

ALASKAN 150TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Just when I thought the last SOF Overseas event to celebrate 150th anniversary had been held in Hamburg, I hear from Nick Carlton (G63-70) that a celebration was held in Alaskan waters on Saturday 8 August 2015.

Nick as many of you will know is a long standing captain with Princess cruises and is currently captaining Grand Princess. On board for this latest cruise was OF Bryan Pearson (S45-47) and his wife Celestine. Bryan is the only OF based in Hawaii and has cruised with Nick as captain a number of times.

They decided to have an impromptu lunch to celebrate the 150th Anniversary in what was fittingly called College Fjord, which is the northern sector of Prince William Sound. At latitude 61 degrees North this is definitely the most northerly of the 150th celebrations and in fact the most northerly OF event ever.

Below are a couple of pictures sent by Nick of the surrounding scenery



The lunch menu the Da Vinci Restaurant was anti-pasto, spaghetti and beef tenderloin – see pictures below



In what again must be a first, a special cake was also made by the onboard Italian Pastry Chef, Beniamino.



Here are a few photos of Bryan and Nick



Bryan and Celestine are onboard for two weeks until 15th August. Nick goes on leave on August 29th and will have seven weeks at home in Australia before returning Sapphire Princess in Japan. The Sapphire Princess will be sailing the Asia itineraries from China and Singapore until late January and Nick hopes to meet up with contemporary Chris Hall (G62-69) and others at some point.