

## Stabilizer Customer Report

# WESMAR Stabilizers 'Shock Absorbers' for Boats

"I wouldn't drive a car without shocks, and I wouldn't have a boat without stabilizers," said 55-year boater, Bob Hunt, about his WESMAR roll fin stabilizers. He installed them 10 months ago on the Hummingbird, his 52-foot raised pilothouse Bayliner motor yacht.

Bob and Carolan Hunt live in Cobbs Creek, Virginia (45 miles north of Norfolk), and spend about half their time cruising on the beautiful Hummingbird. And why not? They are retired, and the Hummingbird is extremely comfortable, with three luxurious staterooms, two heads, a full galley and entertainment center, watermaker, and generator set--all the comforts of home.

And now with WESMAR stabilizers they travel in even greater comfort, often in weather they previously avoided.

Barry's Marine Hydraulics (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) installed the stabilizers on the Hunt's boat. "He recommended they be installed in the master cabin, which is near the center of the boat to give me the best results. He did a good job and they work great. Thank you for a good product," said Hunt in an email to WESMAR.

Talking to the Hunts 10 months after the stabilizers were installed was enjoyable. They cruise in and around Chesapeake Bay, and each year head to the Bahamas from January through April where they travel the Exuma Islands south of Nassau.



*The 52-foot raised pilothouse Bayliner motor yacht is similar to the Hunt's Hummingbird.*

"The stabilizers make boating more enjoyable. We normally cruise at 8 knots, so we put the RS600's on because of the slower speed. If we cruised at a faster speed we could use a smaller size. The stabilizers keep the boat from rolling, it really helps. We use them 100% of the time in both the ocean and in the bay unless it's flat calm. You can control the boat better.

And we can cruise in weather we wouldn't otherwise be comfortable in. Ours is a high planing boat so in rough weather, the stabilizers enable me to go slower and avoid bumping around in rough water. If you plane the boat you can get rid of rough water, but with stabilizers

you can cut out most of the roll with them and not beat yourself going fast," explained Hunt.

"I'll never again have a boat without stabilizers, nor without bow thrusters (the Hummingbird is also equipped with a 10" WESMAR thruster).

Next year the Hunts plan to travel the Great Circle in Canada on Lake Ontario, Quebec and Montreal, a trip that will take them through 50 locks, each time having to pull snug against the seawall. The WESMAR bow thruster will be good for that.

