

# Bow and Stern Thruster Averts Anxiety Attacks

Couple finds their moorage manageable with WESMAR Thrusters

When Jay and Carol Sigafoos purchased their 50' Navigator, they found themselves in for more adventure than they bargained for... and without going far from the marina.

While they loved their slip on Lake Union for its beautiful view of Seattle, they found the space to be tight and the winds tricky. On occasion, "tricky" translated into "hairraising."

With chagrin, Jay tells the story of one April afternoon. "The wind kicked up while we were out and in our attempt to reenter the channel leading to our slip, we found ourselves blown broadside against the bows or sterns of three boats in the marina. All of our passengers got in the act of pushing us away. No damage was done to any of the vessels, but it was really scary!" Jay remembers that day as a turning point. "Carol said that all she wanted to do on future dockings was to go below, lay face down on the bunk with a pillow over her head, and wait to be told it was over. We agreed that we needed to find some way to put some calm and confidence back into boating."

Improving Segue's maneuverability was their first choice.

"I had seen thrusters on other vessels and decided to give it a



*This beautiful 50' Navigator was recently outfitted with a bow and stern thruster to aid its owners, Jay and Carol Sigafoos of Bellevue, WA, with tight quarters docking.*

try. We purchased a WESMAR bow and stern thruster for her and the difference is amazing. Now I can parallel park! They perform flawlessly and we've had no other close calls—even in heavy winds, currents and in tight spots like the Ballard locks. Having them has made boating what it should be by taking the stress of docking away. I can't imagine life without them."

The WESMAR thrusters have helped the Sigafoos' rediscover cruising and enjoy themselves again. After all, isn't that what boat owning is all about?

"I love the stern thruster as much as I love the bow thruster—they work nicely in tandem.

I'm retiring in three months and we're looking forward to spending a lot of time on our own personal Segue. With the thrusters taking the stress out of cruising, we're looking forward to it all the more."

