

Stabilizer & Thruster Customer Report

WESMAR Provides Ultimate Cruising Comfort for Viking Owners

Rune Medhus has vivid memories of what cruising without a stabilization system on board his 63 foot Viking was like. "Before we installed a WESMAR roll fin stabilizer (RS600, 6 square-foot system) we would collapse the dining table and latch the refrigerator in the open water. Since the refrigerator faces inward on the starboard side, I had to wait until the boat was leaning and then I would quickly reach in and grab a beverage. It was not an easy task."

Now Medhus can reach for his drinks in peace since he and his wife elected to install what WESMAR calls "a yacht owners ultimate cruising comfort package" - a closed proportional hydraulic system that runs both a roll fin stabilizer and a DPC 12E bow thruster. With limitless operating capacity, this 750 psi hydraulic system saved Medhus thousands on his stabilizer and bow thruster package, while providing more comfort than any other equipment on his yacht.

Why did Medhus choose WESMAR?

Their equipment is "state of the art," he says. The WESMAR stabilization system requires a minimum amount of maintenance - a gyro with no moving parts is something competitive systems do not offer. Yachting equipment that requires constant maintenance is really inconvenient."

Immediately after the WESMAR package was installed, Medhus,



The Medhus' 63' Viking used to require special attention when docking and traveling in rough seas. Now with a WESMAR cruising package, the boat is equipped to withstand any conditions.

who lives near Houston, took the boat out for a 3,000 mile cruise to the Bahamas. The beginning of this trip was the most critical testing ground because it covers 320 miles and takes 20 hours to weave through the Mississippi Delta, and navigate South Pass near Clearwater, Florida. "There is a huge current and tidal swings in that district," says Medhus. "There can be 20-knot squalls and 8-foot waves when the weather turns. We experienced 5 or 6-foot waves during our trip. It was so turbulent that I had to use sensitivity setting 2 (WESMAR's console allows full adjustment for fin sensitivity ranging from 0-10) on the stabilizer."

How did the rollfin perform?

"Brilliantly. When my wife inquired

whether the stabilizer was making a difference, I turned the unit on standby and she practically fell off the boat."

The Medhus' also have experienced great success with their WESMAR bow thruster. "There are some really tight marinas in the Bahamas," says Medhus. "If you don't sling your props over the side at the right time and the wind blows the wrong way, you can lose control quickly without a thruster. On this last trip we often were forced to park in spaces along opening with only enough space for one dinghy. This WESMAR DPC-12E makes me look like a real professional."

"I would recommend the WESMAR stabilizer and thruster package to anybody."

