

Sarah Outen Returns to Finish "Around the World" Journey



Sarah Outen (right) and her rowing partner Justine Curgenven

It's hard to believe, but Sarah Outen is back on Adak preparing to finish her "round the world" tribute journey to her father. It was just 7 months ago that Sarah rowed her way into Adak from Japan, barely able to walk after spending several months on the seas alone, rowing.

Sarah is stoked to be coming back to Adak. Although daunted by the enormity of the kayaking leg – over 1,000 miles to Homer along the Aleutian chain, Sarah says she is looking forward to the challenge. "I know we will be treated to some amazing experiences and sights as we journey east, although we are well aware of the challenges, conditions, weather and remoteness too. The one thing we can be sure of is that it will be an adventure."

Once in Homer, Sarah will be hopping on her bike pedaling across Canada and the US to the Atlantic Ocean, where her boat will be waiting for the trip across the Atlantic to England.

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**Council News**

**City Council Seeks Appointee to fill Seat 3-C:** Seat 3-C, previously held by Doug Newman, has been vacated by the City Council. The Council is looking for persons interested in an appointment to the seat, until the local elections are held in October. The City Council meets once a month on the third Wednesday at 5pm, with a workshop held on Tuesday before the monthly meeting at 12:00pm. If you are interested in serving on the City Council, please sign up at City Hall.

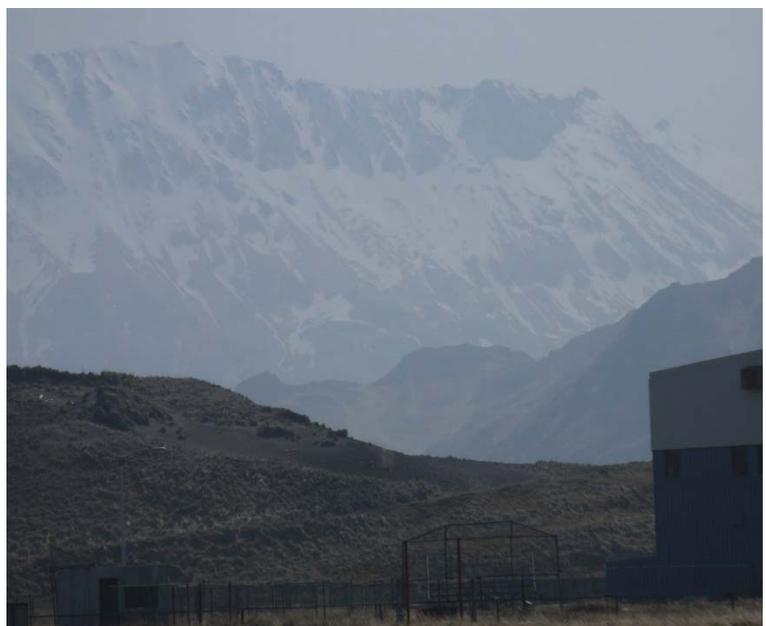
**City Council backs formation of Recreation Committee:** The City of Adak is seeking volunteers to participate on a "Recreation Committee". The Recreation Committee will plan and implement events and recreational activities for the citizens of Adak. All volunteers are welcome. Please sign up at City Hall.

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Weather Mystery on Adak

Monday April 28, Adak residents woke up to smoke filled skies and haze. The eerie appearance of the skies, were further enhanced by a strange wind. The sun was actually shining and it was not raining, otherwise we might not have been aware of the anomaly. City Manager Layton Lockett put in a call to the State Emergency Coordination Center, who further reached out to other government agencies.

The National Weather Service called at 1:30 pm stating they were still searching for a cause to the conditions. While they have high resolution satellite imagery, they were not able to see Adak or the other western islands through the cloud cover. Interesting, it was sunny here. In the meantime, the very next day Adak experienced gale force winds and lots of rain. Mystery is unsolved.



The mountains behind a vale of unexplained smoky haze

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**T-Shirts for Sale \$7 each Benefits the new Recreation Committee**

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| "2011 Adak Polar Dip 4 <sup>th</sup> of July" | sizes: | L-4  | XL-3 | XXL-6         |
| "2012 Adak Polar Dip 4 <sup>th</sup> of July" | sizes: | L-1  | XL-2 | XXL-7         |
| Plain T Shirts (Gildan) Colors                | sizes: | S-10 | M-7  | XL-6<br>XXL-6 |



What's everyone smiling about?!?!

Find out for yourself on Saturday morning (3 May) in Ms. Molly's classroom

- ~ Meet Debbie Center ~
- ~ Learn more about her World of Harmony Music program ~
- ~ Join the preschoolers for a short zither lesson at 10:00 am ~
- ~ Enjoy an informal performance on piano by Debbie afterwards ~

As you may have read previously in our newsletter, ARSD received enough money through grants and community donations to start a small music program at the Adak Public School. Debbie Center, the music teacher will be in Adak this weekend. The public is invited to join her and the pre-schoolers for a short zither lesson and informal performance on the piano, Saturday, May 3, 10 am in Miss Molly's class. See you there!

L) Juliana Rizo, Debbie Center, Adrien Diaz  
Ramzes Penitani, Luis Vieyra, Kaeson Saelee

IT'S SPRING CLEAN UP TIME



**SATURDAY MAY 31, 2014**

**9:00am – 3:00pm, WEATHER PERMITTING**

**Movie Night with Chief Tannehill 6:00pm**

(Bags available at City Hall, please take bags to public dumpster. No metals or household goods)

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- May 3 - Music Presentation Adak School, 10am
- May 10 – Adak School 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Prom
- May 11 – Mother's Day
- May 17 – Graduation
- May 21 – City Council, Council Chambers
- May 26 – Memorial Day, City Offices Closed
- Flag Raising Veterans Memorial 9:00am
- Memorial Day BBQ/ Pot Luck 4pm at the Community Center
- May 31 – Spring Clean-up 9am – 3pm, Movie Night With Chief Tannehill 6pm



## Return of the *Tiglox*

The Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge's 120' ship R/V *Tiglox* is back in Homer after a stint in the 100-year-old Lake Union Dry Dock in Seattle this winter. In a couple of weeks we'll load her up and she'll begin her westward voyage, dropping off field camp crews and gear along the way. Her first visit to Adak is scheduled for 23 May, and she'll be in and out a number of times throughout the summer. Stop and say hi to Captain Billy Pepper, newly promoted First Mate John Faris (below), and the rest of the crew!

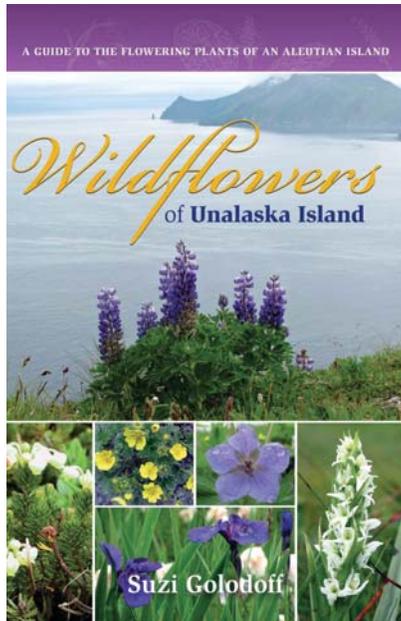


## Adak Office: Open for Summer!

The Refuge's Adak office (146B Sandy Cove) is open from May through September. Please call before visiting, as we may be out mowing, cleaning, caulking, or working in the lab, but will happily open the visitor center and answer questions upon request. If you would rather just drop by, 9 am is the best time, as someone will always be in the office for morning radio call with the field camps, seven days a week. Best numbers to call: 592-2406 (rings at both the office and lab) or 299-4709 (Lisa's cell).

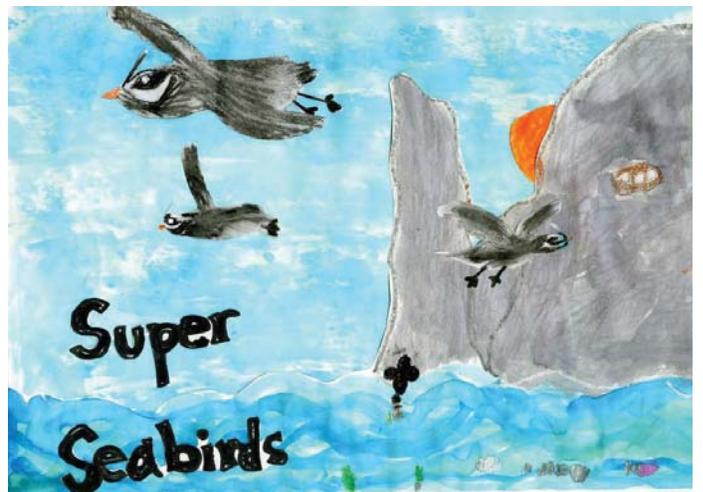
## Research in the Aleutians

There will be lots of stuff happening this summer in the Refuge's Aleutian Islands Unit. Refuge projects include seabird surveys conducted from the *Tiglox* (Near Islands), seabird monitoring field camps (Aiktak and Buldir), introduced species investigation (Kagalaska), and Formerly Used Defense Sites surveys (Great Sitkin and Kiska). The Refuge will also support partners' projects, including eruption studies (Kasatochi), seismic equipment maintenance (Gareloi and Amchitka), auklet research (Gareloi and Buldir), murrelet studies (Adak), aerial and ship-based sea lion monitoring (throughout the chain), sea otter surveys (Adak, Kagalaska and Little Tanaga), bottom trawl surveys (throughout the chain) and archaeological work (Kiska). Additional projects will take place on the Refuge but independent of our support. Two websites to check out for more information are: 1) the Aleutian Islands Working Group's blog, which features a monthly article highlighting ongoing projects and recent discoveries, and 2) Aleutian and Bering Sea Islands Landscape Conservation Cooperative, which includes links to many Refuge reports, among other myriad things.



## Get Ready for Wildflowers

Summer is just around the corner, accompanied by Adak's glorious mantle of wildflowers. The only photo guide to Aleutian wildflowers (Suzi Golodoff's *Wildflowers of Unalaska Island*) has just been reissued in a second edition, available from University of Alaska Press. We have one copy at the office you can consult, but if you are interested in identifying flowers in the field, this is a great resource.



## Super Seabirds, Super Kids!

*Aleutian students sweep statewide calendar contest!!!*

Aleutian kids were the big winners in the annual Migratory Bird Calendar contest, sponsored by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife

## Cool Creatures in the Auklet Pukes

A couple of neat things were lurking amidst the thousands of copepods and euphausiids in crested auklet diet samples analyzed in Adak this month. Cutest of all were some tiny amphipods (*Themisto pacifica*) like the ones being brooded by their mum in the photo below (photo by Ori Badajos/KBRR), and creepiest were the crab zoea: even truncated, their long spines look formidable! The fellow at far right is a member of the Oregoniidae family, which includes Tanner and snow crab.



Service in the hope that through art, students will learn more about the birds around them. Half of the 24 winners in a statewide contest attracting over a thousand entries were from the Aleutian region, and Adak had eight winners from a school of only 25 students. The winning entries from Adak included Grand Prize Literature: Sienna Hines; Literature winners: Esperanza Diaz, Logan Hines, Erik Nieves, Luis Nieves and Augie Bennett; Poster winners: Adrien Diaz (poster shown above), Luis Nieves (maybe the first person to win for both poster and poem in the same year!) and Ramzes Penitani. Congratulations to our students and their teachers! You will see your work published in the 2015 calendar.