

WESMAR Bow Thruster Improves Handling and Comfort For Yachtfisher Jacana

Nordlund Boat Co. Continues Tradition of Excellence

Chuck Hirshman knows what he likes.

In 1968 he hired the late Ed Monk Sr., naval architect extraordinaire, to design a wooden 57 foot trawler yacht, the Jacana. Tradition continued in 1985 when Hirshman asked Ed Monk Jr. to create a larger, contemporary fiberglass version of Jacana. Built at Canada's McQueen Boat Works, this yacht was designed to fish and cruise worldwide.

In 1989 the third version of the yacht was built at Nordlund Boat Co. in Tacoma, Washington. Similar to the second Jacana, the third model offered a few minor changes. One of these was the installation of a WESMAR single prop bow thruster.

Hirshman, an avid fisherman, did not want a boat designed only for cruising in a single region. "It's great cruising up north, but I also like to go south to Mexico for some good wahoo or marlin fishing, and some sailfish and yellowtail fishing too," he says. Hirshman wanted Monk to design a boat that matched his personal style of cruising. Once the interior of the boat was expanded, easy docking and maneuverability were his biggest concerns so a quality bow thruster was critical.

"He wanted a yacht he



Desire for maximum comfort and optimum maneuverability led the owners of the Yachtfisher Jacana to install a WESMAR DPC Bow Thruster.

could dock anywhere," says Paul Nordlund, "and we recommended WESMAR."

Is Paul impressed with WESMAR thrusters?

"WESMAR makes a very credible product, if they didn't, we would not use them. We have put WESMAR thrusters on most of our boats."

When the fourth version of the Jacana was introduced in 1992, once again designed by Nordlund Boat Company, a WESMAR 12" Counter Rotating Dual Prop Bow Thruster was included. Now Jacana captain Chris Brown can

dock the vessel and maneuver throughout the San Juan Islands without concern.

Monk considers the 80' Jacana to be a "yachtfisher," because it offers the full range of necessities for avid anglers while having the comforts of an elegant motoryacht. The WESMAR bow thruster only enhances this comfort. The next version of Jacana may be designed dramatically different from the last two, but one thing is sure: the boat will have a WESMAR bow thruster.

