

APRIL 19 - TO BC FERRIES & BEYOND

Well, our departure day has arrived, and guess what...it is raining lightly. This has been a very long, cold and wet winter. We are really happy that we are going south. Perhaps there is some sun there for us?!

We packed everything, said our goodbyes to Betty and Frank, and around 10:30 a.m., motored south to Duke Point for the 12:45 ferry. The electronic BCF sign south of Nanoose Bay indicated that overheights (us) was already 80% full. I wondered if that might cause us some grief, especially as the next sailing is at 3:15.

Ah, but the gods were smiling on us (well, maybe it helped that Jen flashed her BCF handicap card) and we were almost first on the ferry. After an uneventful passage (Are we there yet?!), we proceeded to the border. A few minutes later, we were driving south, in the US of A, on Interstate 5. The weather was overcast BUT it was not raining.

We had already decided that we were going to head for a rest area, south of Seattle, and overnight there.

The temperature reached 17C in the sunshine - WOW, this is what it's all about...we said to ourselves.

Getting through Seattle just around dinner time was not too bad. But south of Seattle, as darkness settled, the heavens opened up.

Turns out our rest area was further south than we remembered - Tumwater, actually, south of Olympia.

We pulled into the rest area, found a vacant lane, and settled down for the night, in the rain.

Hopefully tomorrow it won't be raining!