

New San Diego Sport Fishing Boat Promotes Its WESMAR Sonar

“Ultra modern electronics with color sonar” are the words that pop out of the advertising for the new 112-foot, long-range sportfishing vessel Independence, making its debut this month in the waters around San Diego. The sleek new vessel is not the biggest in the fleet, but it is among the most luxurious and customers were literally waiting in line to book her for fishing.

It is reportedly among the grandest in the Point Loma Sport fishing fleet and it is anticipated to pull more passengers into long-range fishing. Among its strongest attractions are its sophisticated fish finding equipment and its extremely comfortable design.

The picture of roughing it, while hoping to hook a trophy fish is diminished, but the seriousness of the mission is not.

A look at the list of electronics (sonar, radar, sounder, GPS, computerized satellite weather/ communications/sea temp and navigation systems) puts things into perspective for the serious angler.

With the WESMAR high definition sonar, the crew on the Independence will have help taking them to the best fishing grounds. They can locate and stay on fish other sonar do not even see; navigate safely through unfamiliar waters, see billfish, tuna and other big game fish.

The ‘ultra-modern’ sonar, which paints a complete color picture, in great detail, of what is under, ahead, behind, and 360 degrees around the boat, may hold the greatest allure.

The beautiful vessel features comfort and sophistication throughout. The comfort comes from the professional galleys and gourmet food served in spacious salons hooked to large TV entertainment



centers, which also appear in each of the air-conditioned state rooms complete with DVD/VCR with satellite programming.

When fishing ends for the day on board the Independence, and the passengers return to their airconditioned staterooms at night, they can ponder reaching morning breakfast call rather than where the fish will be. The WESMAR will take care of that.

The Independence is owned and operated by Captains Mark Pisano and Paul Strasser. She carries 23,000 gallons of fuel providing a 6,000-mile range and is equipped with a new refrigerated seawater system for the bait tanks and fish holds capable of handling trips up to 22 days. Her cruising speed is 11 to 12 knots powered by twin 1,500 horsepower engines. A lightweight aluminum superstructure and steel hull lower her center of gravity for enhanced stability underway. Her 112 foot length and 32 foot wide size accommodate guests in 13, 2 and 3 passenger staterooms and a large salon/galley area seats 30 people at once. Power is provided by twin main engines and (2) 100 KV generators. She is A.B.S. and U.S. Coast Guard certified for international voyages.

