



## Krogen 44

It's hard to imagine any single make of boat that has a more loyal following than Kadey-Krogen trawler yachts. As a professional captain, I see Krogen trawlers everywhere I go, so I was psyched to be asked to review the new Krogen 44. I met up with Casey Graves and Larry Polster from the Kadey-Krogen Yachts office in Annapolis, Md., where we put the 44 through her paces. Once aboard, I found myself immediately drawn to my two favorite places—the engine room and the pilothouse. Both are uncompromisingly well suited for serious cruising.

The pilothouse is well laid out with a center-line helm. Two large chart tables/navigation areas on either side are large enough for course plotting and hold large drawers for charts, plotting tools, log books, etc. There is also a massive storage area under the helm console. Aft, a raised settee/pilot berth offers a great place for the off-watch to rest or hang out with the skipper. Additional storage is provided under the pilot berth step and in a locker to starboard. For increased visibility and line handling, the pilothouse also has weather-tight Dutch doors port and starboard, leading to the side decks. Our test boat was a wide-body model which only has one side deck on the starboard side in favor of a slightly larger saloon.

The engine room is a place where I could spend a lot of time tinkering. You reach it by dropping through a hatch

in the saloon sole or via a larger dogging hatch in the guest stateroom. It is well lit and logically laid out, with excellent access to all mechanicals. I even noticed that holes in the bilge plating over through-hull fittings made it easy to reach sea cocks. The centerpiece of this engine room is a shiny new 6.8-liter John Deere 6068 TFM.

The saloon is laid out with an L-shaped settee/dinette and hi-lo table port aft. The settee converts to a double bunk. To port an area was set up with two swivel arm chairs and an end table (after market). Forward and to port is a bar area with icemaker and liquor locker. Forward to starboard is a cook friendly U-shaped galley with plenty of counter space and cabinet storage as well as a large, deep stainless sink. The galley faces aft with a wide open pass-through. Forward and down three steps, the accommodation area features the master stateroom with a center-line queen and large hanging lockers port and starboard. The guest stateroom is to starboard, with an L-shaped settee that converts to a double, plus a Pullman-style berth. A small writing desk is large enough to hold a laptop or small TV. Across from the guest stateroom to port is the head with separate stall shower. Laundry facilities are off the corridor but can be swapped out for an additional half-head compartment. (The laundry can move to the saloon bar area.)

Under way, the ride was smooth and

quiet. It was a chilly day, but the pilothouse heat kept us cozy as we headed into the Severn River. At open throttle, we ran at 2400 rpm and averaged 9.2 knots, burning 8.2 gph. (The John Deere is rated for continuous duty at 2400 rpm, which means you can run her wide open all day.) Dropping her back to 1800 rpm gave us 8 knots and a miserly 3.1 gph. The John Deere is not only quiet and efficient, but its low-end torque made close-quarter maneuvers a breeze. I was able to spin her quite easily in a back-and-fill maneuver without even thinking about the bow thruster.

In sum, the Krogen 44 is an exceptional trawler yacht that lives up to the company's four main goals of capability, livability, family friendliness and value. ■

### SPECIFICATIONS

LOA .....	49'
LWL .....	40'4"
BEAM .....	16'4"
DRAFT .....	4'6"
DISPLACEMENT .....	43,140 lb
FUEL .....	850 gal
WATER .....	300 gal
BASE PRICE .....	\$835,000
PRICE AS TESTED .....	\$839,950

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