

Maritime Trip Day 15 September 06, 2010 57 degrees F, sunny and very windy

What a beginning to the day—ice cold water in the shower—brrrrrrr and we got to pay for the water! We left in Wayne's coach to drive to the Bay of Fundy and Hopewell Rocks about an hour from our campground. It turned out to be a lovely sunny, cool day with lots of wind (maybe remnants of Hurricane Earl). It was a scenic drive all the way. We went first to Fundy National Park arriving at 10:00—nearly high tide. At this point, the Bay, the rocks and the Flatlands are flooded. We walked around and took pictures from our high vantage point. We will come back when the tide is out (\*\*More to come).

Next we drove on the Fundy Coastal Drive with many winding, upward curves to the Cape Enrage Interpretive Center—a nonprofit site with an old lighthouse, marsh, and a fabulous restaurant called Calm Fundy's Cape Enrage Wild. The chef (Jeremy Wilbur) was trained at the Canadian Culinary Institute and really showed off his stuff. He used only local, fresh ingredients! The twisted Caesar salad was grilled and the house salad contained figs, candied walnuts and blueberries on local greens! Wayne and Bill had pheasant pie, Lorene had Lobster mac & cheese, and I had Scallop Ravioli. We shared white chocolate bread pudding with whiskey sauce and tea! It was a fine, gourmet meal.

Further along the coastal drive (water views at every turn!), we stopped at the Waterside Farms Cottage Winery where they specialized in blueberry and rhubarb wines. We all bought some after tasting! The farm house was built in 1790 in Nova Scotia and brought over across the ice in the early 1900s! It is still in the same family, although it was first a store/living quarters and later moved further back on the property to just be a family house.

Then on to Alma when the tide was going out—see the boat pictures to get the true perspective! The tide rushes out and drops 40-47 feet! Many boats are high and dry. The fishing fleet must plan carefully before going out to check their lobster and crab traps or they will get in trouble!

\*\*Back to the National Park to again take pictures—47 foot drop now exposes the Hopewell Rocks. This is an unbelievable sight! Bill was the only one who went all 97 steps down to actually walk out onto the ocean floor and take pictures! His shoes got all muddy and he had to hose them off but it was well worth it as the photos will attest! Back at the campground for a light bite dinner, dessert and tea. All in all quite a wonderful day.