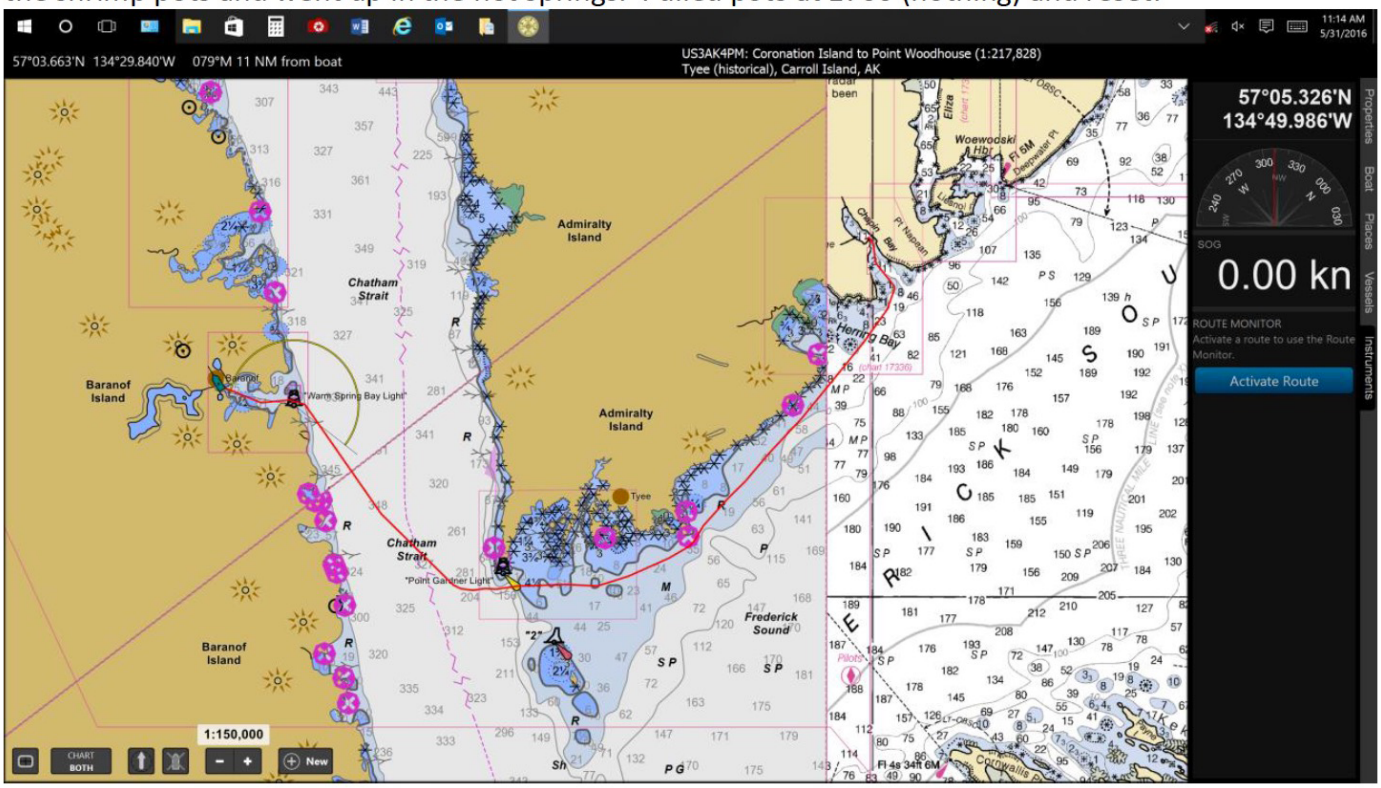
Day 31

Left Chapin Bay at 0800 and entered Fredrick Sound. Water was a little sloppy. At 0945 we entered Chatham Strait and the water was like glass the rest of the way. Chatted with the cruise ship Celebrity Infinity as we were on a collision course. Entered Warm Springs Bay (Baranof) at 1100. At 1300 we set the shrimp pots and went up in the hot springs. Pulled pots at 1700 (nothing) and reset.



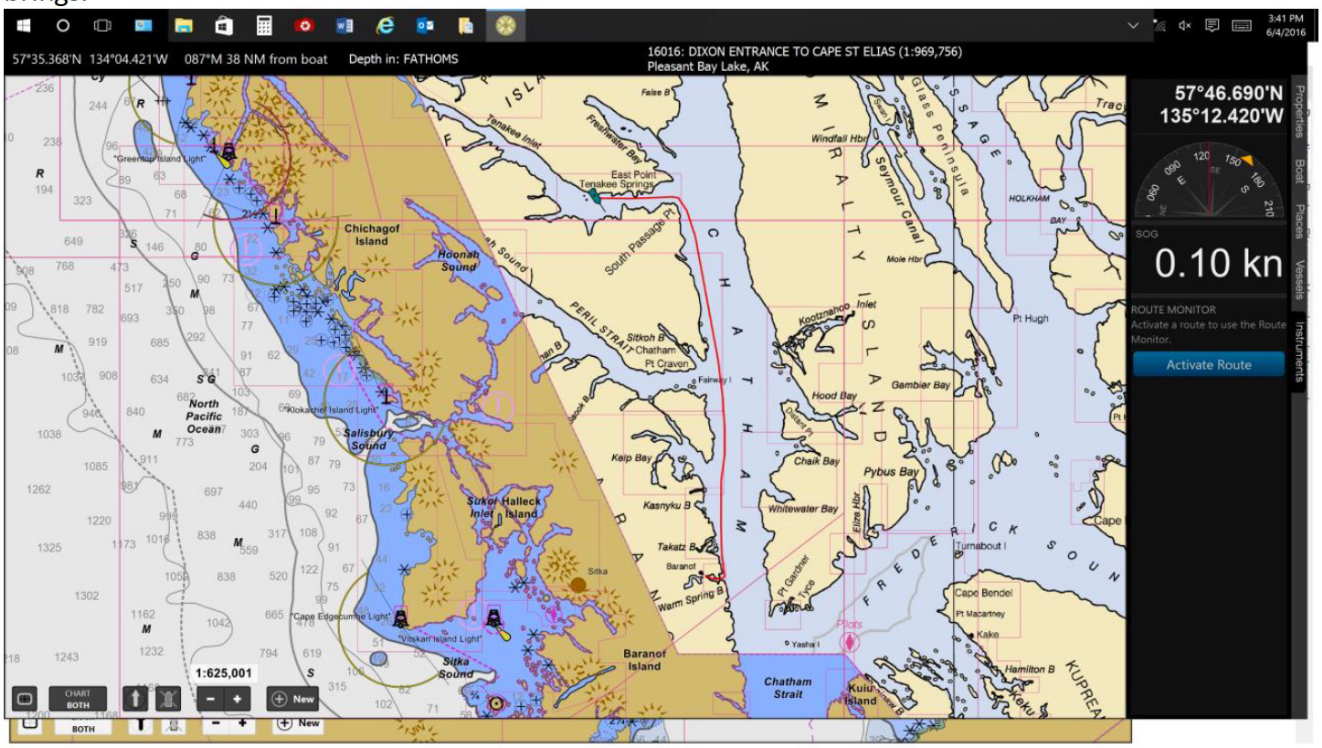
Days 32-33-34

On Wednesday we went up to the lake and then to the hot springs (pictures in a folder). Had a dinner with the couple on the "May Marie" and visited also with the couple from Edison on the "Swamp Fox". Thursday we went for a ride in the skiff and decided to wait out the weather which isn't supposed to be very good Friday. It has rained steady for three days. Friday….. Rain continues and we are still tied up to the dock at Warm Springs along with several other boats waiting out the weather.

Day 35-36

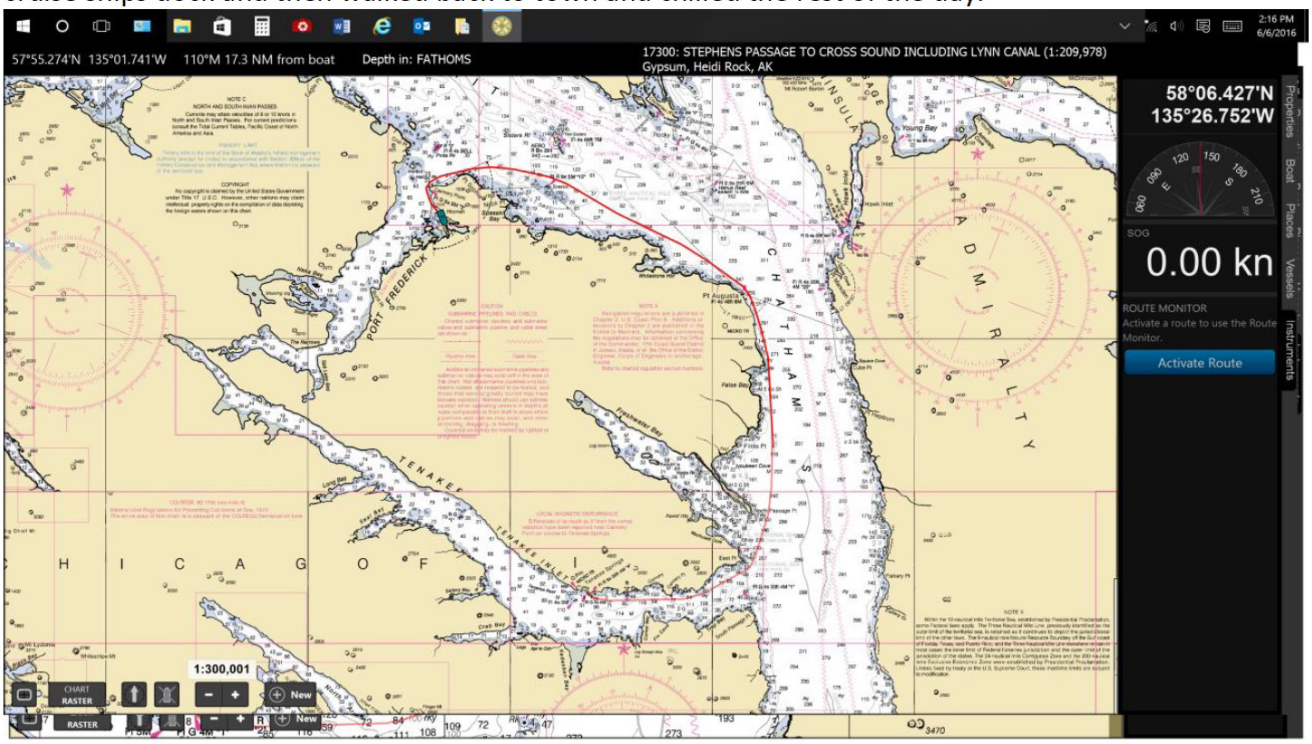
Left Warm Springs Bay at 0745. The previous night was very windy and we didn't know what the water outside would be like. The cruise to Tenakee Springs was without any problems and we turned into Tenakee at 1430. Traveled 61.8 miles.

Sunday the 5th of June, wind and rain again, so we are staying put for today. We'll see what tomorrow brings.



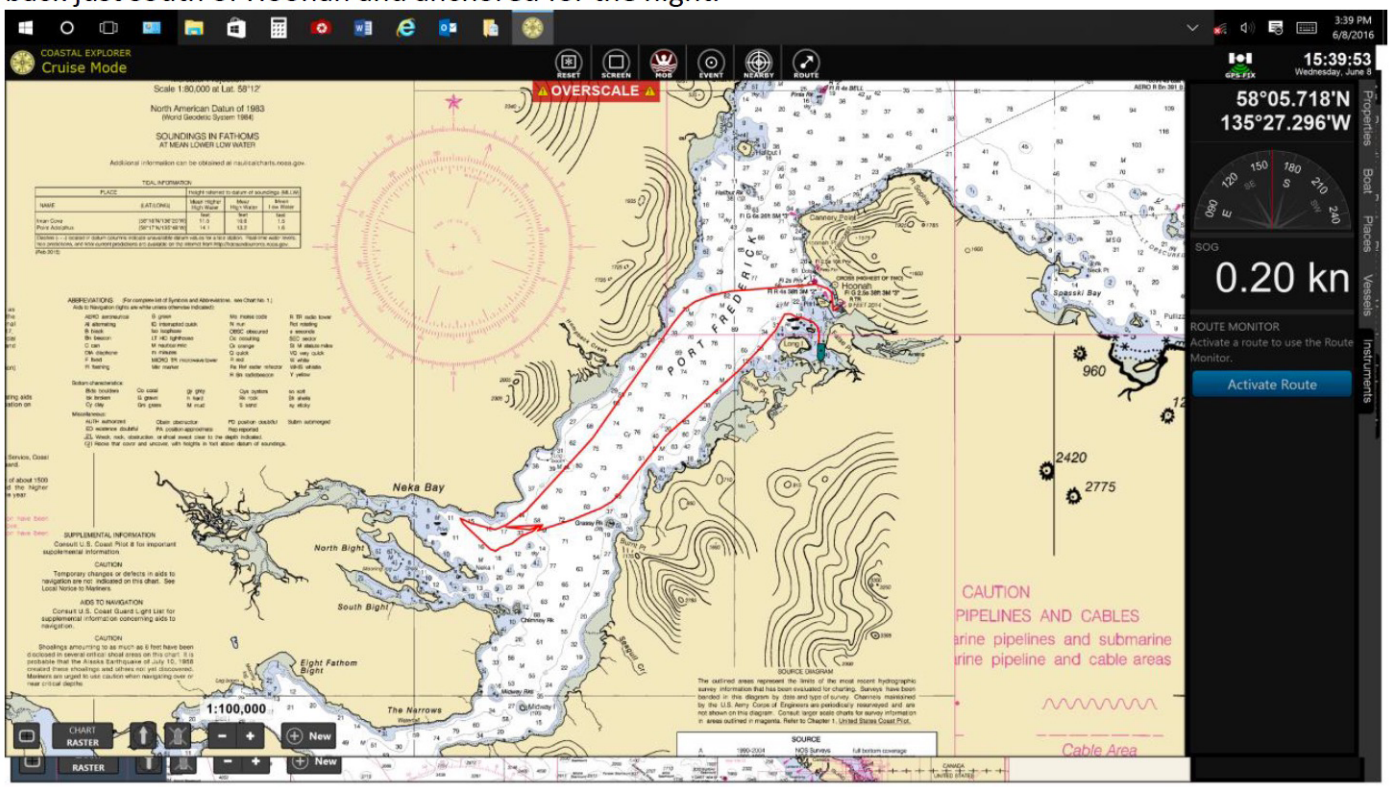
Day 37-38

Left Tenakee at 0800 and entered Chatham Stait at 0910. Entered Icy Strait at 1115 and arrived in Hoonah at 1400. Traveled 51.7 miles. Tuesday June 7th we walked down to the museum where the cruise ships dock and then walked back to town and chilled the rest of the day.



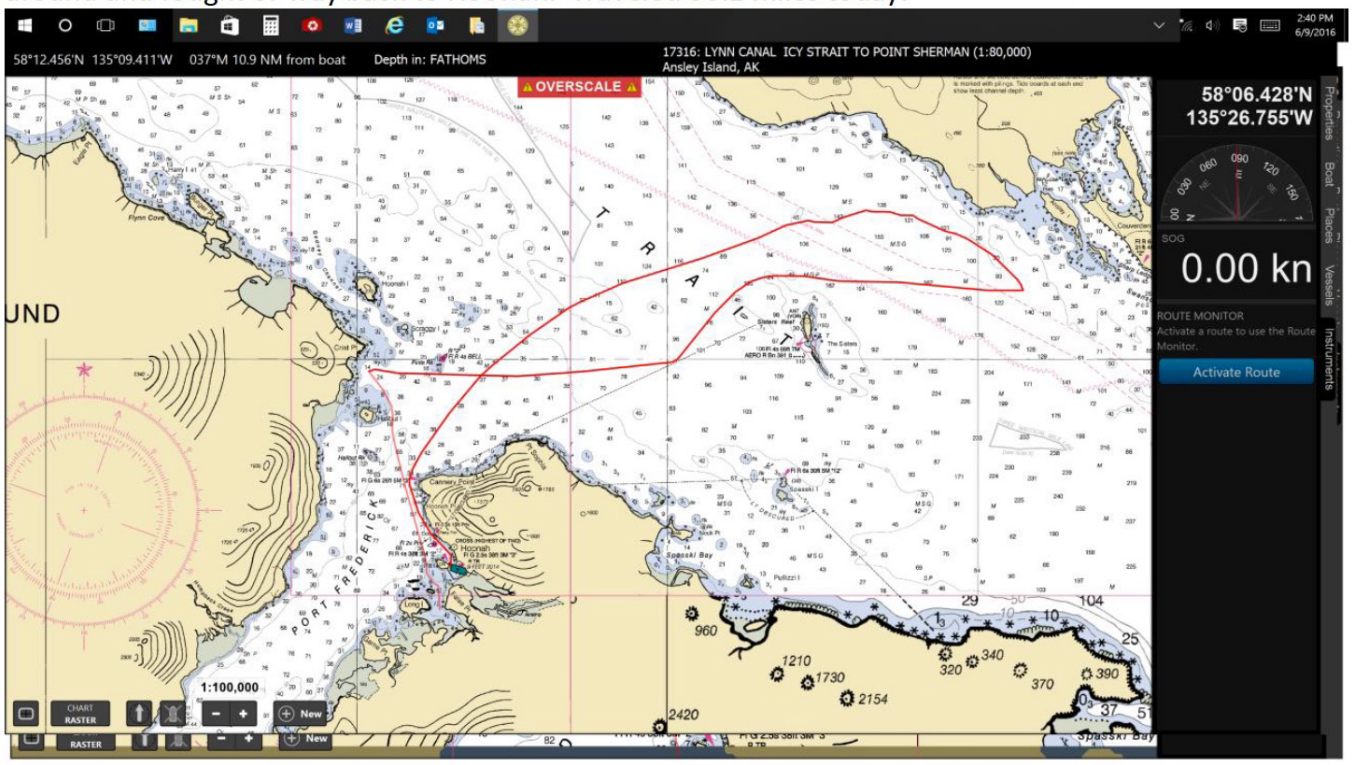
Day 39..Wednesday 8 June

We had breakfast and then went down to Neka Bay and dug some clams for shrimping. Set pots and anchored in 102 feet of water and tried for some halibut. Didn't do so well on either venture. Went back just south of Hoonah and anchored for the night.



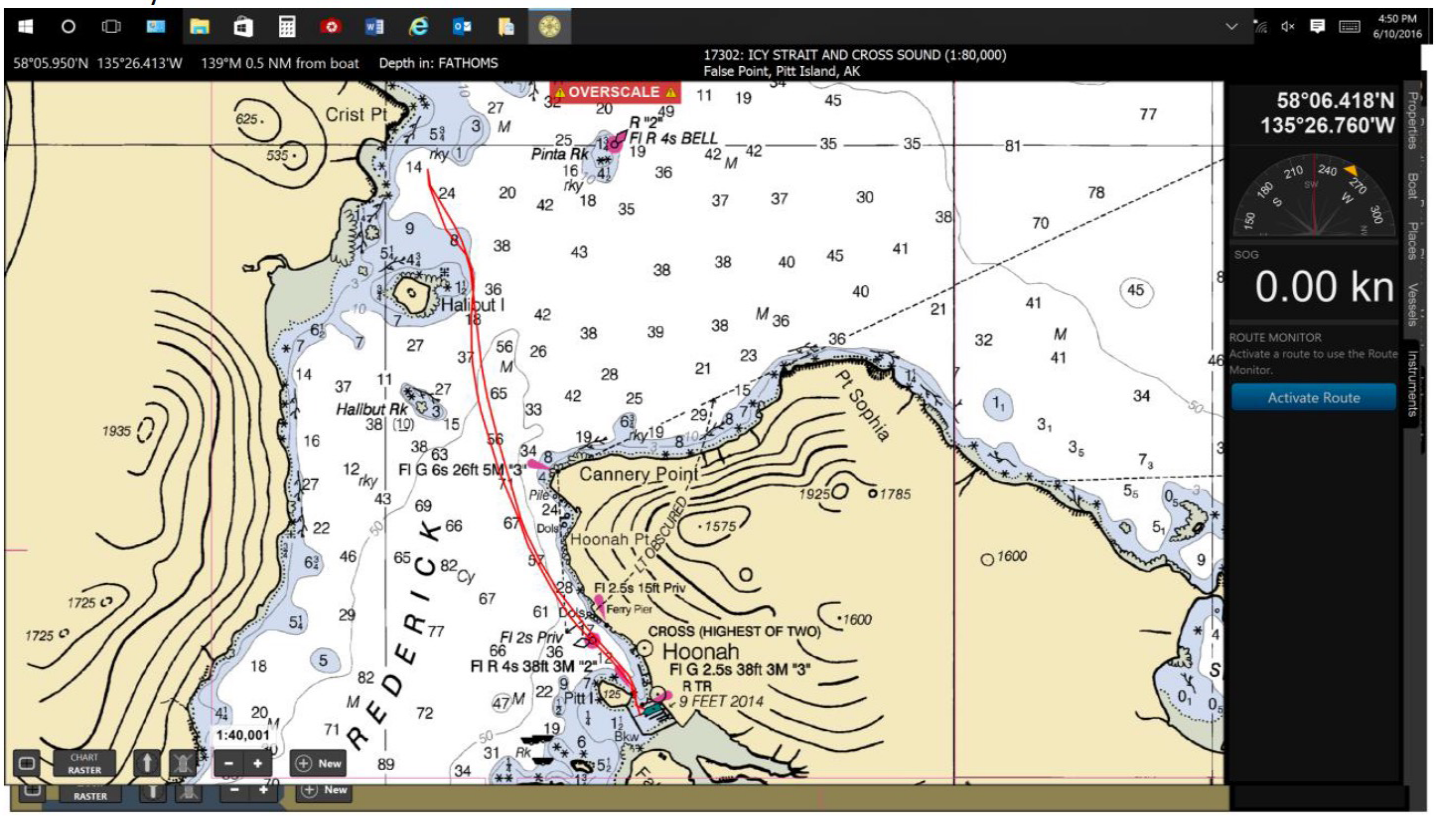
Day 40-June 9th

Pulled anchor this morning at eight and headed over to a spot that Ernie said was good for Halibut. Caught three within an hour and left for Funter Bay. Water was beautiful to start out. But, as we got closer to Swanson Harbor it got worse and worse. Finally 2 miles from Swanson Harbor we turned around and fought or way back to Hoonah. Traveled 30.1 miles today.



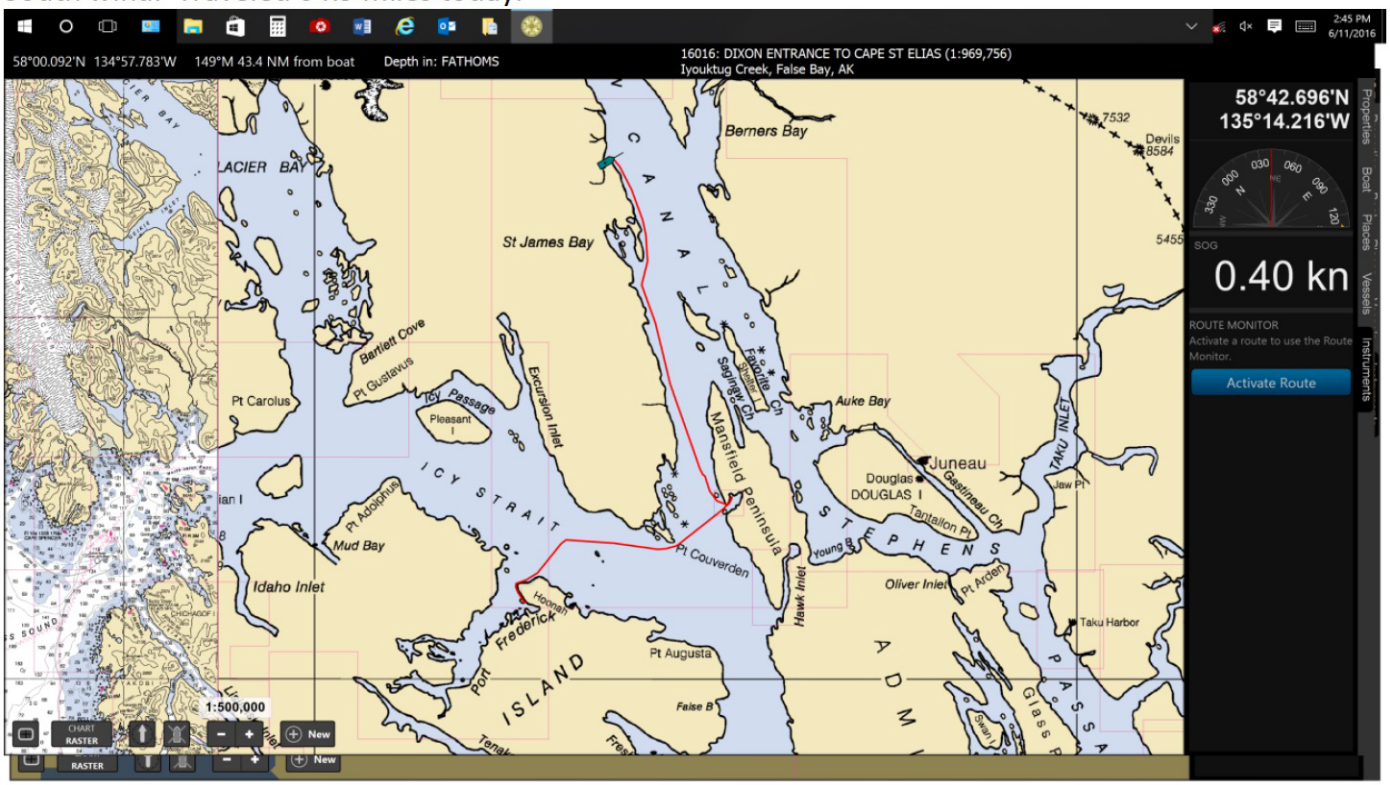
Day 41 Friday June 10th

Left at1015 and went out to the place where we got the halibut yesterday. Caught one. Traveled 9.2 miles today. Got back to Hoonah at 1600.



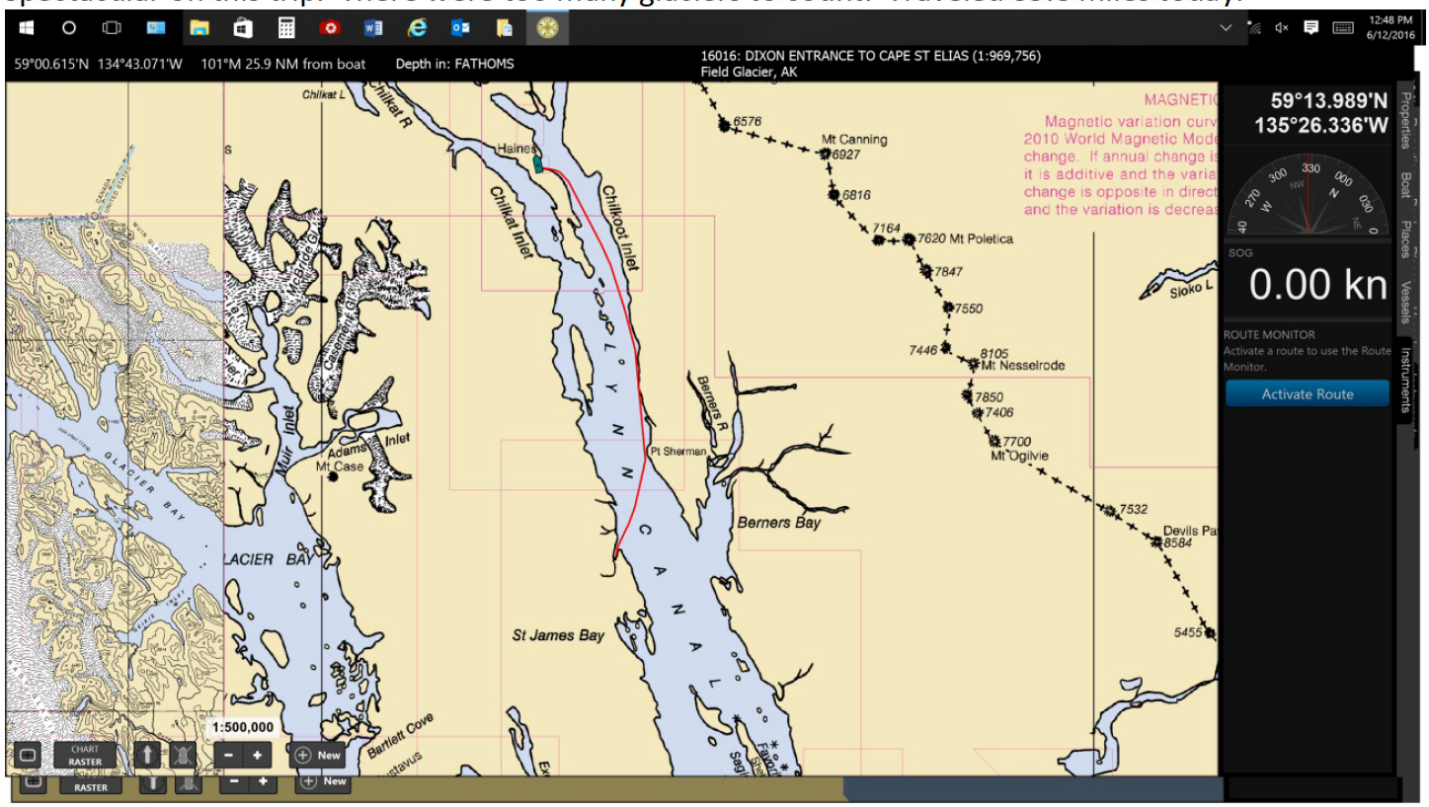
Day 42 June 11th

Left Hoonah at 0530 to see if we could get out of there before the wind came up again. Stopped at Funter Bay and made breakfast and a rest and then continued on towards Haines. Finally pulled inot William Henry Bay because water was getting rough. It is a very pretty bay that is protected from the South wind. Traveled 64.9 miles today.



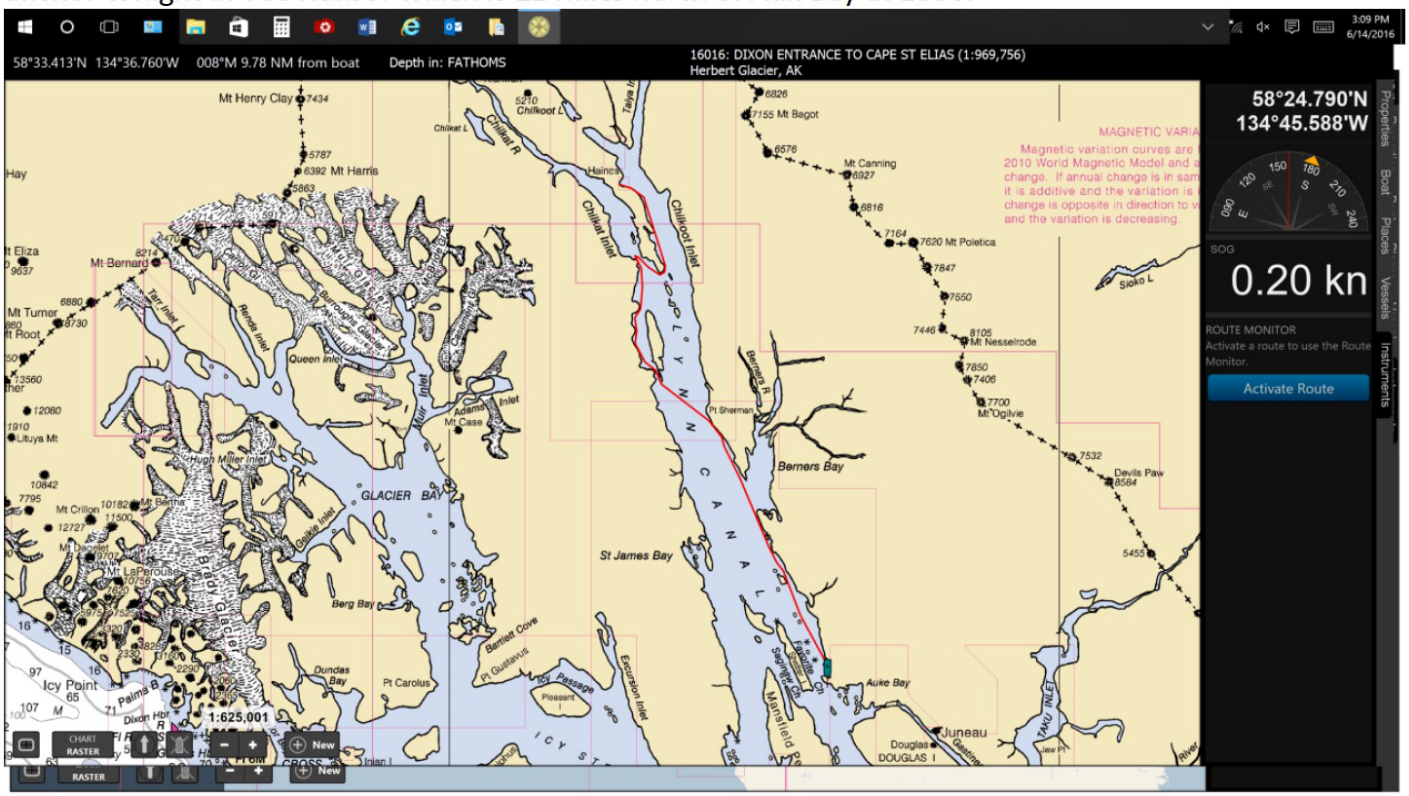
Day 43 June 12th

Pulled anchor at 0730 and pulled into Haines at 1230. The scenery was spectacular, probably the most spectacular on this trip. There were too many glaciers to count. Traveled 39.8 miles today.



Day 45 June 14th

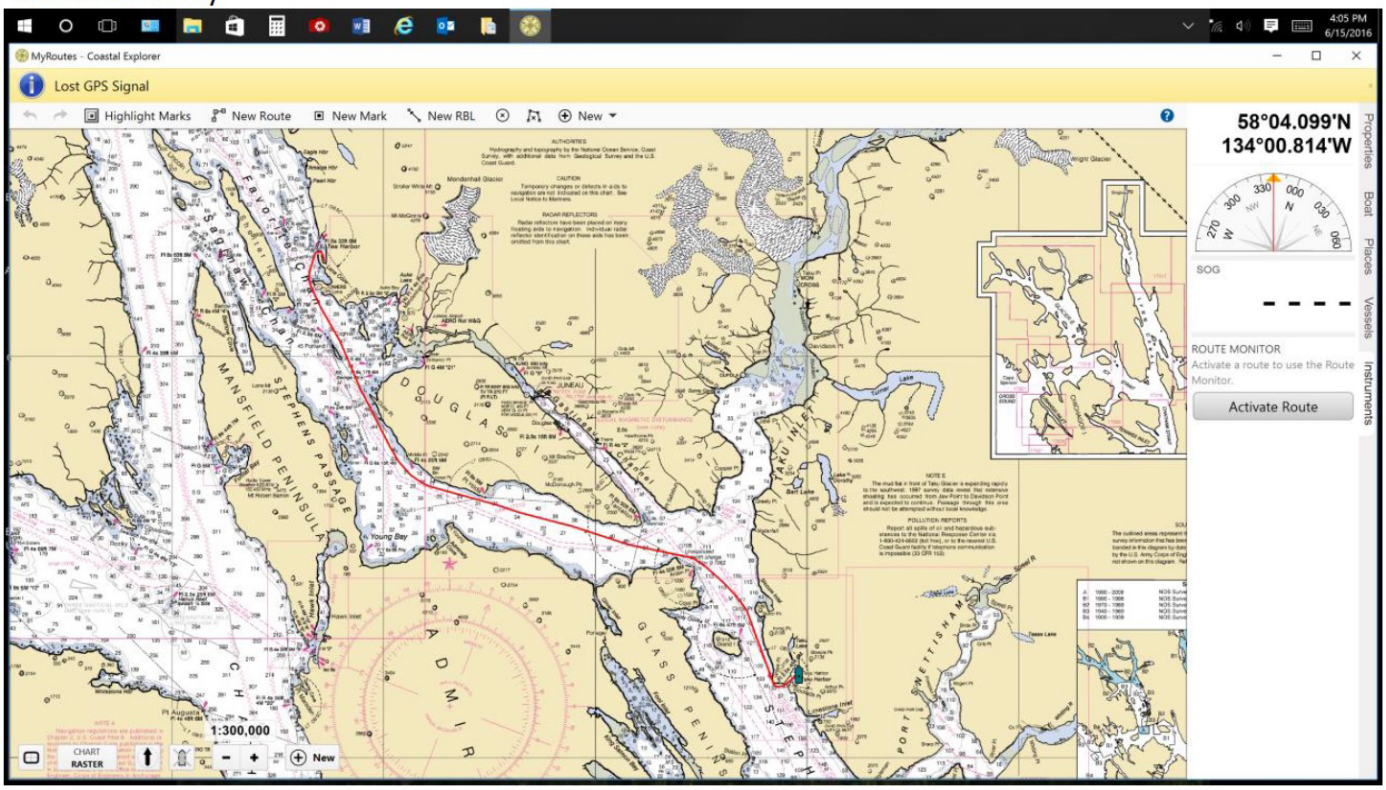
Left Haines with regrets at 0700. That is the most stunning country we have seen all this trip. Set anchor tonight in Tee Harbor which is 12 miles north of Auk Bay at 1500.



Day 46 June 15th

Left Tee Harbor at 0800 and took a leisurely ride down to Taku Harbor and moored up to the state floats there at 1300. A young brown bear showed up right at the top of the dock and spent an hour eating grass, much to the delight of all the boats parked that night.

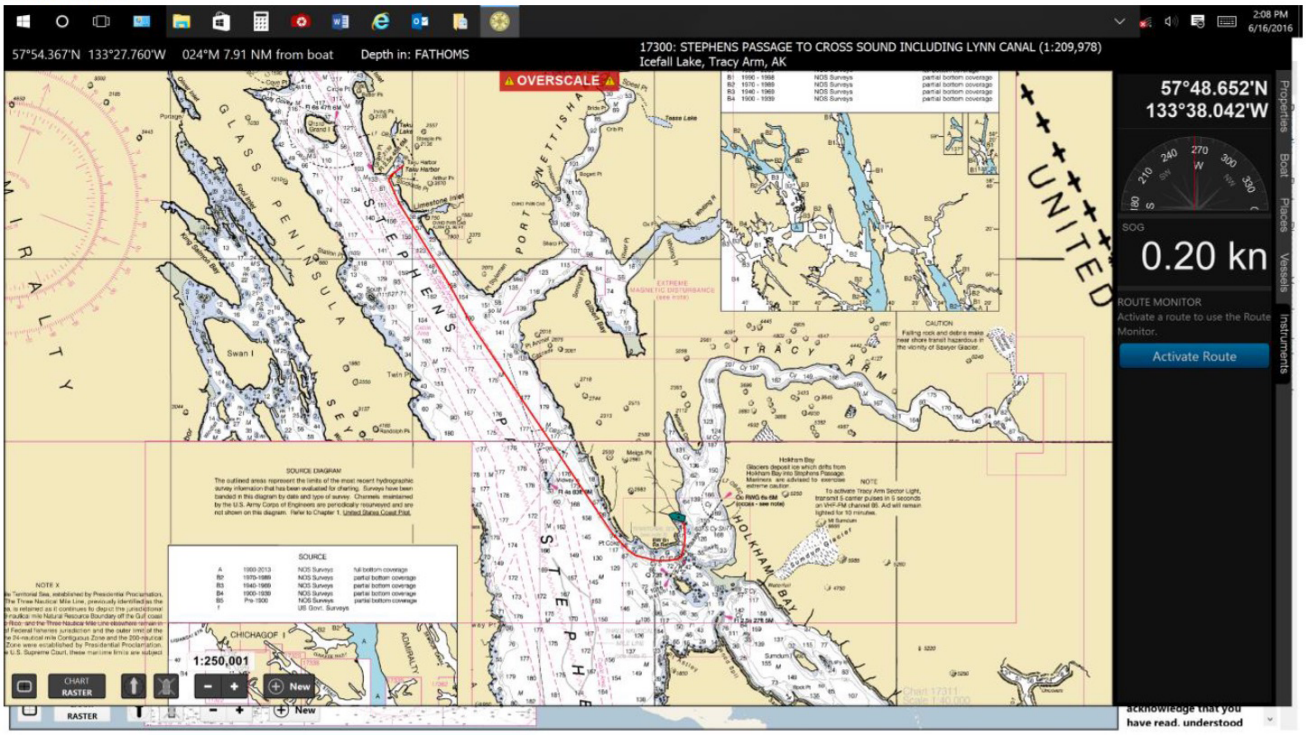
43.0 miles today



Day 47 June 16th

Woke to a beautiful sunny day and finally pulled out of Taku and made the short jaunt down to Tracy Arm. The passage through the bar to get into Tracy Arm was almost clogged by icebergs. We anchored just inside Tracy Arm in a protected cove and watched the bears and a beautiful sunset.

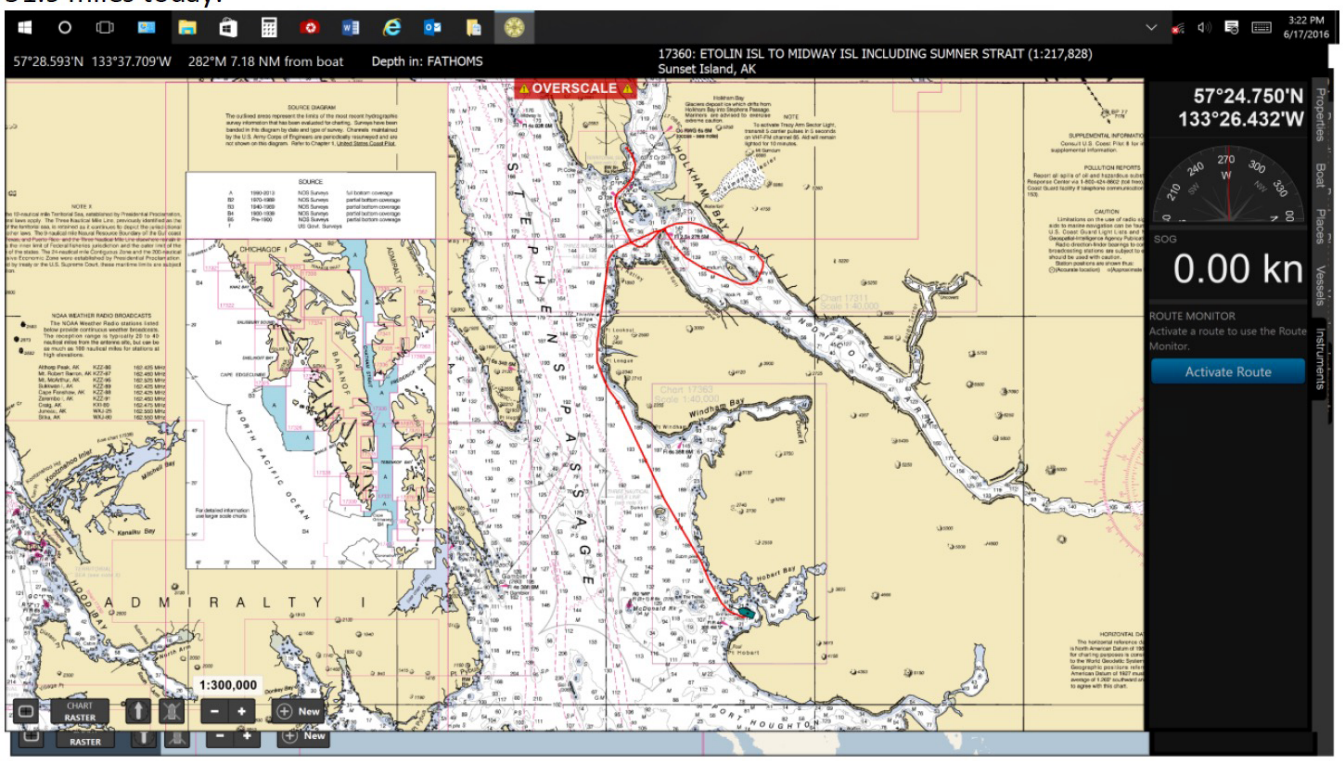
28.5 miles



Day 48 June 17th

We had breakfast and watched the icebergs roll into our little anchorage and then pulled anchor and headed to Hobart Bay. When we got into Stephens Passage it was pretty sloppy so we turned and headed up Endicott Arm and around Sum Dum Island and headed back out to Stephens Passage. The water had settled down some and our trip to Hobart Bay was uneventful.

51.9 miles today.

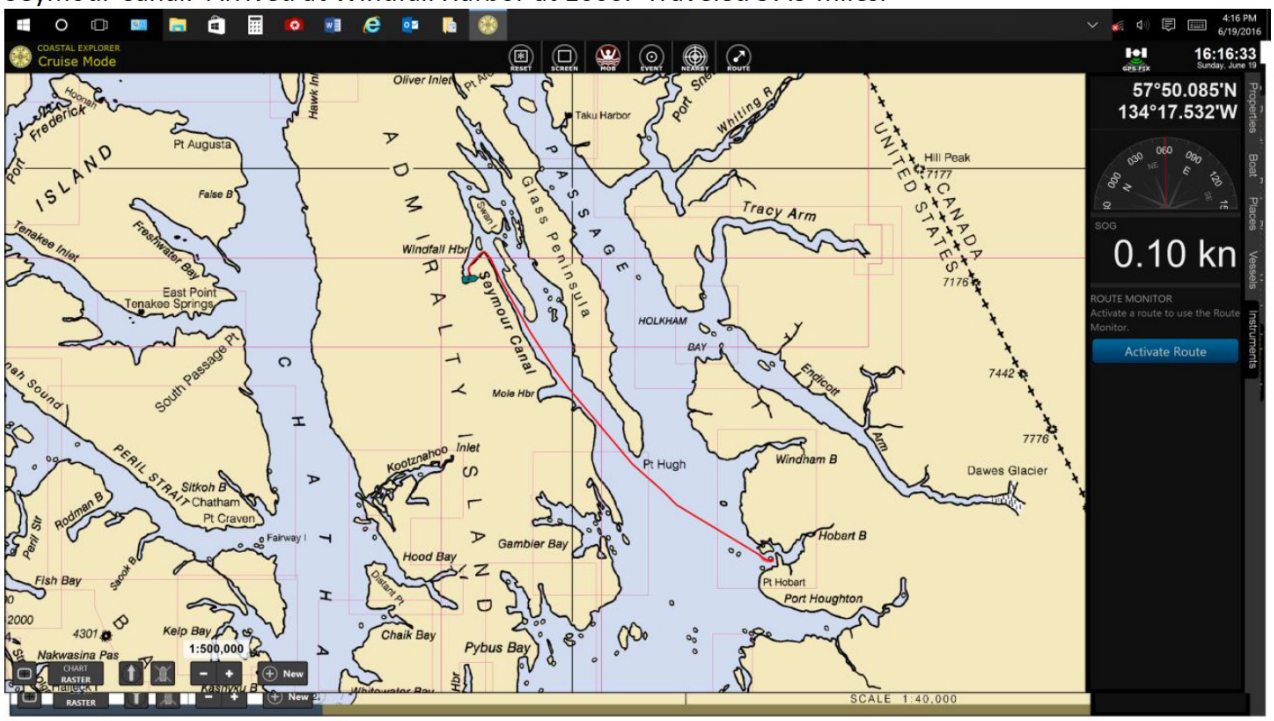


Day 49 June 18th

Went out and pulled the shrimp pots and had a good haul. Reset them again and toured in the skiff for a while. Pulled the pots again at 1930 and had another good haul.

Day 50 June 19th.

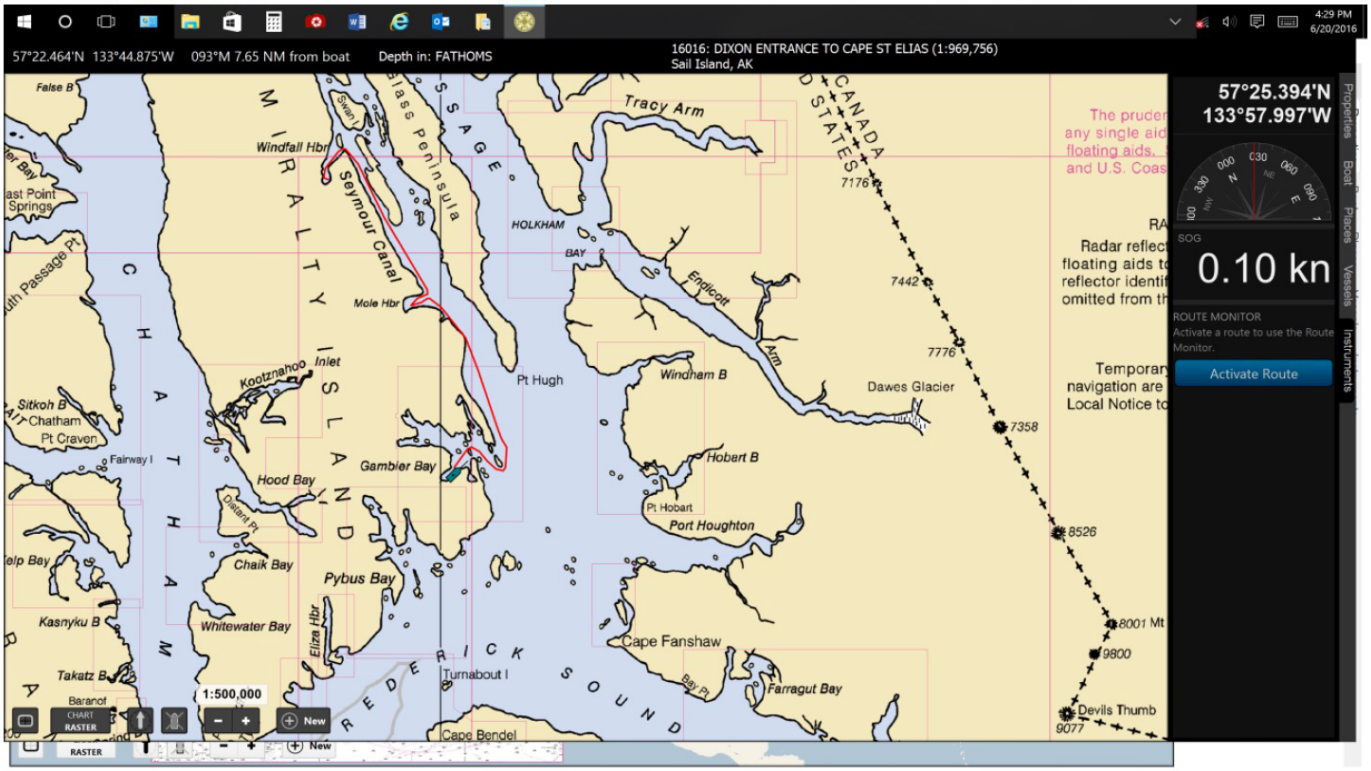
Pulled pots at 1030 and didn't have as good a haul as the previous two pulls. At 1100 we started out for Seymour Canal. Arrived at Windfall Harbor at 1600. Traveled 57.9 miles.



Day 51 June 20th

After watching a large bear for an hour we pulled anchor and headed out. The Seymour Canal was kind of snotty so we pulled into Mole Harbor and anchored for lunch. After pulling anchor we proceeded and the water got better and we pulled into Gambier Bay and anchored in Snug Cove.

Traveled 50.7 miles

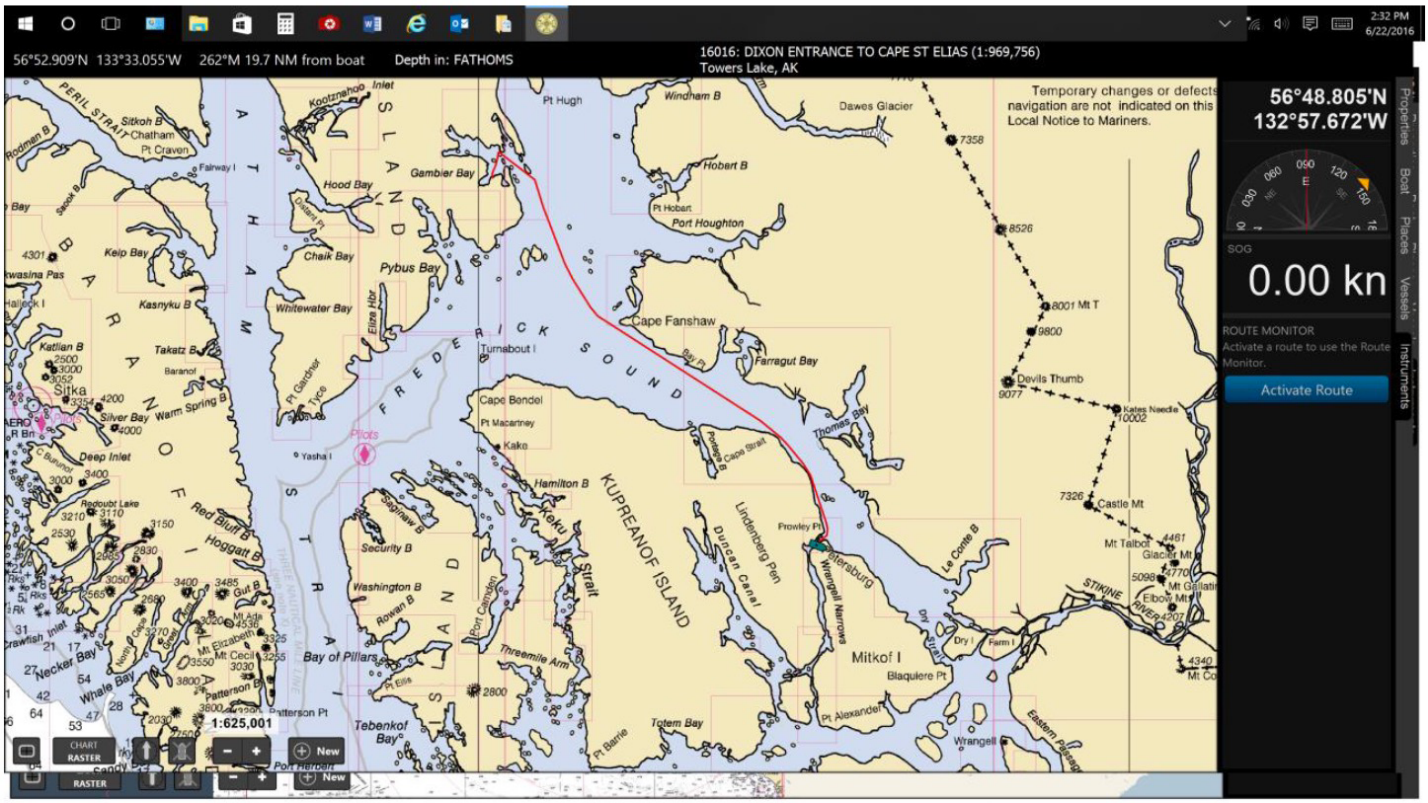


Day 52 June 21st

It rained all night and I put on rain gear and went and dug some clams. Set the pots and returned to anchor for the day with plans to pull them this evening. We plan on heading for Petersburg in the morning.

Day 53 June 22nd

Pulled anchor at 0700 and had good water to Petersburg. Lots of whales today. Reached Petersburg at 1430. Traveled 66.2 miles.



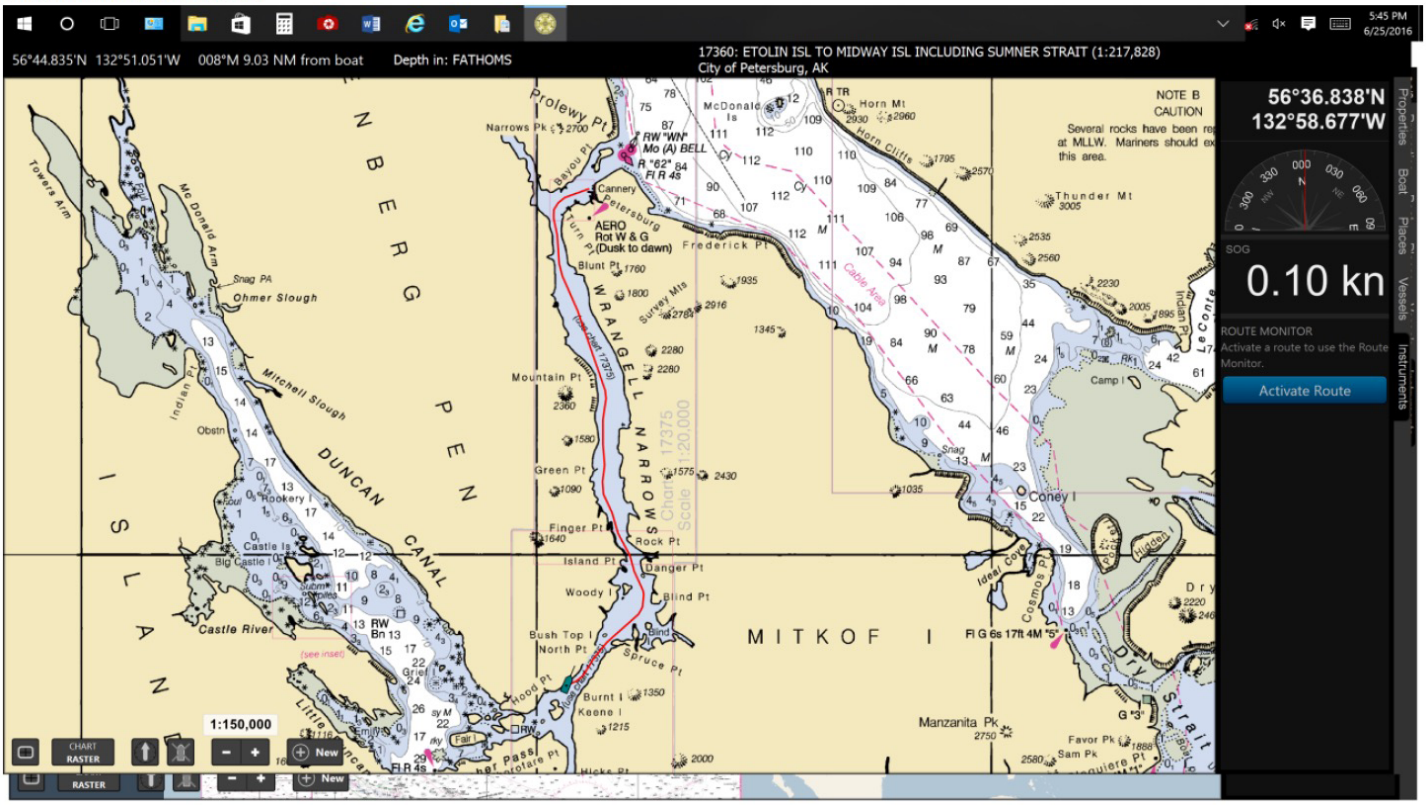
Day 54-55 June 23 and 24th.

Hung around Petersburg for two days. Had a real problem trying to get shore power here as the new system on the docks has too sensitive GFI's.

Day 56 June 25th

Rented a car and drove around Mitkof Island and then left Petersburg at 1430 for Bill Johansens house down Wrangell Narrows towards the south end of the narrows.

Traveled 16.0 miles



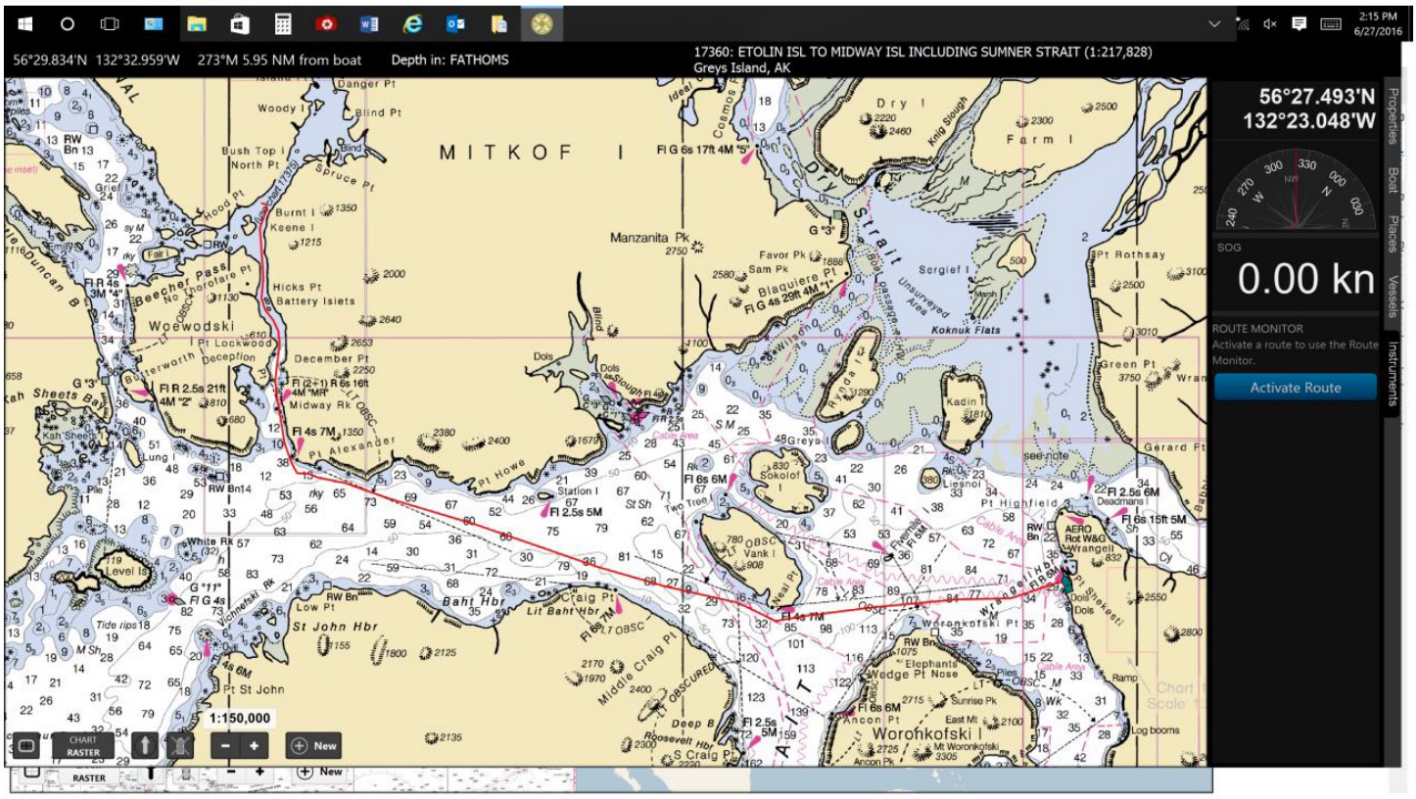
Day 57 June 26th

Spent the day at Bill and Ruth Johansen's house on the narrows. They are right across from Keane Island.

Day 58 June 27th

Left Bill's housearound 1030 and reached Wrangell at 1400. There was some thick fog outside of the narrows for about 2 miles.

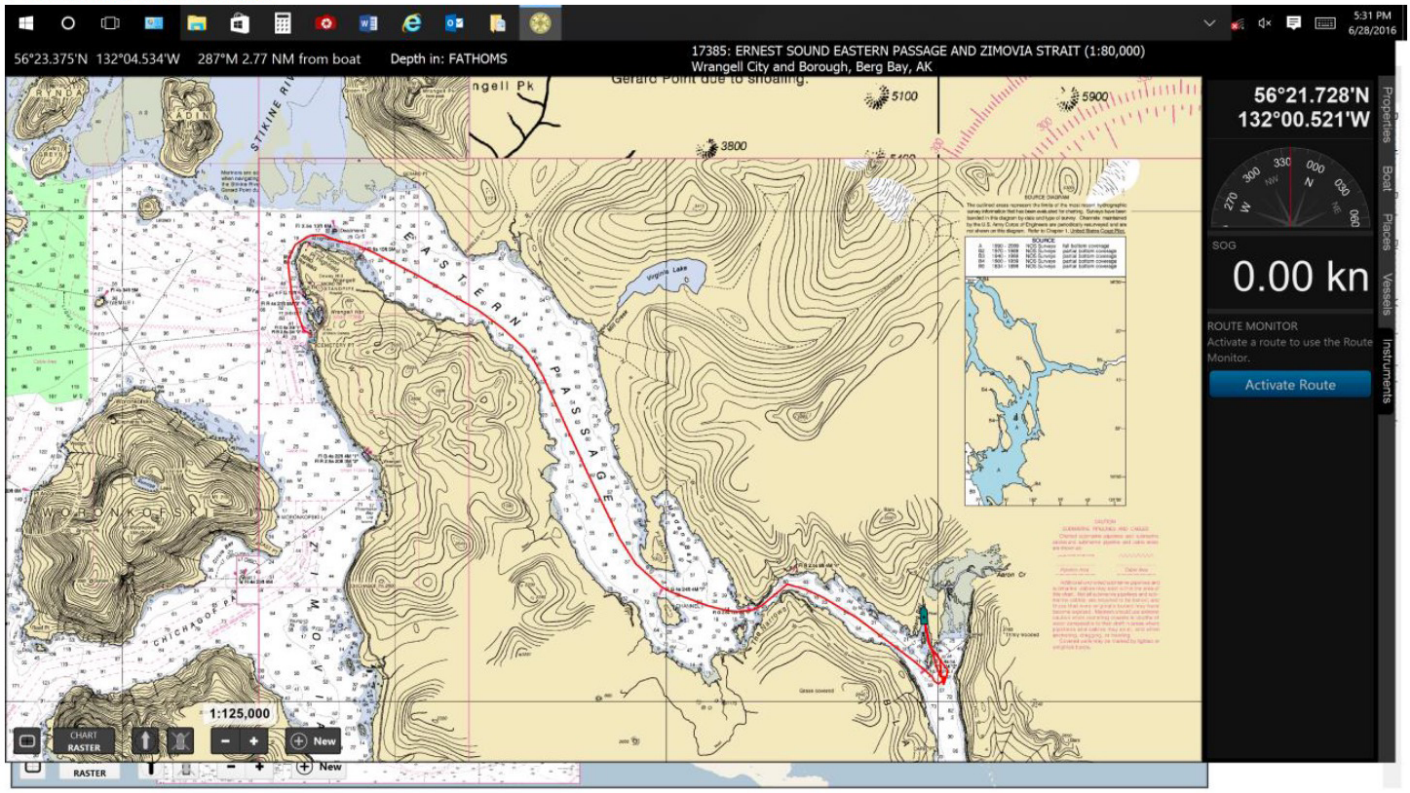
Traveled 29.0 miles



Day 59 June 28th

Left Wrangell at 0950 and set pots at Berg Bay at 1300. Picked pots at 1630 and there were very few shrimp. Anchored in Berg Bay at 1730.

Traveled 28.9 miles.



Day 60 June 29th

Got up this morning and pulled our pots and there wasn't much there. Returned to anchor and had breakfast and spent the morning and early afternoon reading and napping. After the tide changed we headed ashore to explore the forest service cabin and the trail to Bear Creek. After about a mile we turned back all the while eating berries that were ripe. Just as soon as we were back aboard and pulling anchor a terrible flash of lightning went off and it poured for 15 minutes. While we were pulling our pots there were several more instances of lightning and thunder. Again the harvest was meager. While returning back to our anchorage we noticed that the lightning had started a small fire just north of where we were. Called it in to the Coast Guard and don't know whether anything was done about it. When we went to bed it was still smoking.