

Northwest Yachting

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New Boats

Navigator 62

The Navigator line of fine yachts are certainly not new, especially to boaters in the Pacific Northwest who take their extended offshore cruising seriously. What is new is this strikingly good-looking Navigator 62 Motor Yacht recently launched out of this highly respected Southern California builder's yard. Located in Perris, not far from the Pacific Ocean, the Marshall family has been building these fine offshore cruising vessels for over 20 years and in that time they have delivered over 1000 boats. The simple fact that they've been in business that long and have successfully delivered this many boats are certainly excellent reasons to give the new 62 a closer look. The really amazing part of this story is the fact that even in this somewhat depressed selling climate amazingly enough the Navigator 62 continues to sell like hotcakes. In December alone Sundance sold two of these magnificent vessels and now has buyers with checks waiting for the next boat.

Like the vessels preceding the Navigator 62, the main premise from this yard is a simple one: value. While other builders will tend to overuse that word, the Marshall family backs it up by delivering a quality product assembled by skilled craftsmen using very high quality materials. The other side of this remarkable equation is the design and build process that allows a vessel of this size to be easily maintained by the owners should they choose this option. The basic philosophy here is that the Navigator 62 is a vessel that has been built to be cruised extensively anywhere the owners want to go in pretty much just about any conditions. This is not a boat that needs to be pampered and kept in the yard for long periods of maintenance and upkeep. The systems are simple, well-designed, easily accessed and therefore easy to maintain.

Naturally the heart of any long range cruiser is the power plant and the Navigator 62 certainly doesn't disappoint. The standard engines are a pair of very robust and fuel efficient Volvo-Penta D12's rated at 715 HP at 2300 RPM. You should also remember that the Navigator Yachts hull shape was designed with one thing in mind: make the best use of a minimum amount of fuel and horsepower, and retain the maximum amount of boat speed and efficiency. In doing so, Navigator created a wide hull shape that is stable at rest and at displacement speed, while achieving 30% less wetted running surface when on a plane. The result is a hull with much less drag, a significantly smoother ride, and far better fuel economy. As an example, at 1,000RPM's you can cruise at a leisurely 8.6 knots burning a miserly 6

gph for 1611 miles. That's Seattle to Ketchikan and back with a safe, comfortable fuel reserve margin. Plus if you're going to make that trip you'd really like to have the speed to outrun approaching storm systems or make the tidal gate at Seymour Narrows. Just push the throttle down and the 62 will surge quickly and confidently to 24.4 knots.

Then there's a very long list of items we could go into however the best thing to do is to call Sundance and make an appointment to tour the Navigator 62 at the Big Seattle Boat Show and immerse you in true luxury. You won't be disappointed and your wife will be thrilled.

Specifications: LOA 63.83', Beam 17.33', Draft 5.5', Displ 78,000 lbs, Fuel 1,000gals.

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