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A new classic
passagemaker
is born

Kadey-Krogen 55 Expedition

The new Kadey-Krogen 55 Expedition was introduced at this winter's Miami International Boat Show and became an instant hit with trawler aficionados. Like her sisterships in the Kadey-Krogen line, the new 55 is an ocean-going cruising boat that has been designed and built to be a capable, safe floating home that can take her owners anywhere they choose to cruise.

The 55 Expedition is an attractive new design concept for the builder with a raked bow and high flared bow sections. The sheer is stepped as it runs aft, so the 55 has a purposeful but elegant look. The bridge is quite high off the water so no flying bridge is necessary. Note that the bridge's forward windows slant aft which helps to keep them clear in rough weather and look very ship like. And,

aft of the bridge a raised after deck with a cooler and outdoor cooker are set up for in-port summer dining. Outside maneuvering controls are built in on both sides of the bridge as are opening gates for debarking onto high docks in areas with large tidal ranges.

The main living space in the saloon is huge and offers 25 percent more area than comparable cruising boats. Aft there is a pleasant back porch with a hard-top roof and access to the saloon through heavy welded aluminum doors that have been engineered for heavy work at sea.

The galley offers a large area of counter space and plenty of storage and has been equipped with the highest quality appliances such as a Viking gas range, Miele dishwasher and Jennair refrigerator. With great

views from any vantage point in the saloon and galley, this will be the 55's main living space.

But the bridge offers a lot of comfort as well. Not only is it a properly equipped ship's bridge, it also has a bench settee and table and great views forward. On passage, the bridge will be the crews' home.

The 55 that was introduced in Miami has two private cabins forward. The master double is located in the forward cabin. It is equipped with a large centerline double berth, a huge en suite head with a good shower stall and plenty of hanging and storage space. For living aboard and extended cruising, the master cabin has no equals in a boat of this size. The guest cabin, which is aft and to port, can be configured to meet the owners' needs. Hull number one has an L-shaped couch that can be

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converted into a double berth and a desk that turns the cabin into a home office.

The interior fit and finish of the new Kadey-Krogen has been done in hand-crafted cherry. The veneers have been carefully matched so you will see harmonious grain patterns on the bulkheads and throughout the many cabinets, drawers and closets. With the soft honey color of the cherry and creative ambient lighting, the interior spaces of the new 55 are inviting, warm and elegant.

The 55 Expedition is equipped with twin John Deere diesels each providing up to 158 horsepower. The engine room below the saloon is vast, neatly laid out and brightly lit. Even the most reluctant mechanic will look forward to routine maintenance in this engine room.

The power plant and ample tankage (1,880 gallons of fuel) makes the 55 Expedition one of the most efficient and capable passagemakers out there in the owner-operator class of cruising boats. At 8 knots, the 55 is capable of steaming 2,800 miles, which is enough to cruise transatlantic with a stop in the Azores or direct to the Caribbean from any East Coast port. If you are willing to throttle

back to 7 knots—faster than most cruising sailboats—the 55 will take you an astonishing 4,300 miles on one tank of diesel.

The crew that delivered hull number one to the Miami boat show was enthusiastic about the boat's handling at sea and around the docks. And, they noted that the engine room and interior fittings are so well assembled and so well sound insulated that you can barely hear the engines when underway.

The 55 Expedition comes extremely well equipped right out of the factory (in Taiwan) so new owners can reap the benefits of Kadey-Krogen's 30 years of boat building and fitting-out experience. It should be no surprise that all of the principals of the Kadey-Krogen company are KK owners who have many sea miles and a lot of cruising under their keels. *BWS* will undertake a proper sea trial of the Kadey-Krogen 55 Expedition for review in a future issue. In the meantime, it is worth reporting that the 55 Expedition earned *PassageMaker* magazine's People's Choice award at the trawler show in Miami in February. The kudos will certainly keep rolling in for this fine and capable cruising boat. ~

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LOA	60'2"
LOD	55'2"
LWL	49'6"
Beam	18'0"
Draft	4'10"
Ballast	6,900 lbs.
Fuel	1,880 gals.
Water	500 gals.
Black water	140 gals.
Gray Water	140 gals.
Engines	John Deere (158 hp)
Displ/Length	323

Speed/Range

7 kts.	4,300 n.m.
8 kts.	2,800 n.m.
9 kts.	1,850 n.m.
10 kts.	1,200 n.m.

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