

MIAMI FLOATS YOUR BOAT

Karyn and Ron Rothstein were looking for a second home, a weekend getaway that could also be used as a place to retire. They first thought about a house in the mountains or a condo in the islands.

But their shared passion for scuba diving and travel sent the Baltimore couple in another direction: They bought a liveaboard.

“We started off just slipping away for the weekends,” Karyn Rothstein said from the helm of their 58-foot Krogen trawler yacht, on display at this year’s Miami International Boat Show. “Then we started staying aboard during the week as well. Now our home is pretty much just a storage area.”

The Rothsteins are typical of new breed of boater, close-to-retirement baby boomers who see liveaboards as a lifestyle beyond recreation.

“The name of our boat is the *Equinox*,”

Kadey-Krogen trawler yachts line the docks at the 2008 Miami International Boat Show, which featured boat and product sales, a charity auction, contests, seminars and guest speakers. Kadey-Krogen Yachts, www.kadeykrogen.com.

If you are in the market for a romantic liveaboard or a trans-Atlantic cruiser — or even if you’re just browsing — the annual Miami International Boat Show is the place to look.

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she said. "That describes how the sun follows the equator. Some day soon, so will we."

The Rothsteins' trawler, built by the Stuart-based Kadey-Krogen Yachts, cost \$2.1-million. Ron Rothstein, a hospital administrator, and his wife, a freelance writer, customized their yacht with an onboard, enriched air compressor, generally found only on commercial scuba-diving boats.

"We have done a lot of island hopping," Karyn Rothstein said. "There is nothing like getting up in the morning and just rolling over the side and going for a dive."

The Rothsteins relinquished no comforts. Krogen salons, the nautical equivalents to living rooms, are standard, in cherry or teak paneling, and are spacious enough for entertaining.

"The galley appliances are nicer than the ones we have in our kitchen at home," she said. "We have a gas grill above decks. We love to cook fresh lobster or fish on the water."

The *Equinox*, a luxury boat by anyone's standards, was only one of the gems on display at the world's largest boat show.

Instead of a third stateroom, the Rothstein family opted for an open office (top) in their Kadey-Krogen 58-foot trawler yacht. Karyn Rothstein (middle), seated in the pilot house of the family's liveaboard, says the boat has become more of a home than their place on land. The master cabin (bottom) in the Rothsteins' yacht, the *Equinox*, provides a refuge for the retired couple.