabriola Medical Clinic. They think they will have to return to Vancouver tomorrow for a treatment for her and will return tonight or tomorrow morning. A 32 Eagle "Pacific Eagle" pulled into the private dock in Degnen Bay just before 1600 today. We



were picked up by Denise and Kenny to return to Carole's for supper. Spoke to Tom Upton re the new 2nd stage regulator and he cautioned that we should check it. My older 1st stage is not designed to put out the higher pressure to make the regulator work at its intended use. Will talk to him again tomorrow about getting a different one. Sat at Earlene's trailer overlooking the ocean and had a very pleasant meal with Kenny, Denise and Carole. Earlene will be returning tomorrow and then shortly after motoring with her small trailer to Hornby and Denman Island. Returned to FnC and retired by 2200.

Date:July 27th, 2005**Anchorage:**

Degnen Bay, Gabriola

Weather:

Sunny Windy

Remarks: Kona woke CA up at 630 for shore duty. She had bones at Carole's and that's all it took to get her bowels going loose. At 1000 Rick took her to shore again and put more bait in our crab trap. The last of the Dogfish – his head this time.

Date:

July 28, 2005

Anchorage:

Degnen Bay, Gabriola

Weather:

Sunny, less wind from the NW and then SE 10 kts

Remarks: We awoke just in time to go diving. We first had to pick up Andrew in Silva

Bay and waited for the perfect timing for a great dive at Roger's Reef. All three of us returned to the FnC where we gave Kona one more walk and put our dive gear away. When we were ready we then returned to Maiatla for a promised sail. With poor Andrew's luck the wind died but in the end the last half built back up to 10 kts SE. We had a very relaxing time and returned to Silva Bay by 530. The Gunson's decided to break for Hornby Island (night time arrival, motoring in). Melissa didn't have to get back to Vancouver for her shot until Wednesday. Retired to read and relax in bed.

Date: July 29, 2005
Anchorage: Degnene Bay, Gabriola
Weather: Sunny with a few clouds
Remarks: Woke up and filled tanks and made ready to dive Brant Reef. Winds are from the south today and it finally looks like we can get there without it being too rough. Had a call from Curry Marine to say the job was complete and they now want to test run the boat over the next few days. The Captain informed them that the skipper, Dave, wanted to take the boat away on Saturday morning. Bill Bailey then said that maybe they could push it up to tonight so Dave could make away. After our dive Denise picked us up on her way to pick up Carole at Silva Bay. Bought some more booze and some groceries and off to Carole's for dinner. While there Rick called Dave Thompson and he informed us he was on a 86 foot Queenship headed for Sidney and would move the Sea Foam Monday afternoon. CA very disappointed. Called Mark from the BP and told him we would meet with his crew tomorrow at Porlier. We intend now, because we have no vehicle, to take the FnC to the Sea Foam to off load in Steveston where the Captain can be close to marine stores for equipment if needed. After all is done we will move the FnC over to Pacific Yacht Sales for Doug Mitchell to show.

Date: July 30th, 2005
Anchorage: Porlier Pass
Weather: Sunny with cloudy periods
Remarks: Breakfast and e-mail check. Voice mail from Mark to say he will be in radio contact by noon and dinner will be marinated chicken. Got into Baynes Bay and anchored. A bit rolly so the captain put a stern anchor out. Read and relaxed until Bonus Points arrived on scene. Took the Catch-up over to Dionesio Park to check out the beach. Thought Toni and Dave would like to camp there. BP arrived and we had a great dinner together and caught up on all news. Called David and Toni and left a message to tell them to come over by ferry and we would pick them up.



Date:
July 31st

Anchorage:
Porlier Pass

Weather:
Sunny and breezy

Remarks: After breakfast and champagne/orange juice with Mark and April we got a call from David saying they are coming over to camp. We packed up a picnic and off we went in the Bonus Points and the Catch-up to the beach. A rising tide made for perfect timing. Waited on the beach and flew kites while we waited for Dave and Toni to arrive at the government dock Silver Hills. We picked them up at 1630 and took them and all their stuff to the beach. Found a good spot to camp on the beach but the park keeper told us only natives were allowed to camp there. We went around to other spots but nothing was appropriate so they came to “camp” on the FnC. Had dinner and retired expecting strong northerlies overnight.



Date:
August 1st

Anchorage:
Conover Cove

Weather:
Sunny, windy

Remarks: This morning the BP untied from our raft and headed to Clam Bay. Beginning to be too wavy in Baynes Bay to stay comfortably. After breakfast we followed to Clam Bay and arrived at low tide. Dave and Toni too the kayaks through the cut and over to Thetis for some beer. We talked with the BP and decided to go to the shell beach at the north end of Hudson Island next to Thetis where the marker is. On our way over in the Catch-up we stopped at the store and told Dave our plans and how to meet us at the beach.



Mark and April met us on the beach in the Titan. We had about 2 hours before the beach would be underwater. We called Dave Thompson and he said the weather was not good enough to deliver the Sea Foam. Ca called the mechanic, Bill Bailey, and he said the boat was ready to go. Dave and Toni kayaked over in a windy one- foot sea and were glad to arrive after a hard paddle. We towed the kayaks behind the Catch-up and returned to the FnC. We decided to pull anchor and head to Conover Cove. BP rafted up to us in our usual spot. Had a barbeque together and all but April and I played cards until 0100. CA shoed everyone to bed with stern comments.

Date:
August 2nd, 2005

Anchorage:
Conover Cove

Weather:
Sunny hot

Remarks: Got up early and the Captain and CA took off to Panther Point to get oysters at low tide. On our return Dave, Toni and CA went to drop a crab trap using tuna and prawn bait to try to get some rock crab. Had radio contact with “Totally Unexpected” to tell us he was on his way to Conover Cove. Mayday on the radio of waifi stuck on a reef

5 miles south so Mark, Toni, Dave and the Captain took off to see the proceedings. When they got there the boat was off the reef and commercial help was there with divers to see the damage. Coast Guard was on scene as well. Checked the trap to find crabs but all undersized. Returned to find the Totally Unexpected had arrived and silently slipped into an anchorage by the dock. Dave and Toni prepared to disembark and load their gear to the Bonus Points for delivery back to Galiano to catch a 1730 ferry. They later called to say they almost didn't get on and they were told to make reservations next time. On our return from dropping off Dave and Toni the Captains all met on Toni's boat for happy hour and April and CA finished dinner prep and had naps. All of us got together for dinner and everyone retired by 2300. Too quiet and full in the anchorage to put on the Honda generator. Turned off the fridge, freezer, and auxiliary fridge to give battery two an easy night.

Date:

August 3rd, 2005

Anchorage:

Conover Cove

Weather:

Sunny

Remarks: Decided to walk to the Chiver's Point at the end of Wallace Island for some much needed exercise. Toni came along as well. When we returned we departed for Walker's Hook on the Bonus Points with the Catch-Up in tow. We stopped at the government dock at Fernwood Point on Saltspring first and bought a few groceries. We then continued around the corner to a lovely sandy beach on the south side of the "hook". Sat on the BP awhile and returned to the FnC at anchor in Conover Cove for dinner. Read and retired.



Date:

August, 4th 2005

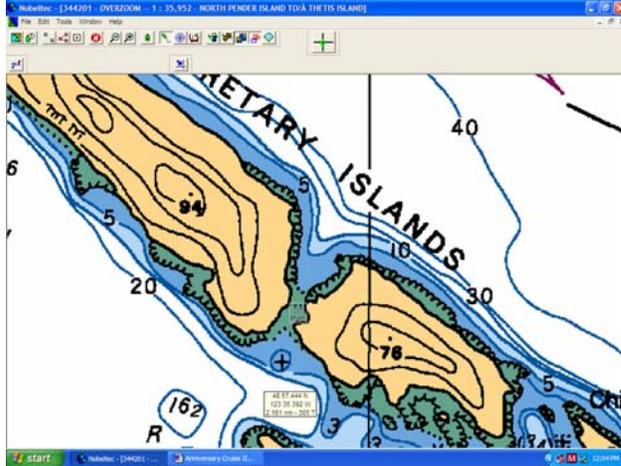
Anchorage:

Conover Cove

Weather:

Sunny and hot

Remarks: After breakfast we went to Panther Point for another collection of oysters.



Said goodbye to Totally Unexpected as he was pulling up anchor and heading for Pirates' Cove. Kona and CA walked to Panther Point and the Captain met then there to off load the oysters into the Catch-Up. CA and Kona walked back and the oysters were prepared to take to Mark and April later for dinner at Walker Hook. CA and the Captain then got ready to jump into the kayaks and head north to the end of Wallace Island and through the pass between the Secretaries and Wallace. We then went along the east

side of the Secretaries and paddled into the opening between the two islands. There were three sailboats anchored there. We spoke to one man and his dog as they were returning from building houses and had been anchored in the bight for several weeks. We then sat on the beach and had lunch and CA noticed much "squirting" evidence of clams. She then enlisted the help of the Captain to "rake" some little neck clams into her always ready goodie bag from her kayak. A very good spot for clams. On our return we packed up the morning oysters and headed by Catch-Up with Kona down to Walker Hook to have dinner with Mark and April. On the beach Kona displayed her newly acquired swimming skills. We enjoyed an oyster dinner and returned to the FnC. We had a voice mail from Dave Thompson informing us that the weather off the Columbia Bar was unsuitable until Saturday to deliver the Sea Foam. His plans are to board the boat and leave Saturday 900 bringing her, hopefully, into Steveston on Monday morning. Called Running Bear and he offered to assist with transporation on our arrival in Steveston. We read and retired.

**Date:**

August 5th, 2005

Anchorage:

Steveston

Weather:

Sunny, hot

Remarks: Woke up late, had breakfast and prepared to depart for Steveston. Crossing was beautiful, flat calm and sunny. Arrived in Steveston 1930 and anchored by the new condos. After dinner had a visit from Peter and Heidi after they had supper in Steveston. They said they will plan to be on site when the Sea Foam arrives to help off load the FnC's contents. Also made plans to meet with Heidi's parents on Sunday night around 1900 on the Steveston Pier.

Date: August 6th, 2005 **Anchorage:** Steveston **Weather:** Sunny

Remarks: Woke up and called Denise for pick-up to do laundry and grocery shop. Captain stayed behind on the FnC to fix anchor cleat, purchase new toilet system for the Sea Foam and clean the FnC oven. After shore duties were completed the Captain was picked-up and we had dinner with family at Denise and Kenny's place. Returned with groceries and laundry at 2230. Spoke to Mark by telephone and radio while he was at anchor in Princess Margaret on Portland Island. Read and retired.

Date: August 7, 2005 **Anchorage:** Steveston **Weather:** Sunny

Remarks: Woke up at 1030 and called Dave Thompson. He was at Cape Elizabeth with 60 miles to go to get to Cape Flattery. Sea Foam was doing well and the sea was uncomfortable but they were still moving north. Expecting to see him in Steveston Monday early afternoon as he has 190 miles left to travel. Put a call into Running Bear and filed a report with him. He indicated that he could be on hand to assist off loading of davit, Honda generator and freezer off Sea Foam. He also stated that he will be traveling to Nanaimo and on to Desolation starting on Saturday. Spent the afternoon tidying up the boat and doing some minor maintenance. Went to Steveston to check out possible spots to have dinner with Heidi's parents tonight and decided to entertain them on the FnC instead. CA bought prawns on the dock 8 pounds for 20 bucks. Not as good as fresh out of the water though. Bought dessert and liquor for dessert and returned to the FnC to prepare the meal. Had Heidi, Peter, Paul and Sheanette for dinner. Nice evening looking at pictures and said goodnight at 2400. Read and retired.

Date: August 8, 2005 **Anchorage:** Steveston **Weather:** Sunny

Remarks: Woke up at 930 and called Dave Thompson for a progress report. He was 10 miles out of Sidney and going in to report there for customs. CA made ready to go to Customs in downtown Vancouver for a 1300 appointment. While walking to the bus with the Captain and Kona we had a call from Mark who was standing beside the Sea Foam at dock in Sidney!! Dave Thompson was not on board and they took several pictures of the boat on our behalf. CA spent a tiring day at the Customs office finding out that in fact we do have to pay the taxes on the boat. A very expensive and disappointing day. She returned to the vessel at 1900 and was informed by the Captain that the Sea Foam was nearby. Once we got into the FnC from the dock Dave Thompson was on the radio hailing the FnC with the handle "Northwest Coast 1". He informed us that he was 15 miles away and would not be having dinner with us as he was



too tired. He accepted a breakfast invitation instead and has a flight out tomorrow at 1400 for Portland. Had dinner and waited for the Sea Foam to arrive. At 2130 Dave radioed that he was in the river and we jumped into the Catch-Up to meet him. The Captain ran the video camera of the event. He was just approaching the turn into Steveston and we came alongside, tied the rib up to the Sea Foam and CA drove her new girl to anchor next to the FnC. His wife had left him at Sidney to visit friends and fly home to meet up with him later. We chatted with Dave for an hour and left him anchored nearby to sleep and meet us for breakfast next morning.

Date: August 9 , 2005 **Anchorage:** Steveston **Weather:** Sunny

Remarks: Woke up and picked up Dave off the Sea Foam and had breakfast with him on the FnC. After many stories he departed from Steveston to catch his plane and return home. Armand arrived shortly after and helped us raft the FnC to the Sea Foam. While Rick was lifting up anchor on the FnC we had a visit from the Fraser River Authority boat asking us to move to the other side of the river as we were in the channel. They agreed to give us until the end of the day to get done our off-loading and then requested us to move. They also informed me that we must have permission from them to anchor in the river. We spent the rest of the day moving stuff from one boat to the other and Armand left at 1530. Shortly after Peter and Brandon arrived to help Rick move the heavy stuff. The guys were a great help. We had a late barbeque, returned the guys to the dock and went to bed exhausted.

Date: August 10, 2005 **Anchorage:** Steveston **Weather:** Sunny

Remarks: As soon as we woke up we continued the job of off-loading the FnC. Doug Mitchell visited to sign papers and finalize all arrangements. Armand and Mavis came to the dock and aboard the Sea Foam to take the river cruise up the South Arm and down the North to Pacific Yacht Sales in Richmond. Mavis stayed behind to help CA. While the men were gone the anchor was slipping and CA and Mavis determined together how to put the lock on. Peter and Heidi arrived to help and when CA picked them up at the dock and returned to the SF the power was out. CA turned on the generator and everything was fine again. Rick returned with Armand and Running Bear after leaving the FnC in Richmond at the yacht broker's. The trip up the river had taken much longer than expected and the washing of the boat would have to be put off until tomorrow. Armand and Mavis left right away and it was now 2100. Dinner on the SF with Running Bear, Heidi and Peter and when they left at 2230 we hit the rack and slept – again exhausted from the day's activities.



Date: August 11 , 2005 **Anchorage:** Steveston **Weather:** Sunny

Remarks: After much discussion and pondering it was decided to return to home port. The battery system was not what the Captain had expected and he had concerns about the power capacity as well as learning all the systems aboard the new vessel. We decided to pull anchor and get out of the “channel” to avoid any hassle with the River Authority. The Captain docked easily for the first time using the bow thruster. We spoke to a sail boat leaving the same dock and asked them the phone number and called the Steveston Harbour Authority to get their approval to dock there. We then went into Steveston to buy supplies to install the new toilet flushing system and groceries and party items for Denise’s party at Michelle’s tonight. We worked all day on the SF and at 1530 Denise, Rosemarie and Kenny came to the Steveston dock by the Chart House Restaurant to pick us up. We then drove to Michelle’s and had a barbeque for Denise’s birthday. Returned to the SF and retired, again exhausted.

Date: August 12 , 2005 **Anchorage:** Steveston **Weather:** Sunny

Remarks: After breakfast called Armand and asked him to drive us over to the dock to begin the “detailing” on the FnC. Met Doug Mitchell there and he had shown the boat to two people yesterday. Doug said the boat looked like it had been abandoned and he wanted a more “inviting” feeling when people boarded her. He also said he thought we should get a survey done to show the interested parties. We spent the rest of the day cleaning and scrubbing the FnC. CA went to Canadian Tire and got a few more cleaning items there as well as lunch at the mall nearby. Had a visit at 1500 from Doug of the “Lu Sea” and shortly after Bob the Bartender and Audrey and Bob Gauchier. Had a call from Margot and made arrangements to meet with her and Bob on the SF at 1900. Andrew and Janet were expected in Steveston tonight as well on their return up the river to Mission. Mark and April also called and wanted to come across today but after hearing about all the other visitors decided not to cross the Strait until tomorrow. Armand picked us up again at 1530 and the FnC looked great. Doug Mitchell was happy with the “detailing” work and said the boat looked and smelled fine. Returned to the SF with Armand, had a beer with him, took Kona for a walk and returned to find Andrew and Janet had arrived. Margot arrived shortly after and we bought Fish and Chips from Poppa Joe’s on the dock and Bob arrived as well. Spent a nice evening – Margot and Bob got as much info from Andrew and Janet as they could. After they left we continued to visit with Janet and Andrew and retired again exhausted.

Date: August 13 , 2005 **Anchorage:** Captain’s Cove **Weather:** Sunny

Remarks: Left Steveston docks early as the commercial fishermen wanted our spot to set up for the weekend market. We headed for Captain’s Cove and arrived there at 1030. The SF was a delight to have!! Mark and April arrived and the celebration began with the promised bottle of Islay. Mark was very disappointed that we were unwilling to take the SF up the river for a putt for him. We promised to take him in the morning instead. Peter, Brandon and Andrew arrived in Andrew’s little aluminum boat and they took a

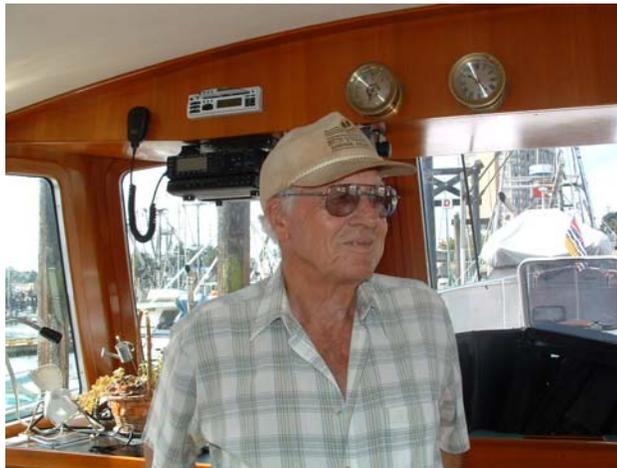
tour before heading off to fish. Peter returned later with Heidi and Chinese food for everyone. Not long after Toni and Kathy from the Totally Unexpected arrived followed by the Ayotte with her crew (Jim, Elaine, Sondra, and Running Bear) getting ready to leave in the a.m. for Desolation Sound. Toni and Kathy had dinner with us and gave us a bouquet of flowers and a bottle of white wine. Dennis (Kodiak) also arrived to inspect the new vessel. The Captain left the SF and went to the Ayotte to visit. Next went Kathy and Toni. Mark and April headed for the Bonus Points around 2200 and Peter, Heidi, Dennis and I stayed on the SF and visited. CA went to bed and the Ayotte party moved over to the SF. The Captain returned Dennis, Peter and Heidi to the dock and gave the Ayotte crew a tour of the boat. He then took them back to their vessel and all was quiet in Captain's Cove.

Date: August 14 , 2005 **Anchorage:** Mark Bay, Nanaimo **Weather:** Sunny

Remarks: The Captain, after having these many days to familiarize himself with his new vessel decided we would go back to sea. The battery problem was solved – he was on the start battery not the house batteries. We had breakfast aboard the SF with Mark and April and a leisurely putt up the river to show Mark and April the fine qualities of the SF. We returned and prepared to pull anchor. We left Captain's Cove and headed for Nanaimo to meet with Doug and Shan Osborne, the original owners of the Sea Foam. We sat on the bow in lawn chairs with the auto pilot remote and had a beautiful crossing. The water was flat and the sun was shining. Gorgeous first run across the Strait in the SF. Arrived in Mark Bay and the anchorage was packed. Anchored and took Kona to Newcastle Park for shore duty. Called Doug Osbourne and made arrangements to meet him at the dock tomorrow at 1000. Had dinner and retired after a lovely day on the SF.

Date: August 15 , 2005 **Anchorage:** Mark Bay, Nanaimo **Weather:**

Remarks: After breakfast and shore duty we weighed anchor and putted over to the Nanaimo dock. The Captain took Kona for shore duty and CA found Doug Osbourne by the shops at the top of the dock. He toured the boat and explained the reason he had to sell the SF. He had had heart surgery and during the operation had a stroke which impaired his memory. He had difficulty remembering many things about the boat which was disappointing as we hoped he would tell us lots of things we might benefit knowing. The Captain took video footage of some of our conversation with him. After we said our goodbyes we went to the fuel dock and got gas and topped up water. We went back to Mark Bay and noticed the little red Nordic Tug "Sonshine" was also anchored there. We had met these people, Terry and



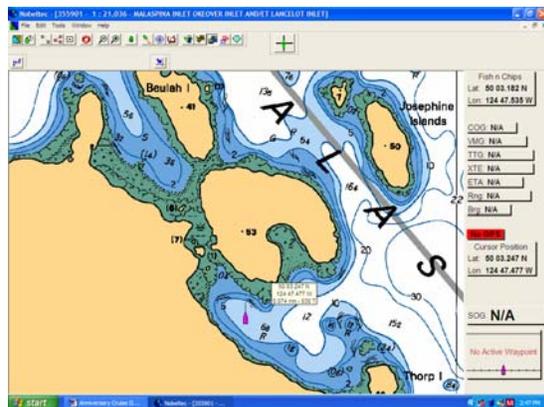
Eileen Nelson from Edmonds, Wa, at the start of our trip in Prevost Island. We pulled up along side them and showed off our new boat. We told them after a hike around Newcastle we would like to have them aboard to show the boat to them. We anchored in the middle of the bay and then lifted it again as we got too close to another boat. We then went to the head of the bay and anchored there, well away from all the congestion of the other boats. After our hike we returned to the Sonshine to find them having dinner but they had gone by the SF in their dinghy. We had a short chat and said we may meet again next day.

Date: August 16, 2005
Anchorage: Musket Island Marine Park
Weather: Cloudy, rain by p.m.

Remarks: Took Kona to shore, breakfast and prepared to move on. Had a visit from Terry and Eileen. Terry is a marine engineer and a mechanical engineer and Eileen is also a very knowledgeable boater. They have been cruising the BC coast for 17 years. After their visit we weighed anchor and headed for Musket Island Marine Park. We had a following sea with winds from the south and waves from 4-6 feet during our trip. The SF took waves well on our beam and when headed into the waves much splash comes over the bow and onto the windshield. Very relaxing cruise with auto pilot. Sitting on the pilot house bench or reclining for a nap – a great way to travel. Arrived at Musket Island at 1700 and the rain had started to spit. Stern tied, went to shore on Musket Island and Rick and Kona were stung by wasps. Came back to the boat, had dinner and noticed a leak above the stove at the ceiling. The Captain identified the problem and siliconed the seam on the port side helm behind the propane stowage box. Rain was coming down heavily now. Cleaned up and retired.

Date: August 17, 2005
Anchorage: South side of Beulah Island, Malaspina Inlet
Weather: Sunny

Remarks: After breakfast we putted around the anchorage area and took Kona to shore. We then weighed anchor and headed north. Very calm and sunny day on the water. Stopped in Powell River for fuel. First time fueling up – very slow to fill. Took on 400 litres. As we rounded Sarah Point we were in communication with Gordy on the Ayotte. He was making his way over from Roscoe Bay to meet with us. We anchored and he and his crew arrived shortly after. We went there for dinner and drinks and later Gord got out his equipment and put on a concert for us. I retired early 2200 and the Captain followed later. Very nice evening had by all.



Date:
August 18 , 2005

Anchorage:
Beulah Island south side,
Malaspina Inlet

Weather:
Sunny

Remarks: Got up and took Kona to shore and filled a bucket full of oysters. Then went out towards Desolation Sound to lay a prawn trap. Gordy, Sondra, and Jim came along as well in their tender and used our sounder to determine where to put their trap. On our return the Captain and I checked out a potential dive spot near our anchorage. Grabbed two handfuls of mussels off a low tide rock as well. We were surprised by the current that was going by as the tide was flooding. Spent the afternoon preparing oysters and filling a bowl with mussels. Very time consuming work! At 1630 the Captain and Gordy went to pull the prawn traps. Gordy got two and we had 60. Again had a barbeque on the Ayotte and Gordy and Rick checked the prawn traps again at 2200. We had 10 and Gordy had 130. Go figure!! Ayotte crew plans to pull out for Hornby Island tomorrow at 600.

Date:
August 19, 2005

Anchorage:
Susan Islets, Lancelot Inlet

Weather:
Sunny with cloudy periods

Remarks: Kona woke up at 600 growling and on further investigation found that the Ayotte was weighing anchor. Waved goodbye to Sondra and Gordy on the bridge while the Captain of the Sea Foam slept on. Spent the afternoon puttering around the boat fixing lights and installing the toilet push button. Had a phone call from Gordy to say that they didn't enjoy Tribune Bay at Hornby, too windy so they were making away for Nanaimo. Had a call from Bill Marshall saying he needed the drawings again to satisfy the Registration Office. Made arrangements with Janet in Mission for him to pick them up there as he was close by. CA organized her fishing tackle boxes and tried to catch a bottom fish with prawn heads. CA caught a dogfish but he was wrapped around the anchor line. When the Captain lifted the anchor the line was cut and the dogfish got away with a hook and a wrap around sinker. CA made mussel pasta for supper and we read and retired.



Date:
August 20 , 2005

Anchorage:
Susan Islets, Lancelot Inlet

Weather:
Cloudy with rain in the pm

Remarks: After morning chores and shore duty we moved the Sea Foam up Lancelot Inlet to Sisters Islets at the mouth of Theodesia Inlet. We took the Catch-up into the Inlet and explored the mud flats at low tide. Very vast area of mud with many ducks and birds about. We tried to go ashore but the mud was sucking us down. At the end of the mud flats is the Theodesia River and according to the fluff books you can travel up into the river for 5 miles by kayak or go by foot along a dirt road next to the Indian Reserve. We

put off on a rocky section and CA gathered clams. The mud was black and had a stinky odor. The Captain was not happy with the clam gathering location. We returned to the Sea Foam and CA made corn clam chowder for supper with the day's catch. We read and retired.

Date: August 21 , 2005 **Anchorage:** Penrose Bay, Okeover Inlet **Weather:** Cloudy

Remarks: After a restful night we woke up and had breakfast and shore duty for Kona. CA caught a dogfish with a prawn as bait. He was then chopped up and the Captain put his innards in a crab trap and dropped it around the corner from our anchorage. We put a prawn trap down part way down Lancelot Inlet at 240 feet with some dogfish guts as well as prawn pellets. After lunch we took the Catch-up into Wootton Bay with the intention of walking across to Portage Cove that is on the Desolation Sound side. When we arrived we were met by signage that said private property just as the fluff books had described. We checked our crab trap and found one large red rock crab and a small throw back Dungeness. We went next to the nearby beach and filled an ice-cream bucket with clams in very short order. We noticed another tender with three people who disappeared into the woods and wondered if there might be a trail there to explore at another time. Earlier in the day 3 kayakers disappeared in the same area so we might explore this later. We weighed anchor and set out for Penrose Bay in Okeover Inlet. On route we stopped the Sea Foam, turned off the engines and pulled up our prawn trap. All we had caught were 3 small sculpins. We continued on and dropped the prawn trap at the junction where Malaspina, Lancelot, and Okeover Inlets all come together – a whole at 134 metres, next to Coode Peninsula. We again abandoned the Sea Foam to drop the trap and left Kona in charge. She did not approve of being left behind. We continued down Okeover Inlet and tucked into Penrose Bay to anchor. The Captain took Kona out, dropped our crab trap near our anchorage and proceeded to the government dock down the way and looked into the Laughing Oyster restaurant where one of the waitresses was singing opera. Restaurant was full of people and the fluff books say it is a good spot. On his return we had a prawn stir-fry for supper and retired shortly after.

Date: August 22 , 2005 **Anchorage:** Tenedos Bay, Desolation Sound **Weather:** Cloudy with sunny breaks, sunny in p.m.

Remarks: After breakfast we checked our crab trap and found that not only were there no crabs in there but the bait jar was gone! The crabs either dragged it out to get at the guts inside or the lid on the trap was slightly ajar and floated out. We re-baited and took off for the government dock so CA could see the Laughing Oyster restaurant herself. We arrived there and took Kona through the government camp ground for a walk in the woods. We then walked to the restaurant and CA had a look at the menu. Lunch \$15, Dinner \$25. Looks like good food choices and a good reputation by fluff books. Saw a buck near the parking lot who was not very shy of people. He allowed several photos to be taken of him. We then took the Catch-Up across the Inlet to a rock face where there

was a small petroglyph as told by the fluff books. Not much to see. Returned to the crab trap and found nothing. Weighed anchor and headed for Tenedos Bay, just east of Otter Island. On route we checked out Grace Harbour and at the entrance practiced reversing maneuvers. Called Doug Mitchell to firm up haul-out for the Fish-n-Chips and he informed us that he had a very interested buyer who was willing to make an offer after the survey was complete. The Captain then called Ryan Gunold to firm up plans for painting the water line and bottom of the FnC while she is out of the water at Skyline. When we arrived at Tenedos Bay we found the motor vessel



“Typhoon” aground on a rock with the Coast Guard in attendance to assist as the tide was slowly rising. Anchored the Sea Foam around the corner on the northwest side. Kona to shore and checked out the progress of the Typhoon rescue. Had supper and retired.

Date:

August 23 , 2005

Anchorage:Tenedos Bay, Desolation
Sound**Weather:**

Sunny and hot

Remarks: After breakfast and shore duty we began to sand the rails above the windows of the cabin as well as the starboard stern cap. The Captain had a call from Gordie saying he was still in Chemanus as the weather was not suitable to cross the Strait. Gord informed us that his son Ryan had no vehicle or money to purchase bottom paint for the FnC. They discussed an alternative move where the paint would be purchased at Shelter Island by phone and visa and Ryan would pick it up there and do the painting after his job in Richmond. Put out a prawn trap and went to Unwin Lake for a much needed swim and cooling off. Found the trail easily but once at the lake it was difficult to get to the rocks without climbing over a backlog of driftwood. Decided to continue on the trail further and found a boat with electric motor stashed in the bushes. It was a good spot to climb down into the water and have a dip. On our return we found a trail that leads over the stream and to the rocky area on the other side that avoids having to walk over the logs. Checked our the prawn trap and found zero – very disappointing. Relocated the trap to deeper water closer to the cliffs outside Otter Island. When we returned our neighbors, aboard the “Half a Yard” invited us on board for a drink. We chatted with Derrick and Hans and then decided to mix their dinner with ours and re-located to the Sea Foam to eat in comfort. Derrick is the Captain from Sidney and Hans is from Toronto just visiting for a week. Had a nice evening with them both. Hans was employed as a technician for CSA for 8 years out of Toronto and Derrick is a mechanical engineer who does contract

work out of Ontario primarily. Derrick built his boat himself in his backyard hence the name, "Half a Yard" because that's how much of his yard it took up while under construction. Had a call from Gordie to say he was now back in with the A-yotte and he would supervise the painting of the FnC.



Date:
August 24, 2005

Anchorage:
Mink Island, Desolation
Sound

Weather:
Sunny and hot

Remarks: After breakfast waved good-bye to Derrick and Hans as they weighed anchor and proceeded away. CA completed her varnishing job and the Captain took Kona to shore. The Captain had a call from the Surveyor who had very little negative to say about the FnC. Minor adjustments only to be done. Very good report. Doug Mitchell called and permission was given for him to have the survey in his hands. He informed us he had two buyers interested in the FnC subject to the survey. We weighed anchor and moved off to pick up our prawn traps. 180 prawns in total – surely made up for the last



two empty traps we encountered. Decided to stay in the area and anchored at Mink Island with a stern line. Very hot and calm day. Captain called Gordie and the painting job was complete and the FnC was ready to return to the water. Gordie commented on how nice the boat looked inside and out. Gordie asked us to put the \$150 fee for Ryan's services into his bank account. Gave us the particular to do that.

Called Doug Mitchell and informed him that the boat was ready to go back into the water when he could set it up with his driver. We only got his voice mail. Had a barbeque and retired.

Date:
August 25, 2005

Anchorage:
Galley Bay, Desolation

Weather:
Sunny, hot

Sound

Remarks: After breakfast and shore duty we started to ready the port and starboard doors for varnishing. Our anchor spot proved to be poor when high powered Bayliners drove past at high speed. After prepping the doors we went in the rib and pulled up our prawn traps. 70 this time and in the same spot and over the same time frame. Go figure. Many more squat lobsters than in yesterday's trap. Had a call from Skyline to say the FnC would be going back in the water but we still haven't heard anything from Doug Mitchell. Weighed anchor and headed for Refuge Cove. We docked and went into the store and bought a few groceries, beer and an ice-cream cone. Hosed all the sanding debris off the decks of the Sea Foam. Headed off for Galley Bay and anchored in the western bay. The Captain took off to lay a prawn trap. We had noticed two people pulling up a trap as we came in and it looked like they had pink in their trap from what we could see through our binoculars.

Date:

August 26, 2005

Anchorage:

Garden Bay

Weather:

Sunny, light wind

Remarks: We picked up our prawn trap before leaving for Pender Harbour yielding only about 30 prawns between the two traps. We offered to pick up Dianne at Madera early so that she could accompany us to Harmony Islands. It was a pleasant cruise over. It was so smooth, CA was able to sand and varnish woodwork on the way. Dianne was there on time at the Madeira public dock. The captain refilled the water tanks and off loaded garbage while the ladies went grocery shopping. This is a busy time of the day; the harbour manager advised that we dock at the plane float after 400 PM next time. We continued to Garden Bay and anchored amongst many others for the night. We visited to pub that evening and had a couple of jugs and enjoy blues music by "Blues Voodoo".

Date:

August 27, 2005

Anchorage:

Harmony Islands

Weather:

Cloudy, a few showers

Remarks: We departed around noon after a lengthy visit to shore by CA and Dianne. They spoke at length with "Perigee" an Eagle owned by Lew and Katie Thomas (email: katielew@rockisland.com). After two hours of cruising with the beginning being a little ruff at the entrance of Pender Harbour we arrived at Harmony Islands. Dianne became seasick and quickly recovered during the duration of the cruise. Upon arrival the captain noticed a noise and discovered it was a dry running water pump. A hose had slipped off the outlet of the pump and emptied our just filled tanks. The captain and CA added spring water from the nearby waterfall (25 gal) after setting a crab and prawn trap. We used the 98 quart Igloo cooler to fill the tanks. We shore tied just outside the inner bay. There were signs telling us not to shore tie in certain inside areas. A sailboat later



tied off onto a buoyed off area using the buoy lines as a shoreline. It was noted that some of the Harmonies are privately owned. The chart shows that only some islands are covered by the park boundaries. The captain set a crab trap on the outside of the islands but later gave up when no crabs were caught. We also went to Gordy's clam place in Hotham Sound but we were a little late so we had to dig for the clams in knee deep water.

Date:

August 28, 2005

Anchorage:

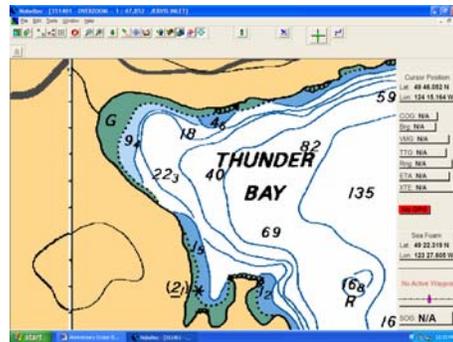
Harmony Islands

Weather:

Cloudy with sunny periods

Remarks: After retrieving our prawns, shrimp since they were small in size and number, we set out for Saltery Bay where we hoped to get water. Upon arrival at the public dock we discovered that there was no water nor attendant available. CA and Dianne took the Catchup and searched further down the coast to find a water source. They soon reported via walkie talkie that they had located a

private dock with water. The captain untied the Sea Foam and proceeded to the dock. On the way in Sea Foam brushed against a buoy chain making a loud sound but no damage. It was feared that the prop got it. We only stayed for 5 min to fill and then left without further incident. A half on hour later we arrived in Thunder Bay and got out of the outside winds building by anchoring in the centre bay away from the marked rock. Thunder Point is owned by a women who leases out to



cottage owners. There is cattle sometimes wandering, deer and dogs loose. This is all according to Gordon the caretaker. After picking up a pail full clams on the beach which were quite plentiful, we set out for Pender Harbour. Note: Later on into the evening upon arrival in Howe Sound CA found that the Thunder Bay area had been condemned for sanitary reasons. Clams were returned to a nearby beach on Pasley Island. We arrived in Madeira Park at approx 300 PM, delivered Diane to her car and picked groceries. The captain filled Sea Foam with water and helped out his next door neighbour with his outboard repair. We decided to continue directly to Howe Sound passing Smuggler's Cove electing instead to take advantage of NW winds soon to change to SE. We arrived just before dark, tried out a couple of bays and decided to anchor on the north end of Pasley (leeward side for inflow winds).

Date:

August 29, 2005

Anchorage:North End of Pasley Island,
Howe Sound**Weather:**Showers all day and gusty
wind around island

Remarks: It was slip slap with gusty winds all night long. The anchor held well with some chain movement sounds heard only. The captain got up first since he slept better and CA slept a little longer since she was awake most of the night. The captain slept well knowing someone was on anchor watch.

Date: August 30, 2005
Anchorage: North End of Pasley Island
 Howe Sound
Weather: Cloudy and showery

Remarks: Decided to wait out the weather one more day and spent the day puttering around the boat preparing for the party to come with Mark and April once we get to Richmond or the Gillnetter. Easy day of relaxing and watching the rain fall.

Date: August 31, 2005
Anchorage: Richmond Marina
Weather: Sunny with cloudy periods

Remarks: After breakfast weighed anchor and headed for the river. The day was much improved and CA was able to finish sandy and varnished the caps as we were underway. Sea were calm and the sky was clear. Pulled into Cowards Cove and anchored. Took the Catch-Up out to the first bell buoy and put a crab trap down. Running Bear and told us to go to this spot, lay the trap at 55 feet and leave it for 4 hours. We left the trap and took Kona to the beach. She swam more and further than ever this time. After two hours we picked up the trap and found it full of crabs. We kept 8 and the others were undersized. Weighed anchor and carried on to Richmond Marina. Tied up on the outside and had visits from Big Mary, Dancing Bear, Willy, and Dee and Roger. Peter and Heidi also came and had dinner with us.

Date: Sept 1, 2005
Anchorage: Gillnetter Pub Dock
Weather: Sunny

Remarks: Had a morning visit from Big Mary. She had picked up groceries for us and had planned to come up the river as far as the Gillnetter but was unable to secure a ride home. Dancing Bear came on board for a further inspection of the Sea Foam. We took the Catch-Up over to the Fish-n-Chips to see how things were going there. Doug Mitchell was in New York dealing with an elderly mother-in-law. We found the FnC unplugged and the batteries dead. The Captain unhooked the water pump and we surveyed the new decorations that Doug Mitchell had purchased. The boat was clean and looked good. At noon we headed for the Gillnetter. We met Mark and April there at 1900 and had dinner with them – oysters and prawns! Mark stayed on and April was to follow on Saturday in Mission for the party.

Date: September 2, 2005
Anchorage: Mission Harbour
Weather: Sunny with Cloudy patches

Remarks: After breakfast and shore duty we headed up river for home with Mark Weir on board as well. The Captain and Mark discussed important matters while CA prepared food for the party to come. Mark was photo journalizing with the video camera. We arrived at Mission Harbour to find David and his friend, Rob waiting for us on the dock. The Captain took Mark to the dock in the Catch-Up while CA waited in the river for the Captain to return with David and Rob to check out the Sea Foam. The Captain then proceeded into the dock and into the space where the FnC once stayed. It was a tight fit

as we proceeded past the Black Swan and the Duncan Scott. The Sea Foam is a fatter girl than the FnC. With the Captain's expert abilities at play we were able to handily dock the Sea Foam into her new home. Janet was on hand to greet us. After we tied up we relaxed and CA thanked God for another successful Anniversary Cruise without any incidence or accident. The Captain and crew of the Sea Foam have come home, safe, sound and looking forward to the next Anniversary Cruise.

