

## Stabilizer Customer Report

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*Puget Sound Yacht Service recently installed WESMAR’s new RS350 stabilizer system, part of WESMAR’s new Low Profile stabilizers on a 47-foot Bayliner, the Minuet, owned by Gordon Shastko of Enumclaw.*

I thought the best sea trial conditions for roll fin stabilizers and bow thrusters would be a windy, stormy day with seas kicking at 4 to 6 feet. Then the effects of the stabilizers would be dramatic and the power of the thrusters obvious. But the day of the first cruise to test and adjust the new WESMAR stabilizer fins and bow thruster on the 47-foot Bayliner, the MY Minuet, the weather was overcast with little wind. Even so the results were impressive.

When we left the dock on this Friday in mid May the waters outside the Edmonds Marina were calm and the sky was slightly overcast. It would be difficult to find turbulence. Several onlookers watched as the WESMAR thrusters pushed us cleanly away from the dock. The boat has a 20 knot cruising speed, but we took her down to 12 to set the trim, a valuable feature on WESMAR units that allows the operator to compensate for the vessel’s natural list with a simple adjustment right on the control panel in the wheelhouse.

Once the trim was adjusted we were traveling straight and firm in the water, under the power of the twin Cummins 370s and prepared



*Puget Sound Yacht Service owner, Paul Waits and Ryan King, technician, do a wide range of electrical and mechanical installations such as heating systems, water-makers, davits, and gen sets.*

for just about any weather conditions. A Washington State Ferry helped by leaving a wide wake as she passed. But with the stabilizers we hardly noticed. They did their job. Next we worked our way through turbulence created by our own figure 8s. The difference between when the stabilizers were on and off during the figure 8s was dramatic but simple. Dramatic because they immediately took the roll out of the boat. Simple because the whole operation was simply to turn them on, notice the smooth ride, turn them off, roll around. Ryan King, technician for Puget Sound Yacht Service, was on board. His description of the WESMAR performance on the MY Minuet and the three other installs

he’s been involved with: “(With the WESMAR) it’s like riding on railroad tracks. A straight, ride with only short sways.”

The WESMAR 13.5 hp 24-volt bow thruster did its job with great ease as well. As we arrived back at the dock, Captain Waits pulled right along side with such precision and ease. Stepping off the transom onto the dock was like stepping out the front door of your home onto the sidewalk.

