

Stabilizer Customer Report

Yacht Owner Cruises At His Own Speed Thanks to WESMAR Stabilizers

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When proud yacht owner Al Knupp recently reflected on his decision to install the most popular comfort tool for busy boaters, roll fin stabilizers, a pattern emerged. The more he spoke of his WESMAR stabilizer system, the more enthusiastic he became.

Knupp and his wife decided to add a WESMAR stabilizer to their exquisite 52-foot Taiwan-built Pilot House Motor Yacht, MV Plane to Sea, which is similar in design to an Ocean Alexander.

"After thirty years working in the marine industry and over forty years as a boater, I did a lot of research before selecting Wesmar," said Knupp. My industry contacts provided positive feedback...their design is simple and only limited maintenance is required."

Roll fin installation expert Michael McConville of Ocean Tech Marine Services in Wilmington, North Carolina, installed the stabilizer system in Mystic, Connecticut. "Al has been in the boating industry for 30 years and he and his wife Bette are very hands on," said McConville. "They operate and maintain the boat and the equipment themselves."

"One of the Wesmar selling points was the large fins of the RS600 designed to provide comfort at all speeds. As fuel prices continue to skyrocket (& hopefully we have more time in the future), we may choose to cruise at a leisurely and



economical 7-9 knots sometimes," said Knupp. "For that reason, I chose the 33% larger fins on the RS600's to provide more effective roll control at slower speeds."

Results have been spectacular. "Two things have surprised us: First is how much of a difference they make even in relatively calm seas. It's like we never realized the roll factor until it was all but eliminated. The second is how well they work even at these low speeds. I'm glad we opted for the 6- square foot fins."

"The stabilizers have worked flawlessly all season, resulting in the best boating season we've ever had," said Knupp. "Bette and I are both very pleased with their performance and the increased safety confidence they provide. Was it a major investment? Yes, but worth every penny."

Now the Knupp's are primed to expand their boating horizons. They even have future plans to do the "Great Loop" and some island-hopping in the Caribbean.

"From the notoriously nasty seas of Buzzard's Bay and the shallows of Nantucket Sound to the Atlantic waters off the New Jersey coast during several days of high seas warnings, we put them (the stabilizers) to the test this first season. We'll never own another boat without stabilizers."



Information for this report came originally from Paul Gunn, Northeast sales representative for Wesmar's New England Distributor, the Hope Group, out of Cranston, Rhode Island.

