



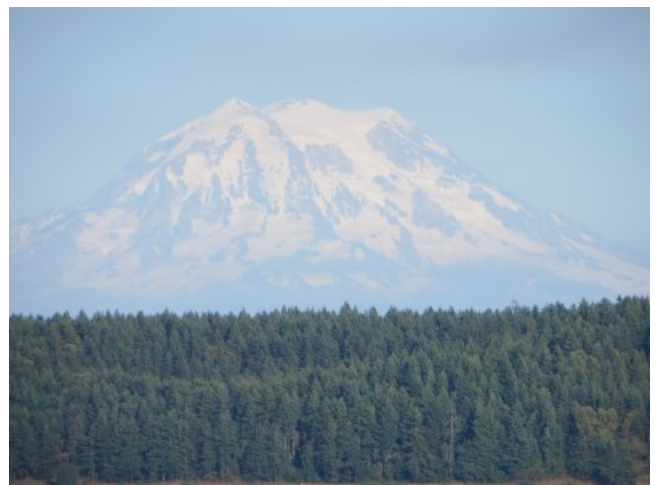
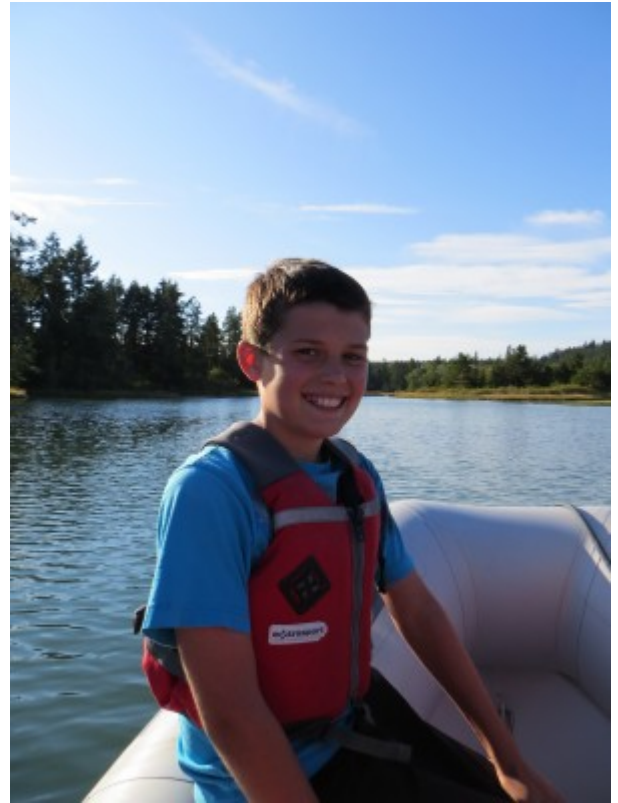
Day 1

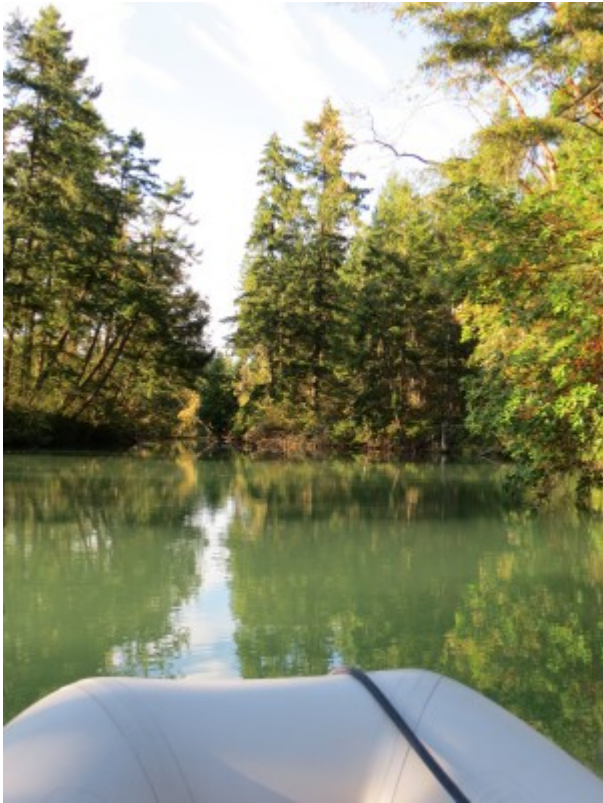
Day 1 of our 3 week family boating adventure. We left Tacoma Yacht Club at 1pm to hit the incoming tide through the narrows. Our destination today is the TYC outstation in Oro Bay on Anderson island. The tide gave us a nice push giving us an extra 3-4 knots in some places. We arrived at 2:40pm with 14.91 nautical miles under our keel. In true fashion with only 1 hour 40 minutes run time Julie still slept most of the way.

Our mission for the 2 nights at Oro bay is to catch as many crab as possible for the "Hinckley family fun" family reunion to be held this weekend at Pirates Cove in Allen. Upon arrival to the bay we didn't notice many crab pots. I thought crabbing this year was open Wednesday through Sunday but upon further investigation its actually Thursday through Monday. So much for getting a jump on the crabbing today.

The kids fished without much success at the dock. We had better luck trying out our new kayak! Skylar loved it! We also did some exploring in the bay with the dinghy. The north end of the bay has a really cool salt water lagoon that fills up with water at high tide. It feels more like going up a small river with wildlife all around.

Tomorrow crabbing starts early!







Preparation

We are currently preparing our new to us 2006 American Tug 34 for our first long cruise. Getting our new boat organized and ready to go is a lot of work! Sometimes I wish we could just throw all our crap onboard and take off with no worries. My brain doesn't work like that I guess! Everything must be organized and in its place.