

Charter Captain says WESMAR Stabilizers Save Fuel, Reduce Fatigue; He will not cruise without them!

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Dramatic Orca sightings, looming glaciers, bears, dolphins, eagles and sun bathing seals are all part of the amazing experience that delights passengers cruising the waters from Seattle to Alaska and British Columbia through the world famous San Juan Islands.

“An adventure beyond imagination,” is how passengers describe cruising this area aboard the luxury charter yacht MV JAMAL, and it precisely describes what Jim Hanna’s unique charter operation, Jamal Charters, Kirkland, Washington, offers.

Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands off the Northwest coast of Washington State have long been a destination of magnificence. A variety of wildlife, the shorelines, the hidden inlets and unique villages, abundant hikes and spectacular water sports await in a vast waterway of straits and channels that link the more than 150 islands... the exposed tops of an ancient mountain range. The history and beauty they hold is breathtaking.

Throw in the challenge of crossing up to four straits (Rosario, Georgia, Haro, and Juan de Fuca), subject to high winds and unpredictable weather fronts, and it is comforting to be onboard a vessel that looks like a yacht, but is also an ex-



MV JAMAL, beautiful 75-foot Ocean Trawler in Alaskan waters.

tremely stable, all-weather commercial trawler that was built for the oceans of the world and is a U.S. Coast Guard certified inspected vessel. It is a true trawler, designed and built to cross the oceans of the world.

Jim Hanna, a long-time boater is passionate about boats and the waters he travels, so his 1970-built Hatteras (which he totally renovated in 1991) was not a whimsical purchase. He knew what it takes to fully appreciate such cruises, and when he found the vessel that could do it, he took steps to offer such cruises.

The MV JAMAL, is a 75-foot ocean trawler, one of only seven hulls constructed to ocean-going specifications by Hatteras Yachts. Add WESMAR Roll Fin Stabilizers, as Hanna did, and cruising is unsurpassed in comfort and safety.

The MV JAMAL displaces 400,000 lbs and carries a 10 foot draft with a 22 foot beam, offering guests as much living space as many 120 footers. She has a travel distance of 5,000 miles and travels at an average speed of 8 knots.

Jack Hargrave, the naval architect who designed the Ocean Trawler series for Hatteras told Hanna that Hatteras discontinued them because they were just too expensive to build.

“We are passionate about the Northwest,” says Hanna who captains the boat along with his daughter Jennifer. Both have 100-ton Captain’s license. Jim typically skippers the cruises until Jennifer, a schoolteacher, takes over for the summer. After August, Jim is back at the helm.

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"Our business is exclusively private yacht charters. We are a U.S. Coast Guard inspected vessel. We are certified to charter the boat, versus the bare boat charter approach where the customer has the liability. We are a service; we have to be in compliance. The Coast Guard checks everything, including the WESMAR thrusters and stabilizers, annually," explained Hanna.

"A cruise boat like the JAMAL (a round bottom boat), has to be comfortable and safe, and that is especially important with charter boats," says Hanna. "The WESMAR stabilizers work remarkably well. They are probably the most dependable equipment on the boat. In nearly 15 years, we've required no maintenance."

"We operate in rough weather. Going up and down the coast, and traveling up and back to Alaska the boat encounters very rough waters. The WESMAR stabilizers lessen crew fatigue, guest fatigue and seasickness.

"They are absolutely fuel savers. Without them we would have to change course at times to operate safely and comfortably. We could not be without them now. I would not travel without them."

Hanna also installed a WESMAR bow thrusters in 1991, a must he says for a single screw vessel.

"Our clients select where they want to cruise. Right now Alaska is a hot place. It offers mostly visual experiences such as more rugged, desolate, really beautiful places. For those who like the resorts and small towns and where they can hike the state parks and explore the beaches, the San Juan cruises are popular. And many are drawn

to British Columbia and Desolation Sound, where the swimming and scenery are their rewards."

Captain Jim Hanna is an owner of YoCream International, a highly successful manufacturing company in Portland, Oregon. He is a former school principal. He has more than twenty-five years of boating experience on the waters of the Pacific Northwest including Puget Sound, San Juan Islands, British Columbia's Sunshine Coast, Princess Louisa, Desolation Sound, and northward to Juneau, Alaska. He is a past Commodore of Tacoma Yacht Club and former water ski instructor, scuba diver, and real estate developer.

Captain Jennifer Hanna, has cruised the waters of Puget Sound to Alaska with her father, all of her life. Her precise navigational skills and exceptional knowledge of seamanship have been valuable assets on charters. Jennifer is a certified scuba diver, and is JAMAL's CPR-First Aid certified crew member.

Food artist, caterer, chef, cooking teacher, and event planner, Lenore Nolan-Ryan returns to the JAMAL every summer after wintering in South Florida. Her rich background in international cuisine and service add tremendously to the cruises. Samples of the menus are available at www.jamalcharters.com.

And First Mate Allison Land, a seasoned sailor who has travelled in her Trimaran from Bellingham to Mexico, cruised the Galapagos and now lives in Mexico traveling to the Northwest for the summer cruises.

Also on the JAMAL passengers can choose from a number of active sports: kayaking, skiing, snorkeling, bicycling, hiking and

fishing. Drop the crab and shrimp traps, go ashore and pick oysters or dig a few clams and get ready for the freshest seafood ever.

JAMAL's luxurious accommodations include a large salon and a spacious sky lounge with wet bar. For your comfort and privacy choose among two king-size staterooms and two large double staterooms, each with en suite baths.

Cruises are by the day, overnight, or for extended vacations.

MV JAMAL

Type: Luxury Motor Yacht

Construction: Fiberglass

Builder: Hatteras

Designer: J. Hargrave

Engines: D 343 Caterpillar, 30 KW Northern Lights, 40 KW Northern Lights

Speed: Cruising: 9.5K, Maximum: 11K

Roll Fin Stabilizers: WESMAR RS1200 (12 sq. foot fins)

Bow Thrusters: WESMAR 16-inch, 50HP

Length: 75', Beam 22', Draft: 9'

Fuel: 5800 gallons

Water: 750 gallons

