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# Dreamboat: Kadey-Krogen 48 North Sea

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“Cruise in comfort.” It’s the bread-and-butter marketing and advertising tagline we see in flashy boating magazine adverts and glossy brochures snuck into our bags at boat shows. But what does cruising in comfort really mean? In my book, it means not feeling like you’ve been beaten up and run around the inside of a front-loading washing machine for eight hours at the end of a passage. Through a combination of engineering, design, and construction techniques, Kadey-Krogen manufactures an able line of full-displacement yachts that are inherently comfortable at a steady pace in varying sea conditions—not just while sipping cocktails at the dock.

## Why a Krogen?

I met owner Betty Robinson, a retired (and single) corporate CIO; Kadey-Krogen Vice President Larry Polster; and Krogen’s sales and marketing assistant Shannon Band at Port Annapolis Marina on Back Creek in Annapolis one early, hot

August morning. While we sipped coffee and munched on bagels, I asked Robinson “Why a Krogen?” Robinson says “I wanted to buy a boat where I didn’t feel like I was ‘camping.’ I wanted a ‘real’ living room, a ‘real’ room of my own, and since I love to cook, I wanted to be able to produce the same meals aboard that I could produce at home. Most of all, I wanted to be able to travel... a lot.” Robinson cruises up and down the Intracoastal Waterway to the Keys on *LiLi* annually and has also made trips to the Bahamas with her.

## What’s Inside?

Access to the expansive saloon from the aft deck is via a rugged aluminum door. Inside, the saloon is equipped with a buttery-soft, leather-covered, L-shaped settee to starboard, and a three-seat settee off to port, upholstered in the same fashion. In between sits a teak table with a fold-out top and high-low base for adjustable height.

Forward of the saloon to port is a C-shaped galley, which is well-equipped

with large Corian countertop surfaces (granite is an option), a single-basin sink, a microwave/convection oven, a full-sized top-and-bottom refrigerator/freezer, a propane cooktop/oven, a dishwasher, a trash compactor, and an ice maker. There is plenty of room in the cabinets and drawers to swallow up a full complement of cooking accessories, flatware, plates and dishes, dry goods, and supplies.

Forward of the galley, two steps down give access to the two staterooms (a three-stateroom configuration is available) and two full heads. First to starboard is the “guest” stateroom with a desk/settee combo (the settee folds down into a double berth), which is large enough to sleep a couple and not have them bumping into each other. To port is a fully-equipped isolated guest head with enclosed shower. The ship’s washer and dryer are also located here.

The main stateroom is a luxurious island, queen-sized affair with storage underneath, ample bedside shelves, two bedside settees, three hanging lockers, and a full-size dresser/bureau with large mirror. Access to the isolated head and enclosed shower is to port and aft of the main berth. Opening ports and two opening hatches offer excellent ventilation and lighting.

## On the Outside

I found big, sturdy hardware throughout the deck sections of the 48 North Sea. The 316 stainless hawse pipes and cleats were large, and I found the stainless rail and step work to be sturdy, well mounted, and precisely welded. The teak toe rail is thick, well joined, and made of high-quality, nicely colored lumber.

The foredeck is wide and large and