

Stabilizer Customer Report

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“Very few products live up to their expectations. The WESMAR stabilizers do. They are the most indispensable product on our boat,” said Michel Sequin, owner/ captain of the Motoryacht Lady Barbara, a 50-foot Hatteras classic. “I will never again own a boat that is not stabilized.”

“The stabilizers are without a doubt the greatest asset on the boat.” The Sequin’s 1966 Hatteras has undergone an extensive refit, which entailed outfitting the yacht with the latest in electronics and other equipment. “Back up generators, satellite tracking communication system, computerized navigational system and the like are all valuable features on the boat; however, to do it again the stabilizers would be the first item that I would add. We’ve averaged an investment of between \$100,000 and 120,000 a year since we bought her 10 years ago.”

Sequin is a builder in Florida, and he and his wife, Barbara, cruise summers in the Chesapeake and frequently winter in the Bahamas. They are not strangers to the turbulent waters in the Atlantic or to the Nor’easters that can blow almost as fiercely as hurricanes. Now that the vessel is stabilized, they can prudently expand on their criteria for acceptable cruising weather. More importantly, the Sequins say, for those times that the weather does not live up to the forecast, they are able to navigate with greater safety and comfort.



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Sequin has had the WESMAR stabilizers for a year now. He purchased them after seeing them at the Ft. Lauderdale Boat Show, and he and Barbara did the installation. “They’re easy to install. We took our maiden voyage with them before Christmas last year in Chesapeake Inlet off Cape Hatteras in a 25-30 knot Nor’easter. Nothing moved around, the furniture didn’t go flying; things were not disturbed in the cupboards, everything remained stable and in its place.

“Now she tracks in a straight line so I’m not having to overcome with the rudder system. We set the fins slightly outward and that

gives me lift, and since they are installed at mid ship it gets us out of the water. My speed has increased about 15% because of the better tracking, and my fuel economy has improved by 10%.”

Sequin is quick to compliment the WESMAR factory. “We’ve had very good service and support from the WESMAR technical people and the manual that comes with the system is very thorough.

The Lady Barbara is filled with elaborate additions and options and Michel, a mechanical engineer, is no stranger to electronics or electrical equipment. And he has been a boater for many years. He says the stabilizers are “Number 1.”

“We can be in 8 to 10 footers and never encounter seasickness and we are able to enjoy our trip in comfort.”

