

# Active Fin Stabilizers Make History on Longliner While Making Money for its Owner

When seasoned fisherman Bill Hammer of Pt. Townsend, Washington, installed Roll Fin Stabilizers on his 56-foot Longliner in May, he was hoping to improve his fishing operation. He was also making history for WESMAR, because it was the first known installation of an active fin stabilization system on a fishing vessel anywhere in the world.

For Hammer it's proved to be an outstanding business decision as he clicked through the reasons he would recommend WESMAR stabilizers to other fishermen. It...

- Saved fuel
- Saved time
- Improved safety for his crew
- Improved his product

All of which added to his profits.

Anyone longlining for Cod, Halibut, and Albacore can appreciate the value of stability and lift in rough waters. By maintaining full boat speed in rough weather conditions fishing boats are more efficient and safer, and, says Hammer, the boat is not awash with water causing the catch to slosh around in the fish hold, and crew to slip around on the decks. These reasons alone impressed him.

Fuel savings was a big item. He estimates in certain conditions a savings on fuel at between 10 and 15%. With the stabilizers he can back off his throttle 100-150 RPM and still



*The stately 56 foot Longliner Silver Lady became the first of her kind to use active stabilization roll fin stabilizers and owner Bill Hammer is happy with the results.*

maintain the original speed so his efficiency has increased. WESMAR was pleased that Hammer, a second-generation fisherman, who started fishing young with his father, and whose sons now fish with him, was willing to tell his story.

He likes the WESMAR RS1600, 16-square-foot system. The equipment worked 'fantastically' in Kodiak, and after fishing with stabilizers, he can't imagine operating without them. In fact he considers his stabilizers as valuable as his autopilot...an extremely strong endorse-

ment for a Longliner. For WESMAR, long a pioneering force in both the fishing and pleasure boat markets the report is not a surprise. WESMAR for 45 years a leading manufacturer of fish finding sonar, has watched fishing operations use WESMAR equipment to improve their fishing operations and add to their financial success. The company believes the roll fin stabilizers can now be of help as well to many of their commercial and sport fishing customers.



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