

## Stabilizer & Thruster Customer Report

# The New Vortex: "Twice As Powerful." Combined with Stabilizers: "Great Comfort."

The greatest compliment for a manufacturer is to have the dealers install their product on the company's own demonstrator boats. In this case, Greg Sturgis has just installed WESMAR's new Vortex thruster and high-performance stabilizers with a hydraulics package on his demonstrator yacht-- for the third time!

"Twice the power and great comfort," is how Greg Sturgis, distributor of Offshore Yachts in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, describes his new hydraulically driven WESMAR Vortex thruster and high performance stabilizers. He recently installed them on his new 62-foot Offshore Yacht. Now he has "the softest ride on the water."

Offshore has installed about 35 WESMAR bow thrusters, for which Sturgis is the East Coast exclusive distributor. They have also installed about a dozen WESMAR stabilizers. "The VORTEX is twice as powerful as the DC thrusters and you really notice it. We sea-trialed the system last week and I was very pleased. The power is very noticeable.

"With the hydraulics setup we have an unlimited duty cycle, which allows us to run it continuously. This is a real asset when moving a 62-foot yacht in and out of slips with just my wife and a couple of small children on board."



*OFFSHORE YACHTS - "The softest ride on the water." Offshore Yachts are designed and built with a long history of attention to detail. It's not until you've made a difficult passage in rough seas that you can truly appreciate OFFSHORES' Maxim. Add the WESMAR Vortex and stabilizers and its superior design is sure to provide increased comfort, safety and value.*

And Sturgis says the 6-foot fins are just as reliable as in the past. He has used WESMAR equipment for 7 or 8 years himself as well as recommended it to his customers.

Offshore East Yacht Sales is located on the water in Ft. Lauderdale and is the dealer for beautiful custom yachts that range from 48 to 90 feet. He's handled Offshore since 1994 and installs some of the thrusters and stabilizers locally, some in Taiwan and has had nothing but success at both ends.

His new boat is a 62-foot Offshore Raised Pilot House Motoryacht that can run up to 20 knots or 10 knots as a trawler. It has two 800 HP Caterpillar engines, watermaker, twin generators, a lot of

electronics, and is perfect for fishing, cruising and diving.

"We installed three control stations for the thruster: one on the fly bridge, one in the pilot house, and one in the cockpit. The cockpit installation is perfect for backing into a slip to control cross winds and handle the lines. My wife and I do it together and it works very well."

He will cruise up and down the east coast plus cruise in the Bahamas where getting in and out of slips, safely and gracefully, will be a real plus. He will take the new vessel around to a lot of boat shows this year showing off the WESMAR thrusters, stabilizers and hydraulics package as well as its other unique features.

