

Thruster Customer Report

Vortex: The Power to Throw a Rooster Tail

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Cable Marine of Ft. Lauderdale, FL may be a little hard to impress. In business since 1977 as a full service boatyard handling restorations, installations and repairs, they have seen just about every new yachting product imaginable over the years. Even so, the new WESMAR Vortex thruster has caught their attention.

"We installed a V2-12E on the M/Y Dividend, a 65-foot Hatteras that cruises the Caribbean and spends a lot of time in southern Florida," said Joe LaFauci, General Manager of Cable Marine. "The owner already had a bow thruster but he wanted one with more power. So we installed the new WESMAR Vortex. It performed perfectly, with power that was crushing the fenders."

John Kennybrook, a technician with Cable Marine described it this way: "The Vortex is the first bow thruster I've ever seen that throws a rooster tail."

Cable Marine services and repairs boats from around the world. Their complete dock side service includes two locations for shallow and deep draft work on all sized vessels. Their full staff includes electricians and electronics specialists on site, complete engine and generator capability, a carpentry shop, and welding facility. Their hydraulic and electrical shop includes qualified factory trained technicians who do com-



plete hydraulic or electrical systems. Their fully stocked parts department is any boater's dream.

One of the newest products they stock is the WESMAR Vortex bow thruster. It is the industry's newest, powerful, high performance bow thruster and another industry first for WESMAR, the company best known for bow thrusters and roll fin stabilizers.

WESMAR attributes this additional power to the streamlined housing, which allows the freer flow of water, eliminating any resistance. "It's quieter, installs easier and is more flexible," says Bob Sentz, Managing Director of WESMAR's Mechanical Division. "The benefit of less restricted water flow is that you have more power."

The new line replaces the existing, equally popular, line of

WESMAR thrusters.

The body of the new Vortex thruster is smaller (end-to-end) than the original DPC series and the end caps are a stainless steel elliptically shaped bearing and seal carriers that promote a water resistant cone-style design.

Besides the added power, rugged design, and reduced noise, a popular advantage of the new design is the ability to change from a single propeller thruster to a dual propeller system without removing the thruster from the tunnel.



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