

Stabilizer & Thruster Customer Report

Grand Banks Owner Endorses WESMAR Stabilizer and Bow Thruster Unit performs magnificently in 40 mile an hour wind and 8 to 10 foot swells

Johan Jansen has spent a number of hours cruising in his 46' Grand Banks, Downtime, but none as comfortably as the 301 hours he spent traveling from Seattle to Glacier Bay in Alaska and back, during the summer of '96. On that occasion he went prepared for any condition after installing a WESMAR electronic gyro roll fin stabilizer on his yacht.

How bad were the conditions that Jansen encountered during his trip?

"We ran into swells 8 to 10 feet high and the wind was blowing at 40 miles an hour," says Jansen. The WESMAR stabilizer deflected them with ease."

The high-speed wind made docking a chore as well. Jansen was pleased to have a WESMAR 8" electric dual prop counter-rotating bow thruster available to him during these occasions. After 3 years of heavy use, the WESMAR thruster has performed magnificently. "We have never had a single problem with WESMAR equipment," says Jansen. "Never."

The Jansen's had their thruster and stabilizer installed at one of the most dynamic boat yards in Seattle, Seaview. With two sites, in Seaview



Easy access to mechanical parts has been a WESMAR trademark with both its roll fin stabilizer and bow thruster product lines.

West at Shilshole Bay Marina (35 ton lift capacity) and Seaview East, in Ballard, across from Fishermen's Terminal (88 ton lift capacity), the yard is well equipped to handle any custom work and specializes in rigging and commissioning, topside refinishing, mechanical installations, wood working and fiberglass repair. They even have space for do-it-yourself work. The experts at Seaview hold WESMAR stabilizers in high regard. Rick Holl of Seaview oversaw the installation procedures on the Downtime and he was extremely impressed.

"I think they are fantastic," said Holl when asked about the performance and design of the stabilizer. "The console is easy to

use and place in the wheelhouse, and the fins are no trouble at all. I have done a lot of work on Grand Banks over the years and I hope to install quite a few WESMAR roll fin stabilizers on these types of boats in the near future. I think yacht owners will really be impressed with the performance."

Elite equipment and quality workmanship always improve a cruise.

