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— DENNIS FOX ON HIS PLANS TO CRUISE THE PACIFIC



Dream Machine

These seasoned boaters fit out their new Kadey-Krogen 58 trawler for the adventure of a lifetime.

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GOING PLACES. Julie and Dennis Fox will begin a transpacific this fall.

Dennis and Julie Fox crossed an ocean in their own boat for the first time in 2004 when they took a Kadey-Krogen 48 from Fort Lauderdale to Gibraltar. “That experience was so good, it made us want to do it again,” says Dennis in his easy, good-natured way. “But we won’t travel the same ocean twice. We don’t backtrack.”

The Foxes are in the salon of their newest boat (and fifth Krogen), a 58-footer berthed in Jensen Beach, Florida, where it’s being prepped for the couple’s next adventure, a transpacific. Also aboard *Sea Fox* this day are an electronics specialist who is installing a satellite communications system and a friend who delivers Lexan panels he made to protect the salon windows in heavy seas. The activity is a reminder that serious cruising requires careful planning.

Dennis and Julie aren’t strangers to this process. They’ve been boating together since 1984, when they bought a small cruiser for the waters near their home in Bellingham, Washington. “We had no experience then, so it was trial and error,” says Dennis. “But, if you really like boating, you put up with that.” Their passion for cruising

got very serious after they sold their manufacturing business in 1995 and had more time to explore. Since then, they’ve traveled the West and East Coasts, the Bahamas, deep into the Caribbean and around the Great Loop.

The Foxes begin their big trip next fall, when they depart Florida en route to the Panama Canal, then Costa Rica and the Galapagos, where they will meet up with at least one other boat. The small fleet will then make the 3,050-mile run to the Marquesas Islands. “It’s the longest nonstop ocean passage in the world,” says Dennis. From there, they’ll explore the islands of the South Pacific before heading to New Zealand. With a range of 4,500 miles at 6 knots, the 58 has the legs to get them there. But for now, the Foxes have more work to do to ensure a safe passage. Says Dennis with a smile, “The list keeps growing.” ❖



To view more of the Kadey-Krogen 58, see the photo gallery on our website, motorboating.com.

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