

# SEA SPIRIT Passagemaker 60

On board during our recent outing from

Gold Coast Marina was Tee Tzer Yu, who is based on-site in Shenzhen where the boat is made. He has overseen the production of more than 100 yachts during his career and his multicultural experiences allow him to bridge the divide between customer and shipyard in China.

The interior of our review model featured a saloon and galley aft, a comfortable wheelhouse, and accommodations of master, VIP and guest cabins. Wood features

strongly and we may have preferred more fabrics but that is what the client (a Hong Kong businessman) wanted.

Up on the flybridge, the helm was covered while aft, a Williams tender was neatly secured on the starboard side. A neat little feature is the unobtrusive funnel, which doubles as a housing for a barbecue!

Our Passagemaker 60 has a single, six-cylinder 345 John Deere diesel, and two generators. Why two, you are probably asking? Well, the 25kW gennie, through a hydraulic drive, is linked to the main

propeller shaft to get you home in an emergency. The smaller generator provides power if you're not running the big appliances such as the aircon system, or you're just wanting to save fuel.

One feature of the 60 is its enormous range. Depending on speed you can get between 5,000 and 7,000 nautical miles on a full tanks. The top speed is 10 knots but this is uneconomical; better to settle for 8, enjoy the ride and make the distance.

Price-wise, ex-factory the Passagemaker 60 comes in at US\$1.8 million. Our review model, with all the toys including heating, paint job, tender, etc, took that figure to US\$2.6 million. Worth it, actually, if you're looking for hassle-free boating and a quality product.

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At the recent boat show in Club Marina Cove, scanning the in-water exhibits from the shore, one boat stood out among the glittering array of sleek and sexy modern designs. It was the Sea Spirit Passagemaker 60 . . . for the very reason that it didn't glitter or have a glamorous throng surrounding it.

With a pleasing hull colour — powder blue — the 63.25-foot passagemaker, designed by Sparkman & Stephens, exuded calm and contentment. Or, as Sea Spirit's founder Dan Fritz would say, "In yacht design as in life, balance is everything."

The 60 fits is the smallest of a three-boat range (the other models measure 75 and 88 feet). It offers a blend of aesthetics, comfort and performance, and the S&S team, naval architects for nearly eight decades, have used their experience designing thousands of innovative sailing and motor yachts to make the Passagemaker 60 one of the safest long-range cruisers in the world.

The boat features an extraordinarily tough hull with four watertight bulkheads creating five separate compartments, 11 independent/back-up bilge pumps, emergency shut down and damping systems, and a robust skeg that protects the shaft, propeller and rudder.



For comfort, Sea Spirit has incorporated a hydraulic stabilising system, which includes 'zero speed' stabilising. In other words,

the stabiliser works while the boat is stationary. So you won't be spilling your cabernet sauvignon while hove to, watching the fireworks.

Interestingly, the first five buyers of the Passagemaker 60 included two Americans, two Russians and a Scandinavian, showing that the boat has wide appeal. Sea Spirit has moved away from the macho, hog-type workboat-cum-trawler and produced a more refined 'gentleman's cruiser'. In fact, Sea Spirit's slogan is 'Builder of fine custom and semi-custom yachts'. Indeed, you can choose your own



interior, wood, layout and, like our review model, an Awlgrip paint job of your own colour.

