



Our Crew

locals, their most favorite months of the year to be in Southeast Alaska are the second half of May & June. The days are long, the animals are out and the fish are large, plentiful and hungry! Oh...and about those pesky hummingbird sized mosquitoes you've heard about? And the noseeums that are so big you can actually see 'em? They're still hibernating at that time of the year.

CUSTOM ADVENTURE PLANNING

As a recipient of this newsletter you have advance notice of *Alaska Sea Adventure's* schedule of events and early planning. We hope this may help you obtain a *front row seat* to a real Alaskan adventure presented with precious local knowledge in one of the earth's most beautiful natural arenas. We specialize in creating custom cruises based on each particular group's interest. Bring us your ideas and let's sit down in the chart room and plan a voyage like no other. As always, *Alaska Sea Adventures* has the regional advantage of being a true locally owned and operated company and we're very proud to share 'our' Alaska with you!

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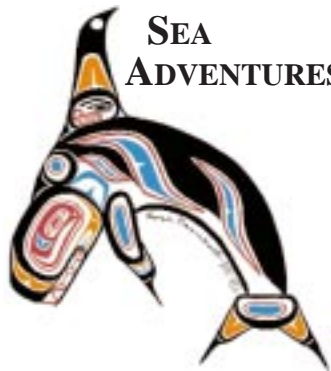
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Aboard the M/V "Alaska Adventurer"

2001 SUMMER BLAST - OFF!

We're off and cruising on the M/V Alaska Adventurer and from all indications the 2001 summer season will be a fantastic one!

Our inaugural **sea-kayak trip** was a spectacular floating dreamworld of scenery. There's no place in the world that can match the beauty of Southeast Alaska, or the seclusion of paddling along our remote waterways and islands. Since we were sailing without a full passenger load, it really was like having the whole world all to yourself.

The wildlife viewing was extraordinary. We were able to get up close and personal with seals, deer, mink, marten and bear. Well, okay, we didn't get too personal with the numerous black bear and monstrous brown bear along the shoreline...but we got about as close as we wanted to be!

Guests Ken & Lisa Walker celebrated their honeymoon on this exciting voyage. Ken, a song composer, found inspiration during the journey for his latest song, "Toby of the North". He claims he has to put on a few finishing touches, but from the initial debut onboard the ship, it'll be heading for the top of the charts! We wish Ken & Lisa all the best of luck in their life together, and in his songwriting career.

The nice thing about kayaking is that it can be as relaxing or as strenuous as you desire, and is enjoyable for seasoned experts and casual paddlers alike. Our first trip this year was pure leisure, with a few hour-long morning jaunts and then another afternoon or early evening paddle after moving on to unexplored territory. **Kayak guide Naomi McFarland's** expertise and spirited personality put first timers at ease, creating a fun, educational adventure enjoyed by everyone, even Captain Dennis, who's more at home behind the wheel than with a paddle.



Expedition Charter Yacht M/v Alaska Adventurer

Naomi awarded him (generously, we think) with his paddle badge on this trip, proving that it IS possible for anyone to be a kayak success story!

Kayaking was the focus, but certainly not the only activity planned for our first trip. We needed to work off some of A.J.'s fabulous culinary wonders, so we filled the rest of our days with after lunch hikes, and dropped a line in the water a couple of times in hopes of catching the big one. We think there are bigger fish to be caught, and you might be just the person to catch 'em if you join us for a cruise on the M/V Alaska Adventurer.

LAST MINUTE SPECIAL DISCOUNT ALERT

As we mentioned earlier, we amazingly had space available on our first sea kayak trip of the season that was offered at a handsome last minute discount. If you're able to take off for the adventure of a lifetime on short notice, ask us to add your name to our standby list. That way you'll be able to take advantage of short notice discounts for last minute available space and cancellations. Some nice savings on trips are available! Give us a call. As of

this printing last minute space is available on our Sitka to Petersburg trip (Trip #8) from July 2 - 8 at a generous 20% discount. You'll love experiencing how we celebrate Independence Day in the land of the Midnight Sun! There may also be some space available at a discount in September.

LATE SUMMER / FALL 2001

Long after the king salmon and most of the tourists are long gone, an extraordinary fishing and adventure opportunity exists for folks who are able to get away in the late summer or early fall. The silver salmon run continues all the way into October, which means excellent fishing all through September for the delicious coho. Ask any Alaskan what their favorite salmon is, odds are they'll tell you that if you can't serve 'em a Winter white king (gotta wait 'til winter for those), they'd prefer a silver. So these are good eatin'! The added bonus to this time of year is that tourist season is pretty much over, but the mighty humpback whales are still here, filling their bellies with food for their journey to warmer winter waters. If you join us at this time of year, you'll enjoy uninhibited roaming, easy fishing



Grizzly bear sow and cubs

and great wildlife viewing. Some of our September excursions still have space available, which will be offered at a fall discounted price for those who can appreciate the wonderful potential for an Inside Passage cruise at this time of year.

Each fall, fly rodders from around the world gather to Alaska for one reason. Silvers!!! We're talking about lots of coho action. The thrill and excitement of battling these aerial acrobats fresh from the salt on fly gear is contagious. We'll be breaking out the rod & reels and leading passengers to our secret fishing spots, which produce unbelievable fishing for those feisty cohorts! Each year we offer a limited number of mother ship trips specifically designed to satiate even the most addicted silver salmon fly fisher.

With the Alaska Adventurer as our traveling base, we fish a variety of waters from secluded rivers, no-named bays to briny estuaries shadowed by precipitous peaks with spiraling waterfalls. **Rich Culver** guides and instructs our programs and his easygoing nature, intimate knowledge of the waters and infectious passion for the sport of fly fishing draws clients back year after year.

Join us this fall for a week-long adventure chasing silver salmon. You won't believe the silver salmon action!! All you need to do is bring your imagination, and we'll create a special custom expedition with a variety of region-wide options that can include paddling on ocean going kayaks, peeking in on the bear as they feed on spawning salmon, hiking through uninhabited bays & forests and whale watching.



Fighting for that salmon
Courtesy of Rich Culver, Alaska Flywater Adventures

dinner just moments after it's brought out of the ocean! The cost to buy these direct from the commercial boats right on the fishing grounds also makes it a prime opportunity to stock up on a supply of fresh crab for the return home.

We'll also enjoy some great fishing and feasting of jumbo Alaskan spot prawns from Seymour Canal, which is known for its abundance of delicious shellfish. We're planning two of these exclusive excursions, which will be limited to the first six guests to sign up for each one. Planning is still open, and guests traveling will have the opportunity to be involved with the final plans.

We may be able to position the Alaska Adventurer in the fishing grounds and fly our guests in from Juneau or Petersburg via floatplane, another incredible adventure opportunity! It can get chilly at this time of year, but if you're already salivating at the thought of donning a big plastic bib and dipping a monstrous freshly cooked king crab leg into a cup of melted butter, we expect to hear from you!

PREVIEW OF 2002

Our preliminary 2002 schedule is out with plans for some terrific cruises next spring and summer.

For the spring we will be offering fly fishers the unique opportunity to join us as we sail and explore the remote island waters of coastal Southeast Alaska for elusive, ocean-bright steelhead, beginning mid-April and running through mid-May. **Rich Culver, renowned Alaska fishing guide, fly fishing writer and photographer** will guide the trips, sharing his ency-



Five Finger Light House
Courtesy of Lyle Bennett

clopedic wealth of knowledge on steelhead tackle, fly techniques and the biology of these magnificent, turbo-charged, sea-run rainbows. We'll start off the spring with an exploratory expedition to the remote waters of southwestern Prince of Wales Island wilderness. This will be true pioneering...a first look at some of last unspoiled **wild steelhead waters of North America**. Our programs will follow the runs progressively northwards, ending the season sampling select rivers and streams on Baranof, Chichagof, Kuiu and Kupreanof Islands. These trips are a "must" for any ardent steelhead angler or those with a passion and desire to live the excitement of intercepting these legendary fresh water acrobats. June will bring our second offering of great **sea-kayak adventures with our friendly kayak guide, Naomi McFarland**, once again leading us via the absolute best modus operandi to experience the spectacular wilderness of Alaska's Inside Passage waterways. Quietly glide along as you get an up close and personal view of icebergs, seals, bear & whales. You'll never feel more alive.

June will also feature another special adventure, **'In the wake of the Old Mailboat'**, with life long resident, historian, shrimper and poet Dennis Sperl. Dennis grew up in Southeast Alaska sailing with his "sea-going mailman" father on one of the area's last mailboats that delivered mail and supplies to the region's remote homesteaders and small settlements. Dennis, an extraordinary storyteller, says on the trip we will "experience how it was when there was *smoke in every bay*, visit the ruins of canneries, salteries and fox farms and relive their

glory years." Dennis has written captivating tales of his boyhood memories, and will share his lifetime adventures with us in his own remarkable, riveting style. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to relive the true Alaskan way.

July is the time of year when you can really get the most bang for your buck in Alaska, so stock up on loads of film and head out on an oceangoing **wildlife photography workshop!** The days are long, so you'll have more opportunity than ever to snap shots of unbeatable scenery. We'll have a professional wildlife photographer on board to assist and offer tips on getting that once in a lifetime shot. To set you up with a perfect setting, we'll head out to the feeding grounds of the humpback whale, who gorge themselves on the rich marine environment of Frederick Sound, Stephens Passage and Chatham Strait.

July or August will feature the *M/V*



Silver (Coho) salmon
Courtesy of Rich Culver, Alaska Flywater Adventures

Alaska Adventurer's 2nd annual **Coronation Island Natural History Expedition**. This trip calls out to a special breed of person...those with a bit of the Indiana Jones spirit within, and includes visiting the world class El Capitan cave of Prince of Wales Island. It's an adventure to a rarely visited coastal region island filled with magnificent beauty. The fact that it's almost completely free from other visitors makes it just that much more exciting and special. **Local naturalist & guide Jack Eddy** will once again delight us with his keen knowledge of the flora, fauna and history along our route and destination. The 2002 Coronation Island expedition will surely be one of the highlights of the summer, and space will probably fill quickly.

We are pleased to announce that *Alaska Sea Adventures* will once again be working with Alaska guide/naturalist, **Jim Nahmens** and will be offering an exciting special natural history trip in July with a focus on the **humpback whales of Frederick Sound and Chatham Strait**. Jim's knowledge of the great creatures and the surrounding area is quite extensive which will make the trip with him a great opportunity for our guests to acquire rich, in depth information while we observe these remarkable leviathans and explore the magnificent islands of the area. Brings lots of film and an inquisitive spirit for this one!

Shhhhh! Don't tell anyone we told you this, but here are a few insider tips to help with planning your Alaska vacation: July and August are the most popular months for traveling, and trips for these months book quickly. But, if you ask any of the