

Stabilizer Customer Report

Experienced Captain Prefers WESMAR Stabilizers 1,500 Mile Trip Turbulence Free!

With more than 10 years of experience under his belt and over 50,000 miles at the helm of various yachts along the Atlantic coast, Captain Mark Mitchell is familiar with trips through rough seas. He is particularly familiar with Grand Banks model vessels. Growing up in the mid-Atlantic region, Mitchell began operating these popular yachts at a young age on Chesapeake Bay. "My father had 3 Grand Banks over the years," says Mitchell. "They were all fantastic boats. They had a tendency to roll, but we never envisioned a roll fin stabilizer making much of a difference in rough seas."

We met with Mitchell after he finished a 1,500 mile trip from Oxford, Maryland, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on a 49' Grand Banks. The Caroline had just been equipped with a WESMAR electronic gyro roll fin stabilizer. "This stabilizer is a tremendous improvement," says Mitchell. "I have been running boats along this route for 10 years and I have never experienced such a comfortable trip. I was skeptical before we left Maryland, but the WESMAR unit handled all conditions, beam seas, wide seas, ...everything! My dad would really be amazed."

"There are two things about the WESMAR unit that make it supe-



Captain Mark Mitchell experienced a comfortable ride for a change while operating the 49' Caroline, equipped with a WESMAR roll fin stabilizer, along the Atlantic Coast.

rior to every other stabilizer I have ever seen," added Mitchell. "First of all, these systems have a smoother response to the approaching waves, the fin action is not as abrupt. Secondly, in the engine room, the WESMAR unit does not take up much space. It is an added bonus when you can add equipment to a boat in an efficient manner."

After we were done speaking with Mark he had to leave to rendezvous with an owner of a

yacht who wanted him to operate his yacht from Florida to the Bahamas. He did not appear excited about the journey.

"Between you and me," said Mitchell, "I wish this boat had a WESMAR roll fin stabilizer. I am not looking forward to this trip without one."

