



# *The Voyage of the "Last Resort"*

## *Catalina 470*

*Sailed by: Richard & Sharon Drechsler*

*In 2006, after Richard survived Stage 3 cancer, we decided to pursue our dream of cruising. We've owned five Catalinas – two 30s, a 36 and a 38. We purchased a brand-new 470, the "Last Resort" just before shoving off for Mexico. I have had a love affair with Catalina Yachts for more than 25 years!*

*After stops in San Diego, Oceanside, Newport and Long Beach, we prepared for our 2200+ mile trip to Alaska. With over 1500 miles under the keel, we rounded Cape Flattery on May 6, 2008, heading towards the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Steep, choppy seas made for an uncomfortable ride, but we were greeted with beautiful vistas of towering mountains with cascading waterfalls and the joy of seeing our first eagle after arriving in the Pacific Northwest. We encountered uncharted rocks, turbulent currents, deadhead logs, violent gales, crab pots, glaciers, icebergs, humpbacks and grizzlies.*

*The more we sail our Catalina 470, the more we appreciate the strength and performance of this hardy yacht. As the sun sets on our Alaskan adventure, it rises on our next chapter. We'll stay in B.C. until the end of the 2009 summer, then head back to sea for our southbound journey.*



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