

SEA ADVENTURES

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Aboard the M/V "Alaska Adventurer"



Harbor Seal pups

adding new features to the web site over time and encourage all of you to give it a visit and keep checking back for additions. Some of the forms we use for reservations and planning will be available for download there and this and other informative newsletters are available there as well.

For those of you who will not be joining us this year I wish you the best on your travels and hope that the wind is always on your back where ever you go. I am looking forward to this summer cruising season's adventures, becoming acquainted with our new guests and welcoming back our pleasurable returning guests.

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GREETINGS FROM CAPTAIN DENNIS!

Where does the time go? As Alaska Sea Adventures winter/spring newsletter finds its way to you, we are well on our way to planning an exciting season for 2001. This will be my second summer as the new operator and owner of the business. Last summer was absolutely tremendous, thanks to the fantastic people who joined us on my inaugural season. This coming season promises to be even better!

For those of you who did not get to make a trip with us last year, I would like to briefly introduce myself and share some of my thoughts on the continuation of one of Alaska's premier excursion yacht charters. My name is Dennis Rogers. My wife Toni and I are the new owners of Alaska Sea Adventures and the M/V Alaska Adventurer. We have been married for 23 years and raised two sons here in Petersburg. Both of our sons are now attending college in Oregon. Our eldest son, 21-year-old Brandon, is at the University of Oregon in Eugene and our 20-year-old son Trevor is attending Southern Oregon University in Ashland.



Captian Dennis



Expedition Charter Yacht M/v Alaska Adventurer

When the boys were growing up, we enjoyed spending our summers together fishing for salmon on our family's commercial fishing vessels. It all began when I put my own marine biology studies at college on hold while I went to Alaska to earn tuition money while commercial fishing. The famous lore of Alaska overwhelmed me and this proved to be an extended excursion as I fell in love with life on the water in Alaska. During my commercial fishing career, I owned, operated and fished on vessels up to 180 feet long all over the state of Alaska. After nearly three decades of chasing Alaska's seafood delights as a commercial fisherman, I decided to find a way to enjoy and explore in depth more of this dynamic and beautiful country we call southeast Alaska. My knowledge and appreciation of sound, safe and high quality vessels led me after more than 18 months of searching to the Alaska Adventurer, which after some serious arm twisting Dr. Bob Horschover was convinced to sell to us.

The founder of Alaska Sea Adventures, Dr. Bob has assembled the most capable vessel for Alaska charters, a cruising program second to none, and a clientele with

whom sharing life aboard the Alaska Adventurer is of the utmost pleasure. I plan to carry on the proud tradition that Dr. Bob has created while adding new, exciting trip options. My 28 years of experience plying the waters of Alaska from the Bering Sea all the way down throughout Southeast Alaska's gorgeous Inside Passage has kindled within me a desire not only to keep exploring this remarkable country in depth, but also to share it with others. Southeast Alaska is my home and my passion, and I intend to create every opportunity possible to share its natural beauty and splendid wilderness with our guests. I look forward with great anticipation to meeting both new and returning guests this summer.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2001 PLANNED TRIPS

We've added a few new options to our 2001 Southeast Alaska itinerary. One of the most notable changes is the option to begin and end excursions from the Alaska Adventurer's new homeport of Petersburg. Known as Alaska's Little Norway, the small, picturesque fishing community of Petersburg has become an



Sawyer Glacier calving

increasingly popular port of call for many Alaska travelers. Its location near the geographic center of Alaska's Inside Passage places Petersburg conveniently near some of the most fantastic cruising waters found anywhere. Daily Alaska Airlines jet service from both Seattle and Juneau along with stops by Alaska Marine Highway ferries make getting here a cinch. Sitka, Juneau and Ketchikan are all still optional ports for departure and conclusion of our trips and well worth a visit.

Southeast Alaska boasts some of the West Coast's few remaining wild steelhead runs. Our spring itinerary will offer interested clients exciting opportunities to access remote, seldom-fished steelhead streams. We'll visit a number of different streams on an exploratory expedition to find the best steelhead fishing available. This will be a great chance to visit SE Alaska prior to the summer rush and to experience some streams that are seldom fished by anyone. These trips are offered at the 25 % early season discount rate, which makes for a premium excursion at a lower cost. Time is short so give us a call!

In Late April, we'll take advantage of a rare opportunity to observe and possibly participate in the commercial fishery for herring eggs on kelp. Roe-on-kelp, as it is called, is a special, high-priced delicacy in Japan known as 'komochi-conbu'. This fishery takes place fairly close to Sitka in beautiful Hoonah Sound, where brown bears, newly emerged from winter hibernation, may be seen this time of year cruising the shoreline in search of food. The first of the humpback whales return-



Fly Fishing for Salmon

icebergs, glaciers, wildlife and spectacular wilderness scenery. Previous kayak experience is not necessary and orientation at the Petersburg swimming pool will be provided the day prior to departure. This will be a wonderful cruise even if you don't care to partake in the kayaking activity!

August (trip # 12, August 3rd - 9th) will feature a natural history expedition to a wild coastal jewel known as Coronation Island. Local naturalist and guide Jack Eddy will be the guide on this trip. Coronation Island is a spectacular island wilderness well off the beaten path and laden with a rich history stretching back 10,000 years to the last ice age. As well as being a designated wilderness area featuring a rich marine mammal population including a multitude of whales, Coronation Island and nearby Hazy Islands are the nesting ground for a plethora of unique sea birds. Travels along the way will include stops in Afleck Canal for superb black bear observation and a visit to some of the newly discovered world-class caves of Prince of Wales Island. This area also offers excellent fishing potential for halibut and rockfish, and possibly early coho salmon.

If catching salmon, exploring beautiful deep hidden bays, catching and eating shrimp and crab, watching brown bears and soaking in natural hot springs is your thing, then you will not want to miss the August - early September trips to Baranof Island! We had an absolutely fantastic time last year fishing coho salmon, which were unbelievably thick at our secret locations, even requiring us to charter a float plane to relieve the ship's



Eagle on the wing

freezers of an overload. Check out trip #'s 13,16 & 17, and give us a call right away!

Fall trip planning is still underway and will include silver salmon fishing or waterfowl hunting, combined with crabbing and shrimp fishing. Other options for fall trips will depend on what we hear from guests who might be interested in a specially crafted excursion. November brings intriguing prospects for observing some unique humpback whale behavior as the gentle giants congregate prior to their annual migration to Hawaii. These trips could include rubbing elbows with local king crab fishermen and an extraordinary king crab feast, depending on the timing of the fishery. The next newsletter will have more information about these trips, or feel free to call us- we'd be glad to include you in the planning process.

Check our web site for information and availability about these exciting trips.

A PREVIEW OF 2002

The 2002 schedule is beginning to take shape with some exciting trips being planned. Besides the usual great fishing trips, a couple of new trip focuses will be added, including a spring bird watching trip, spring steelhead fishing, sea-kayak excursions, and an archaeology expedition. For those of you who enjoy fly-fishing, we are working with some excellent fly-fishing guides and will be visiting beautiful, secluded streams for trout and salmon fishing. We are also working on a back lake fly-in cutthroat and rainbow trout-fishing extravaganza that will put our guests on some great small lakes with dramatic scenery.



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returning again to help us all enjoy a great time with his tremendous expertise. Some of you are already familiar with Lisa Kaptanian who assists us with bookings and guest information requests at our office here in Petersburg. Lisa is a life-long Petersburg resident, outdoor enthusiast and a great resource for trip planning. Please feel free to give her a call at our toll free phone number with any questions or requests. (1-888-772-8588) These individuals who are such a pleasure to work with, strive to make sure your trip is truly a safe wonderful experience of a lifetime.



Lisa Kaptanian

NEW WEB SITE

Alaska Sea Adventures has a newly designed web site thanks to the diligence and talents of our web master and occasional Alaska Adventurer natural history guide Jeffery Reynolds. We hope our guests and visitors to our web site will find it useful and informative. We will be

OUR OUTSTANDING PEOPLE

To our delight and those of you who have traveled with the Alaska Adventurer the past two years, super chef A.J. Copula will be returning this summer! We are also very fortunate to have our wonderful fishing guide and deckhand Toby Coate