

WESMAR Bow Thrusters Are: “High Quality and Simple To Install.”

Kevin Horn, American Boat Works, Clearwater, Florida

If you're looking for a finely crafted boat extension, structural repairs, or bulbous bow you would call the veteran marine craftsmen at American Boat Works in Clearwater, Florida.

If looking for a reliable installation of a WESMAR Bow Thruster, you can also call American Boat Works.

American Boat Works is a repair and refit contracting company doing custom composite, or major refits on vessels 40 to 60 feet.

They do additions, extensions, custom and composite construction, such as custom cockpit and swim platform additions updating vessels with Eurostyle design or a fishing cockpit, or the addition of a bulbous bow. American recently converted a 75 foot Viking with a Eurostyle extension that included storage lockers, a spiral staircase, new paint and a WESMAR bow thruster.

To a DeFever they added a cockpit, new paint, new teak caprail and a new teak entertainment center. She arrived as 53 feet and left as 61 feet. They accomplish this unique talent with 10 employees sometimes adding contract employees they have used in the past.



American Boat Works' bow thruster installation and bulbous bow addition on 52' DeFever.

They added a bulbous bow to Chuck Sprigg's 60-foot DeFever trawler.

"I particularly like the model DPC12Es for the 40-60 foot vessels we work on," says owner Kevin Horn. "They are high quality and simple to install. I took Chuck Spriggs to the IBEX show and he ordered one for his 60 foot DeFever, Turtle II, on the spot, after talking with WESMAR's Bob Sentz."

Chuck Spriggs lives on board his yacht 70% of the time. "We like our bow thruster very much. We were concerned as to whether the electric unit would have the power necessary for this boat, but we are very pleased. I'm impressed with the construction on WESMAR's thruster. It is heavier and more rugged than competitors I've seen. The install

was smooth."

The boat has been in Belize, Guatemala, the Virgin Island, Puerto Rico. Most of the time it is in Florida and the Bahamas. "We are very pleased," said Spriggs.

