

# Stabilizers? Of Course!

The 102-foot MY Shalimar is one of 8 pilot vessels introduced to the U.S. market recently by Baron Yachts of Germany. It was a show stealer at the Ft. Lauderdale International Boat Show in Florida.

There was a lot to drool over. It's beautiful sleek design with walk around decks. It's sleek cruising speed of 24-28 knots; a 14,000 liter fuel capacity, split level master suite and 6 guest cabins with marble bathrooms, fabulous dining and salon, heavy teak decking, the 240 degree view from wrap around windows, all exclusively designed and equipped for maximum comfort, and much, much more.

Nothing was spared in the way of electronics for navigation, security, or entertainment. Luxury and comfort were everywhere and it seemed no detail had been left unattended. Except for: roll fin stabilizers. With a price tag of over \$6M the comfort and protection provided by roll fin stabilizers seemed a no-brainer. So the first change the buyer, Andy Lahka of Seattle, made was the addition of high quality, reliable stabilizers to ensure the comfort of his family and other passengers. He purchased the boat conditioned on the installation of stabilizers.

Next came the search for the right stabilizers. "We won the bid not on price but on performance, immediate availability and quick installation," said WESMAR dealer Joe LaFauci of Cable Marine in Ft. Lauderdale. His company was also able to support other marine vendors and products on the vessel, which was also an influence in the owner's decision. "I knew that WESMAR could supply me

with the heavy duty RS932 dual cylinder actuator model stabilizer with 9 square foot fins on short notice and that they will perform exceptionally well," said LaFauci. He said he also knew from past experience that vessel's with incredible speeds could benefit from WESMAR stabilizers performance at top end speeds.

"The sea trial went so well we didn't even have to pull out a screwdriver," said LaFauci, who personally oversaw everything. "Captain Wolfgang was on board for the first sea trial of the stabilizers, which were completed ahead of a very tight schedule requested by the owner.

"The speed of the boat varies with the amount of fuel and water on board. The builder was on board and must have been more than slightly amazed that the WESMAR stabilizers had such little affect on the speed of the boat and added such extreme comfort. It was an excellent sea trial.

"The Captain was very pleased with the operation of the stabilizers and particularly with the advanced electronics including the sensitivity and trim control features," said LaFauci.



102' BARON	
Length overall	102' 31 m
Beam	22.5' 6.8 m
Draft	5.5' 1.7 m
Net Weight	82 tons
Cruising Speed	24 knots
Maximum Speed	28 knots
Engines	2 x MTU 16 V 2000 Mg1 1471 kW/2000hp
Fuel Capacity	14,000 litres
Water Capacity	2,000 litres

