



Afternoon Tea

7:50am Monday Aug 11th – With a beautiful day ahead we decided to backtrack south down Vancouver Island to Victoria. Another place we have never been in our own boat and it was fun navigating new grounds for the 20.43nm trip.

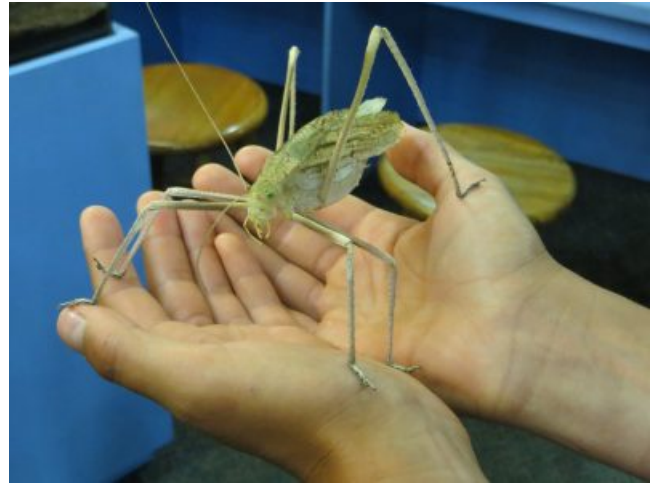
We will spend 2 nights here exploring the city. We were lucky enough to get dock space right in front of the Empress Hotel – A great setting right downtown.

The bug zoo was awesome and all the restaurants we went to were really good. After an hour of indecision on what backpack to get for school, Skylar finally picked one out at MEC (REI like store) happy with his decision.

We decided to splurge and do the afternoon tea at the Empress. At \$60 per person (\$30 for Ava) it seemed extremely overpriced and probably not the best quality food – but we still wanted the experience. Skylar thought it was absolutely stupid – “really, tea and crumpets” – and Ava had to be convinced by explaining she was going to be a little princess. She finally said, “Ok but I am NOT drinking the tea!”

Surprisingly it was really great food. A whole lunch actually – more than we could eat. The kids absolutely loved it and it

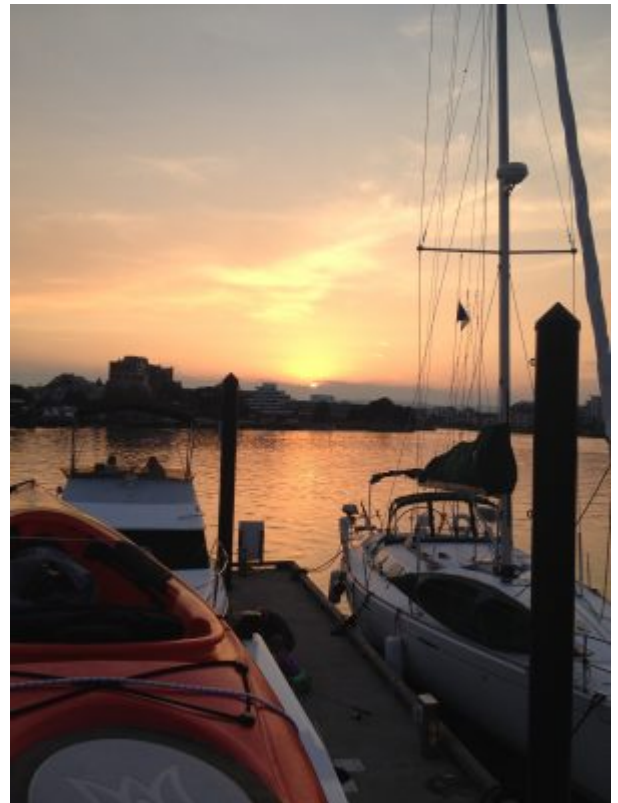
was an awesome experience for all of us.



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Tea Time!



The spread



Ava had her own special princess tower



Our boat with the Empress
Hotel in the background