

THE TENDERS
32 R 3C
by Geri Stuart, June 2011
Tune: "Soldier's Joy"

- Bars**
- 01-08** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd couples dance a Promenade (all 3 couples dancing in on bar 01, instead of stepping out to ladies side).
- 09-16** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd couples dance a Grand Chain with 1st and 2nd couples keeping left hand on their own side to finish facing the direction they were dancing.
- 17-20** 1st and 2nd couples ½ turn by left hand (3rd man turns to join right hand) and all 3 couples balance in line.
- 21-24** 1st and 3rd couples ½ right hand turn (right shoulder back so all couples face in) and all 3 couples set.
- 25-32** 1st couple set, dances in (see notes) and up to the top and cast one place, 3rd couple step down on bars 27-28.
Repeat, having passed a couple. (See notes)

Notes: At the end of their 2nd time, 1st couple cast to the bottom, the 4th couple stays in 3rd place (no step down). On bars 25-32, more experienced dancers may set; set advancing, then dance up and cast one place.

Tune: "Soldier's Joy" was played in Alasdair Fraser's workshop.

Written during the inaugural Celtic Music Cruise, Alaska 2011. A ship's tender is a boat used to service a ship, generally by transporting people and/or supplies to and from shore or another ship. With their continual service they were performing a dance of their own on the water.