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As the pace of life gets faster and our professional and personal lives run at breakneck speeds, some boat owners are embracing a more relaxed stride in their leisure time. For those with a global mindset, there are a number of new and redesigned trawler yachts and long-range cruisers, each equipped to go the distance at a luxurious and leisurely pace.

Azimut 50 Magellano

Azimut is perhaps best known for its elegant Med-style sport cruisers, each so striking and fashion-forward that lovers of luxury sometimes feel a sense of awe just sitting on board. But this Italian builder has a line of slower and sophisticated long-range boats, too. Three models from 43 to 76 feet comprise the Magellano series, with the most recent, a 50, powered by the award-winning Easy Hybrid System that couples diesel engines with electric motors. The propulsion can move this 51'4" boat with a 15'3" beam at an almost silent 8 knots under battery power alone. When operating on twin common-rail diesels and throttled way back, the 50 can travel more than 1,000 miles. The 50 has CE Class A Ocean certification.

Although the Azimut's cruising potential is alluring, the truth is, many owners will spend a good deal of their engine hours navigating closer to home. For that reason, the Azimut has a "dual model" hull designed to be efficient at a wide range of speeds. (It looks like a cross between a displacement bottom with a round bilge and a V-bottom). Throttle up and the twin diesels will yield an 18-knot cruise and 22 knots at top end. The yacht has its share of slick features, too, including a choice of four accommodation plans, a bow saloon that affords a good deal of privacy for passengers and oversized windows throughout the lower deck. azimutyachts.com

By JEANNE CRAIG



Nordhavn 68

Although this model has been in the builder's line for a few years, hull number 22 was christened in 2012, and the owners of *Rest Assured*, Jim and Jane Slattery, incorporated new features that others might want to consider for their own 68. The Slatterys, by the way, are typical Nordhavn owners. They've had several boats in the past, including a sailboat and a performance powerboat, but their dream has always been to cruise around the world, and that's just what they are in the process of doing. Measuring 68 feet with a 21-foot beam, this is an aft pilothouse model with an open foredeck, which means there are deck hatches for light and ventilation, most noticeably in the full-beam master suite forward. There are also two guest cabins and a state-of-the-art engine room with 6'2" of headroom. It's home to a single 425-hp John Deere engine that drives the boat at a cruising speed of 9.5 knots. Like other Nordhavns, this one comes with a comprehensive hydraulics package that includes windlass and thrusters. Among the new features on *Rest Assured* is the relocation of the stairs to the bridge. They're no longer inside the pilothouse but

rather just aft of it. This allows for easy access to the bridge from outside and creates space for a custom captain's cabin with separate head and shower in the bridge. nordhavn.com

Ocean Alexander 82

Based in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Ocean Alexander is a familiar name among fans of long-range cruisers. Those who know the brand have seen the 82 Cockpit Motoryacht that's been in the line for a few years, but recently, this 81'10"-long model with a 20' beam has been updated and the modifications have created one of the fastest boats in its category. With twin MTU 1,920-hp engines, it can run 28 knots at top end speed, and that's with 70 percent fuel, 100 percent water and 11 passengers on board. Acceleration has been maximized, too: think 29 seconds at 2,447 rpm. As for optimum cruise speed, the 82 runs most efficiently between 1,800 rpm (18.5 knots) and 2,000 rpm (21.1 knots) for ranges of 471 and 409 nautical miles respectively. When longer legs are required, the 82



can yield a range of 1,500 miles at max efficiency. The 82's impressive speed is the result of weight savings. This cockpit motoryacht is built with aluminum beams, advanced