

## Stabilizer Customer Report

# Stable, Rugged 43 Foot Passage Maker Rides Smoother with New Low Profile Stabilizers

Dick and Stephanie Johnson purchased their Selene 43' Passage Maker for its stable, sturdy design. "We wanted something we could travel further on, including a second cruise to Alaska this summer."

The Selene has a round bilge forward, which turns into flat sections aft, a feature that provides excellent fuel economy with the added advantage of more stability at sea, and at rest.

They named their yacht the RTurn and it is a beauty. With clean lines, two charming staterooms, 2 heads, a comfortable salon, full galley, a pilothouse loaded with electronics, and a spotless engine room, it is any boater's dream. But like most vessels its size, it did not come with roll fin stabilizers and fortunately, space provisions were provided by the boat manufacturer.

So when WESMAR introduced their new Low Profile stabilizer, the first in the industry designed for boats under 50 feet, Johnson saw it as an opportunity to make his already comfortable boat even more comfortable.

The Johnsons live in Sequim, Washington, a charming community on the Straits of Juan de Fuca. "Whenever we use the boat, we cross the Straits and encounter beam seas from the West in the summer and from the SE in the



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winter. That's the main reason I installed the stabilizers," said Johnson. He has not been disappointed.

"On our sea trial with the stabilizers, returning from La Conner to our marina in Sequim, I hit a steady 20-knot wind on the beam and didn't roll a bit. There is a chair in the salon with wheels on it, and normally I have to lay it down during the crossing. It didn't move an inch."

When he hit Deception Pass (west of LaConner), a turbulent area full of whirlpools, he tested them further by deliberately heading into a couple of the whirlpools. "Usually I try to avoid them, but this time I swung into them and the boat

did not roll at all!"

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Neither technology, nor boat handling, are new to Johnson, retired Boeing executive who was Director of Engineering for the 747 and 767 airplanes. This is his fourth boat and the pilothouse of the RTurn is filled with electronics and controls including an impressive array of above and below water navigation equipment.

