

WESMAR Stabilizers Increase Comfort and Catch

"I get fed on rough days now!" Captain Rodney McVicker jokes while explaining the difference his set of WESMAR 16 square foot roll fin stabilizers make on his 65-foot albacore longliner, the Sundancer. "The boat is a lot more comfortable," McVicker explains. Now even his wife will join him, thanks to the added stability and comfort, which means McVicker can enjoy a home-made meal from her on the boat, even in less than perfect boating conditions.

He and his crew fish for albacore on the West coast, specifically Oregon and Washington. The three month albacore season, running from the end of June to October, requires McVicker and his crew to constantly travel at sea each day. "We travel for weeks at a time," says McVicker.

A third generation fisherman, McVicker also reports that with more comfort comes a better catch. Formidable weather can make captains reluctant to travel to some fishing spots. However, the stabilizers have removed that reluctance and fishing has become more consistent with less down time. Other boat captains who have



The Sundancer is no longer held back due to rough seas. WESMAR stabilizers make life much easier for McVicker and his crew.

traveled with him observed that he does not roll around like they do.

Another benefit of the stabilizers is less fatigue for him and his crew. A less fatigued crew is important to overall production and safety, as well as crew morale.

Although McVicker installed stabilizers primarily for the albacore fishery, he also longlines for black cod and halibut. He learned about WESMAR stabilizers when Bill Hammer, owner of the Silver Lady, recommended them. McVicker is the second West Coast longliner

to add WESMAR stabilizers, leading the path to more stable and plentiful fishing.

McVicker confidently looks forward to future results. He says that when he has fished a full year with the stabilizers, he expects the returns to be even better.

