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Note from Capt. Dennis

This long-awaited 2004 edition finally arrives! I've had a busier-than-usual winter with the addition of research charters, which proved to be both pleasurable and interesting projects. Most of the research focuses on the behavior of endangered Steller sea lions. While this newsletter was in preparation, we were at sea aboard the Alaska Adventurer for thirty-five days, so our communication capabilities were tested to the limit! Following that research excursion: a ten-day National Marine Fisheries Service charter, acoustically assessing fish biomass stocks in Frederick Sound. We leave again in late February for another extended research charter. I'm glad to be out on the boat, any time of year.

While at sea braving our wild winter weather, I thought often of this past summer's pleasurable trips. How do I capture my feelings in words? *Deep gratitude. Summer. Wonderful people. Satisfaction.* The rewards of this business are found in good times and adventures with our fantastic clientele. You can see



The Captain on Look-out

why these memories make me excited for the coming summer—sharing with guests more of this incredible place we call home, southeast Alaska.

Warm thanks to all who joined us in 2003! We're planning spectacular trips for this summer and look forward to seeing many of you again. If it's been a few years since we've seen you, let's make it a 2004 reunion aboard the "AA."

Warmly, Dennis Rogers



Stellar Sea Lion Raucous

Alaska Photography Adventures

Whether you're a seasoned pro or enthusiastic amateur, our guided trips feature wildlife and nature photo opportunities like no other place on earth! On these trips we always focus—pun intended!—on capturing the humpback whale's unique cooperative 'bubble net' feeding behavior. We've chosen optimum dates to observe, up-close, this phenomenon that occurs only in the waters of Frederick Sound and Chatham Strait. Seeing six to twenty of these ocean giants in choreography is absolutely stunning, even if you aren't gripping a camera. To quote one of our photo



This is Up-Close!



Photographer Discussion with Jim.

guides: "It's so cool, sometimes you just have to shoot it with *neurochrome, baby!*" Guests can expect close encounters with **forty-plus** humpbacks a day, with the appearance of an Orca Pod always a possibility. For shutterbugs desiring the cool low angles for whale shots and the thrill of a **really** close encounter, we can launch the sea kayaks in favorable conditions.

Guests also enjoy the rest of southeast Alaska's gifts: the remote bays and inlets of the Inside Passage, the world's largest temperate rain forest, bears, a wide variety of sea birds, seals, sea lions, wild flowers in bloom, glaciers that creak and thunder, glaciers we can hike, deep blue waters, steep-sided fjords, the mystique of the rain

forest and more. What a list!

To improve your skills and make the most of those tricky shots, Alaska Sea Adventures features the expertise of three wonderful guides. We're pleased to welcome again naturalist/photographer Jim Nahmens, photographer/videographer Lisa Strong-Aufhauser, and Australian photographer Jodi Shepherd. Our trips fill quickly, so make reservations soon!

Photographing Alaska's Inside Passage with Lisa Strong-Aufhauser
June 26 – July 2, 2004

July 7 – 13, 2004

Focus on Whales with Jim Nahmens
July 15 – 22, 2004

Southeast Alaska Photo Safari
with Jodi Shepherd
July 24 – 31, 2004
August 2 – 9, 2004



Amazing Humpback Whale "Bubble-net" feeding.



Harbor Seals on Ice.

Cruise Without the Crowds

Although Alaska is by far the largest of the fifty states, you need not board the largest boat to experience it! To the contrary, to see—truly see—the wilderness that our Alaska is known for, you must come down from the 8th deck of the cruise ship, out from among the crowd of thousands. That's our specialty. Alaska Sea Adventures brings guests to the 'real' Alaska.

Whether you're a couple interested in exploring Alaska's scenic protected waterways, a family searching for the most exciting way to see wildlife, or a



Joe & Jen With a Tasty Crab Catch.



Yellow-Eye Rockfish Delight!

small group ready to relish the tranquility of anchoring in a new bay or cove every night, you'll find a yacht charter cruise with Alaska Sea Adventures just the right size. Flexibility, comfort, savoir-faire, our local knowledge, and personalized attention make your Alaska voyage unique.

We've planned some remarkable adventures for 2004, bringing our travelers in small groups to backcountry locations accessible only by small boat. Some guests want to paddle kayaks quietly next to nature. Some want to catch our fresh seafood dinner themselves, or catch a nearby whale on film while hearing the misty whoosh of air as it exhales. When it comes to **experiencing** Alaska, larger is **not** necessarily better. Size makes a difference. Join us!

Archaeology Trip to Highlight Ancient Rock Art: June 17-26

We at Alaska Sea Adventures are excited to cooperate with the U.S. Forest Service on the **first** USFS Heritage Expedition program in Alaska. In the planning for over three years, our Rock Art Study will certainly be a 2004 highlight. Popular in the lower forty-eight, Heritage Expeditions both explore and protect historic, sometimes ancient, sites. The Forest Service goal: *to provide opportunities for the public to learn about and help conserve non-renewable heritage resources, and for fees from those experiences to fund protection and continued public access to those sites.*

Ours will be a scenic journey to

explore rock art sites in the Tongass National Forest on remote Kosciusko Island. The team of specialists includes rock art scholar Dr. James Keyser, anthropologist Dr. Rosita Worl, rock art recorder George Poetschat, and archaeologist Terry Fifield.

ASA guests will work with the team for five days, recording rock art elements and site characteristics. We'll offer evening programs aboard the *Alaska Adventurer* and visit at least one of the recently discovered caves yielding significant paleontological information on North America's early inhabitants. We'll also offer evening paddle and beachcombing options, and guests



Ancient Petroglyph Rock Art Face.

can expect to encounter whales, seals, sea lions, otters, black bears, ravens, eagles, and a variety of sea birds. Visit our web site (www.YachtAlaska.com) to learn more about this adventure, and don't delay in reserving your place on this archaeological journey of a lifetime!



Petersburg, Alaska? Just follow the Whales.

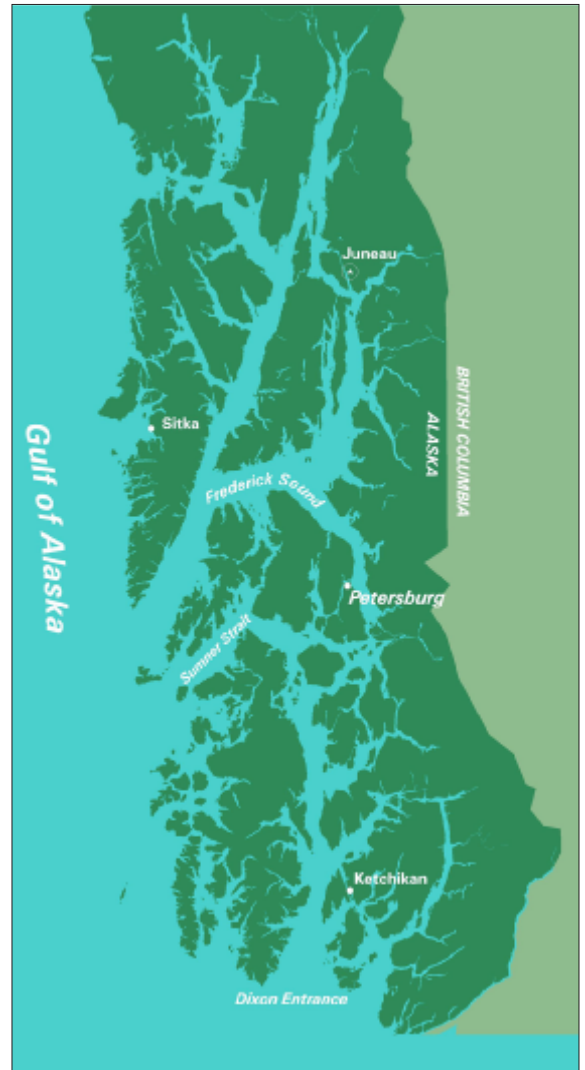
Haven't been to Petersburg? Wondering where on earth it is? One way to find this small fishing community might be to check satellite photos for the wakes of 1000 humpback whales making their spring migration to the waters of

southeast Alaska's 'panhandle' and Frederick Sound. These waters surround Mitkof Island, one parcel of the Alexander Archipelago forming Alaska's Inside Passage. Yes, Petersburg is on an island!

But there are easier ways to find us, with pleasant en-route additions. Petersburg rests in the center of southeast Alaska, served daily by Alaska Airlines flights 64 and 65. And state ferries arrive almost daily from Bellingham, Washington; Prince Rupert, BC; Juneau, Sitka, and Ketchikan.

A fun way to experience more of Alaska's Inside Passage—without riding the back of humpback whale—might include an Alaska Airlines flight to 'Alaska's First City' (Ketchikan), our capital (Juneau), or the scenic coastal town of Sitka. Then hop on the state ferry for the final leg to Petersburg. This comfy cruise from Ketchikan or Juneau to Petersburg takes less than 12 hours, slightly more from Sitka. These 350-foot ferries offer cabins and berths, plus a restaurant and excellent viewing lounges for a scenic trip along the Inside Passage.

Whichever route you choose, we at Alaska Sea Adventures gladly help our clients with travel arrangements. Feel free to ask. And don't forget: once you're here in Petersburg, we'll give you plenty of chances to follow the whales!



*Map of Southeast Alaska Panhandle
"Inside Passage".*



Fresh Prawns Tonight!

Fly Fishing Adventures

Southeast Alaska offers rich sporting experience with a variety of species, both fresh and saltwater. Teamed up with top-notch guides Randy Lantiegne and Pat McDonough, Alaska Sea Adventures plans a limited number of flyfishing adventures each season. We carry our fly-casters to remote settings where the only other creatures are the resident birds, bears, deer, and otters.

If your group prefers an unguided flyfishing charter, we **customize** an itinerary. Call us and we'll start planning **your** trip. Either way, we bring you to fine action—steelhead, cutthroat and Dolly Varden trout, pink and silver

salmon, rockfish. And as always, our anglers are delighted with a bountiful catch of crab and prawns for tasty feasts back onboard the yacht! Mmm-mmm-good.



Chef Jake!

We're all **very** excited to announce that Chef Jake returns to work his culinary magic aboard the Alaska Adventurer for 2004, and we're sure that you will be, too! Watch out for all of those **scrumptious** baked goodies. Alaska never tasted so good.



Welcome Aboard the "Alaska Adventurer"



Fresh Salmon BBQ on Alder Planks



An Afternoon Ice Berg Paddle.

We Can Provide Travel Insurance

In your reservation packet you will see a brochure outlining different insurance plans available. Coverage includes protection in the event of unexpected illness or injury, natural disasters, and lost or delayed luggage, just to name a few. We recommend coverage for all legs of your journey, so please refer to your packet for the brochure and application. Cost is minimal, and you can't beat the protection. Sometimes plans do go awry, and we want your Alaska experience to be the best that it can be.

Alaska Sea Adventures Turns 25!

A quarter century ago, Dr. Robert Horchover began offering guests a chance to see Alaska's Inside Passage while he traveled as a dentist to remote towns and villages. With his keen awareness of the islands' history and his own long experience on Alaskan waters, Dr. Bob quickly earned a reputation as a provider of high quality adventure travel. Captain Dennis Rogers and wife Toni acquired the business in 2000 when Dr. Horchover retired from chartering, recognizing that Dr. Bob's good-natured personality and attention to detail built an exceptional tradition. That tradition continues: clients find fun and adventure amid the sights of southeast Alaska. Alaska Sea Adventures—since 1979.



Kayak View of the M/V Alaska Adventurer

M/V "Alaska Adventurer" Schedule

2004

TRIP#	DATES	D/N	PRIMARY EVENTS & ROUTE	ADV	EXP (2)	SUITE
6	5/24-5/28	5/4	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>King Salmon/Bears/ShrimplCrab</i>	SEE CUSTOM CHARTER PRICING		
7	5/31-6/6	7/6	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>King Salmon/Bears/ShrimplCrab</i>			
8	6/8-6/15	8/7	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>King Salmon/Bears/ShrimplCrab</i>			
9	6/17-6/24	8/7	Guided *ARCHAEOLOGY ADVENTURE* Heritage Expedition USFS	\$3,494	\$3,760	\$4,119
10	6/26-7/2	8/7	Guided Photo/Nat-Hist *INSIDE PASSAGE* w/ Lisa Strong-Aufhauser	\$3,494	\$3,760	\$4,119
11	7/6-7/13	8/7	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>Coho Salmon/Whales/Explore/Crab</i>	SEE CUSTOM CHARTER PRICING		
11A	7/7-7/13	7/6	Guided Photo/Nat-Hist *INSIDE PASSAGE* w/ Lisa Strong-Aufhauser			
12	7/15-7/22	8/7	Guided Natural History " FOCUS ON WHALES" w/ Jim Nahmens	\$3,494	\$3,760	\$4,119
13	7/24-7/31	8/7	Guided Whales/Photography *INSIDE PASSAGE* w/Jodi Shepherd	\$3,494	\$3,760	\$4,119
14	8/2-8/9	8/7	Guided Whales/Photography *INSIDE PASSAGE* w/Jodi Shepherd	\$3,494	\$3,760	\$4,119
15	8/11-8/18	8/7	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>Coho Salmon/Whales/Explore/Crab</i>	SEE CUSTOM CHARTER PRICING		
16	8/20-8/26	7/6	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>Coho Salmon/Whales/Explore/Crab</i>			
17	8/28-9/3	7/6	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>Spectacular Silver Salmon Fishing</i>			
18	9/5-9/11	7/6	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>Spectacular Silver Salmon Fishing</i>			
19	9/13-9/19	7/6	Guided *Silver Salmon Fishing*	Please call for pricing		
20	9/21-9/27	7/6	Guided *Silver Salmon Fishing*			

ADV=ADVENTURE CABIN: EXP=EXPLORER CABINS(2): SUITE=MASTER SUITE

*This photo cruise is aboard the charter yacht *M/V Midnight Sun*

2005

TRIP#	DATES	D/N	PRIMARY EVENTS & ROUTE	ADV	EXP (2)	SUITE
1	4/16-4/22	7/6	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>Steelhead Fishing</i>	SEE CUSTOM CHARTER PRICING		
2	4/24-4/30	7/6	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER or *Birding Adventure*			
3	5/5-5/10	6/5	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>Steelhead Fishing</i>			
4	5/12-5/18	7/6	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER or *Birding Adventure*			
5	5/23-5/28	6/5	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>Birds / Bears / Glaciers / Shrimp</i>			
6	5/30-6/5	7/6	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>King Salmon / Bears / ShrimplCrab</i>			
7	6/7-6/13	7/6	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>King Salmon / Bears / ShrimplCrab</i>			
8	6/15-6/22	8/7	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>Glaciers/Bears/ShrimplCrab</i>			
9	6/24-7/1	8/7	Guided *NATURAL HISTORY* TBA	\$3,494	\$3,760	\$4,119
10	7/6-7/12	7/6	Guided Photo/Nat-Hist * INSIDE PASSAGE* w/ Lisa Strong-Aufhauser	\$3,126	\$3,360	\$3,684
11	7/14-7/20	7/6	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>Whales / Explore / Crab / Shrimp</i>	SEE CUSTOM CHARTER PRICING		
12	7/22-7/29	8/7	Guided Natural History " FOCUS ON WHALES" w/ Jim Nahmens	\$3,494	\$3,760	\$4,119
13	8/1-8/8	8/7	Guided Photography/ Whales *INSIDE PASSAGE* w/Jodi Shepherd	\$3,494	\$3,760	\$4,119
14	8/10-8/16	7/6	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>Salmon / Whales / Explore / Crab</i>	SEE CUSTOM CHARTER PRICING		
15	8/18-8/25	8/7	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>Salmon / Whales / Explore / Crab</i>			
16	8/27-9/2	7/6	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>Salmon / Whales / Explore / Crab</i>			
17	9/4-9/10	7/6	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>Spectacular Silver Salmon Fishing</i>			
18	9/12-9/18	7/6	AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOM CHARTER- <i>Spectacular Silver Salmon Fishing</i>			
19	9/20-9/26	7/6	Guided *Silver Salmon Fishing*	Please call for pricing		

CUSTOM ALL- INCLUSIVE CHARTER RATES

DURATION OF CRUISE	▼GROUP OF SIX▼		▼GROUP OF 8▼	
7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS	2004 - \$19,600	2005 - \$21,500	2004 - \$23,000	2005 - \$24,000
ADDITIONAL DAYS	2004 - \$2,800	2005 - \$3,100	2004 - \$3,300	2005 - \$3,500

RATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

M/V Alaska Adventurer is home based in Petersburg. Juneau and Sitka are optional ports of origin and destination.

Call for reservations 1-888-772-8588

Your reservation is held for 10 calendar days pending receipt of your 25% deposit. The balance is due on the 60th day prior to departure. Reservations made within 60 days require full payment. Your payment will be refunded less a \$500 cancellation fee if cancelled 60 or more days prior to departure. Cancellation 59 days or less will receive the same refund only if your space is filled. You may cruise the same or following year on same value/length cruise subject to space and operations. A deposit reserves your space. Full payment confirmation protects your fare from any subsequent changes. In the unlikely event we cancel your cruise we will refund 100% of what you paid Alaska Sea Adventures.



Carrie and Toni Enjoy the Hot Springs.

Alaska up-close, at it's finest.

Some guests choose us for sights and photography, some for active adventure, some for relaxation, and some want a combination of these. There are many reasons to voyage on the *Alaska Adventurer*. Whether it's your week of R&R for the year or that once-in-a-lifetime chance to see Alaska, make sure you get as close as possible. We at Alaska Sea Adventures offer the best options in the right combination for you to experience the **real** Alaska, up-close, at its finest. Join us!

Capt. Dennis

Midnight Sun Joins ASA!

Alaska Sea Adventures proudly announces the addition of the charter yacht *Midnight Sun* to our 2004 summer schedule. *Midnight Sun* is a first-class, 65-foot luxury yacht featuring three guest cabins, each with private head and shower, accommodating six passengers for custom charters. Captain Ted Pratt and Chef Marlene Pratt have been cruising the waters of southeast Alaska for twenty-plus seasons, providing guests with an unparalleled experience of the Inside Passage. These exclusive trips depart Ketchikan, Petersburg, and Juneau, and can be booked through Alaska Sea Adventures.



Ice Bergs in Every Size & Shape.



Capturing the Sights On Top of the Glacier.

Guided photography trip

aboard the *Midnight Sun*:

Lisa Strong-Aufhauser leads our seven-day cruise, departing July 7th (trip #11a).

This is the year for your visual adventure on a comfortable yacht! Check our web site for more details, or give us a call.



The Tail!

Our New DVD!

Marvelous video footage captures our charter trips, the sights and sounds of remote Alaska, the wildlife, the food, our boat in action—just a taste of what it's like to join our family of travelers. If you don't have one yet, you'll want to contact us for a **free** copy. Savor what our clients enjoy aboard the Alaska Adventurer!

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