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39 °F / 4 °C

Light Rain  
at 3:40 AM



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## Kachemak Voyager Trip, Seldovia to Seward

Photos and Story by Tom Keesecker



### Gore Point

So, here is the story of how to get an 86 foot ferry boat, the Kachemak Voyager from Seldovia to Seward in the middle of the winter, with about a 12 hour weather window to operate in, and be able to come back and write the story of the trip.

First you have to pick a crew for the trip. Luckily we had Josie Carlough and he knows the boat and the water, so that takes care of that. Next we really only needed some people that could shovel all the snow off the boat, untie the boat, tie up the boat, and try to help Josie. For that we got Chance Collier, Leo Barlow and me, Tom Keesecker.

We met at the boat at 5:30 AM on the 9th of November, and there was about 15 inches of fresh snow on the boat and still snowing. The snow removal crew started their work. By 6:30 we had her cleaned off and were on our way.

We pulled away from the dock and maneuvered out of the harbor and that is when it got interesting for me. You can't see anything on November 9th at 6:30 AM in a BLIZZARD in Seldovia bay. IT IS BLACK OUT THERE. I now really have a great respect for the ship captains that have to operate out on the seas in bad weather conditions. And I thought I was a captain, well there is a difference between passing a test and testing yourself, I can tell you that now. Kachemak bay was supposed to be 2-foot seas, NOT, it was about 6 feet and you could not see them coming. So we just bumped along and made our way around the end of the peninsula. By the time we got to Point Adams it calmed down, quit snowing and started to get light. All of a sudden things got much better and we made the rest of the

trip just enjoying the scenery. The pictures below show how beautiful this trip can be, if the seas are kind.



**God Speaking to us**



**Gulf of Alaska**



**Misty Fjords**



**Sea Lions on No Name Island**



**Resurrection Bay and Seward in the distance**

All in all it was a great trip and there is something that we learned along the way. It is harder to get to Anchorage from Seward than it is to get to Seward from Seldovia. We had to have a shuttle service come from Anchorage to get us, and take us back to Anchorage. It was a very long day, but the boat is in Seward safe and sound waiting to be pulled out of the water and inspected.

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