

“This New Vortex Thruster is Really Hot!”

When Vic Franck's Boat Company in Seattle recommends a product, people listen.

Their boats and service are legendary. It is no surprise that a company with a 7-decade reputation to protect would choose to recommend WESMAR bow thrusters. With 74 years of boat building and repair behind them they stand firmly by their motto: There is no substitute for experience.

WESMAR is also a pioneer in the marine equipment industry with 36 years of experience designing and building cutting edge electronic and mechanical equipment. They invented the dual propeller, counter rotating bow thruster that today is the industry standard. When they introduced the new, powerful Vortex design, Vic Franck's was one of the first companies to install one.

Ray Young, superintendent has been with Vic Franck's for 38 years, enough time to see and try many types of equipment. "I recommend the WESMAR," he said. "We installed a 12" counter rotating, dual prop Vortex on the M/Y Perfetto, and this design is really hot!"

We've been installing WESMAR bow thrusters for years; we're sold on them because they give us virtually no problems. The new Vortex puts out the power. The owners of the Perfetto, jokingly say it gives



The 57' M/Y Perfetto at dock in Seattle following the successful test of the WESMAR Vortex.

them 16 knots sideways.

They cruise to SE Alaska for 2-3 months each year and have traveled as far up as Skagway. Among the on-board guests are their 4 adult children, their spouses and 7 grandchildren. Safety is important to them. They aren't interested in jumping onto a dock to tie up anymore."

Vic Franck's experience is chronicled in the high quality commercial and pleasure craft they have built over the years, including the delivery of over 60 work boats to the US Army in World War II, the building of twin turbines with a top speed of 38 knots later on, and the wide selection of beautiful sloops, ketches, and luxurious cruisers that travel the NW waters today.

Today Dan Franck manages the company that his grandfather founded and his father expanded. His steady hand and knowledge reflect the extreme value of a third generation yacht builder.

The company still occupies its original space on Lake Union where they have 400 feet of dock space, a 100 ton dry dock, two sheds, one 113 by 20 feet and the other 125 by 90.

Young says their strength in the industry is partly due to the longevity of the employees, the family atmosphere they share, and the quality work and products they provide. "There is a core of employees who have been here over 20 years and some over 30 years."



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