



The Voyage of the "Alaskan Poor Boy" Catalina 36 Sailed by: Mike Gartland

Mike Gartland is a native of Alaska. He has a quiet, unassuming manner in the tradition of Joshua Slocum and is as accomplished in the realm of bluewater cruising as we have seen. Having cruised almost exclusively single handed, he is a most capable seaman, self sufficient and has proved able to handle any situation he has encountered. This cruise took Mike from Alaska to Zihuatanejo, Mexico up to Puerto Vallarta, then west to the Marquesas Islands, to Tahiti, then Bora Bora, west once again to New Caledonia, south to Auckland, New Zealand, and back to Tahiti. From Tahiti Mike cruised to the Hawaiian Islands stopping at Hilo and Oahu before heading east to Port Hardy, B.C. From there Mike headed back to Seward Alaska. The next leg of his trip took him first to San Francisco then San Diego, south to La Paz and Labo San Carlos, Mexico. From there to Costa Rica, through the Panama Canal and north to Cancun. He then cruised to Key West, Ft. Lauderdale then up the Intercoastal Waterway to Annapolis Maryland. Mike is a regular at the Catalina Rendezvous and boat shows both on the east and west coasts. He plans to cruise indefinitely aboard his Catalina 36.



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