Our 2013 Lake Superior Adventure

By Doug and Jan Martin, Day Dreams 3941

Doug Martin had experienced the Michigan coastline of Lake Superior ever since he was a young child. His parents were born and raised in small towns on the Keweenaw Peninsula. These roots and the attraction to pristine water and breathtaking landscape drew him and wife Jan back to Lake Superior several times between 1988 and 2001 in their 26' Sea Ray, which they would trailer from Toledo, Ohio. Those years, they always planned an extended adventure. Their time came in 2013, aboard their Krogen 39', Day Dreams.

As with most trawler owners, there comes a point in your boating career when you realize you have a passion for the water and exploring its endless boundaries. We knew we wanted to cruise the Great Lakes during our summer vacations and then much further after we retired. We began our search for the perfect boat in 2001. This led us to visiting boat shows and booking charters. We ordered our Kadey-Krogen 39', #3941 Day Dreams, in the fall of 2002 and took delivery in New Jersey the summer of 2003 and brought her to our homeport near Toledo.

For nine summers from 2004 thru 2012, we cruised weekends in western Lake Erie, and for two weeks we would head to the North Channel and Georgian Bay area for our annual vacation. Over this time, we gained confidence in our ability to cruise open waters and anchor in remote locations. We also learned what to expect from our capable trawler. It had been eleven years since we had returned to Lake Superior aboard Day Dreams, and the call of the wild was as strong as ever.

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While on our 2012 vacation in Georgian Bay, accompanied by our dear friends and fellow Krogen 39’ owners Jacque and Garry Nelson aboard Waterford, we decided it was time to start planning and preparing for a summer-long cruise to Lake Superior. Our goal was not to just get to Lake Superior but to circumnavigate it. For those unfamiliar with the Great Lakes, here are a number of facts that put this body of water in perspective. It is by far the largest of the five Great Lakes and the largest fresh water lake in the world, with a surface area of 31,700 square miles, a shoreline length of 2,700 miles, and an average depth of 484 feet. On our trip the water temperature ranged from 39 to 52 degrees Fahrenheit.

As with any extended voyage, the key to a successful trip is in the planning and preparation. From the time the boat was hauled in the fall of 2012 to the day we left Lake Erie on June 2, 2013, we were focused on the adventure ahead of us.

I had developed an itinerary that would take into account our wants and needs. We did not want to feel rushed. We needed to be safe and able to enjoy the beauty of the shoreline. We programmed reasonable travel distances between stops, weather delays and down time to experience all that the lake and surrounding areas have to offer.

The one and only navigable entrance into Lake Superior from the other Great Lakes is by way of the St. Mary’s River. The St Mary’s flows southeast from Lake Superior to Lake Huron. Having cruised Lake Huron many times in the past, our real adventure started here, even though we had traveled 450 miles and 16 days since leaving Lake Erie. We enjoyed the many interesting marinas along the Michigan shoreline as we worked our way north.

The St. Mary’s flows down the international border between Ontario, Canada and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. At the headwaters of the river are the “Soo” locks in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and Ontario. The original locks were built in 1855 to control the 20-plus feet drop between the two lakes and provide a viable means for shipping and access to the vast natural resources that the Lake Superior region has to offer. The locks we have today can accommodate the “Lakers” freighters that are up to 1000 feet in length and haul coal and iron ore.

We arrived at the Soo on June 19 and headed into Whitefish Bay on our way clockwise around Lake Superior. This route took us along the northern shore of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula and the shorelines of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Ontario. We planned to spend just over two months on Superior.
Michigan’s Upper Peninsula shore, which is roughly 40% of the overall coastline, is very diverse in its geology beginning with the Grand Sable Dunes stretching for miles and then transitioning into the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. This stunning lakeshore with its towering cliffs and sea caves draws its natural colors from thousands of years of erosion by the lake’s powerful wave action. Onward west past the ports of Munising and Marquette are the Huron Mountains and the town of Big Bay. The state marina at Big Bay could accommodate three boats of our size, so after sounding the entrance channel, we tied up and walked into town to experience the town’s claim to fame. For you movie buffs, the film “Anatomy of a Murder” starring Jimmy Stewart and Lee Remick was filmed here and is based on the true story of a murder in the town tavern and subsequent trial.

The balance of the Michigan portion of the shore took us to and around the Keweenaw Peninsula that juts 50 miles into the lake. This area is notorious for shipwrecks, copper mining, Michigan Tech University (my father’s alma mater) and where my parents and ancestors lived. One of our favorite ports on the trip is Copper Harbor, located on the most northern point of the mainland.

There are not many transient boaters in this portion of the lake and when we arrived we were excited to connect with Marty and Suzanne Tuck from Alizan. Their Kadey-Krogen 48’ North Sea was the only boat in this picturesque state marina. Not only were we the first three visiting boats of the summer, we were all Krogens. How cool is that!

After four days of beautiful weather and exploring the area, we headed west on water that was smooth as glass and into the Keweenaw Waterway to the towns of Houghton and Hancock. In the early 1900s this area was nicknamed “Copper Country.”

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with the deepest mines in the world and also the nation’s leading copper producer at that time. My parents spent their early years just up the road and a few lucky relatives still reside or vacation here. We had a wonderful time visiting and reconnecting.

As we worked our way west, we passed the Porcupine Mountains, said goodbye to Michigan and entered one of the great cruising areas of the lake—the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, an archipelago of 21 islands spread over 300 square miles creating numerous cruising destinations for the boaters who call Bayfield, Wisconsin, their homeport. We anchored in one of the beautiful sandy bays.

The next several days’ cruising around the very western end of the lake brought significant fog as the 40-degree water met the warmer summer air. Waterford and Day Dreams took turns leading on cruising days, so all could share in the excitement! The westernmost point of the lake is Duluth, Minnesota. This is a major port for grain, coal and ore. After enjoying what Duluth has to offer, we turned northeast along the Minnesota shore with stops at Silver Bay and Grand Marais. Remotely located in the middle of Lake Superior is Isle Royal National Park, an island 40 miles long and eight miles wide with countless bays and coves to explore. We spent a week-and-a-half anchored in several outstanding locations. Our days were kept busy hiking the rugged trails, while keeping an eye out for moose that populate the island. My grandmother was born on this island in 1892 in a rustic copper mining settlement, and the National Park Service has wonderful exhibits highlighting this era.

We continued on to Thunder Bay, Ontario, for provisions. The final 40% of the lake’s shoreline is as rugged and remote as you will find anywhere. These 300 miles are the most spectacular this lake has to offer. Working our way east and south, we anchored 24 peaceful nights. The fact that there is very limited access to fuel or provisions in this portion of the lake is one of the reasons so few cruisers visit. Luckily, the extended cruising ranges of our Kadey-Krogens make this type of adventure possible.

We arrived back at our homeport in late September having traveled 2,400 miles. It is truly amazing what our Great Lakes have to offer the boating community. We met many wonderful people along the way. Taking it all in at 7.5 knots makes it all that more special.

Heartfelt thanks to our cruising partners Jacque and Garry on Waterford.

Check out the Martins’ blog from the trip at daydreamslakesuperior.blogspot.com
Dear Owners and Enthusiasts,

Perhaps we spend too much time promoting our corporate values and could focus more on promoting our boats. However, we do this because in our eyes the customer service we provide to every owner is tantamount to the experiences our boats deliver. A recent email we received summed up our intentions to a tee:

‘Three years ago we were concerned about ‘can we really do this’, docking, anchoring, etc. The encouragement Kadey-Krogen provided us, and the comfort of knowing that everyone at Kadey-Krogen was a phone call away was, and is, priceless. Everything we had heard from previous owners about the ‘Krogen family,’ leading up to us ‘taking the plunge’ and buying a new Krogen 48’, has been true. You have all been incredibly supportive and embraced us into the extended Kadey-Krogen family. Thank you once again for making what seemed like an impossible dream a reality, while making us feel safe at sea.’

We receive unsolicited testimonials similar to these somewhat frequently. Not to brag, but the comments point out the effort that we make to ensure that every owner feels taken care of and secure to go out and fulfill their dreams. Perhaps you’ve read our advertisement that relates the similarities between a loyal canine companion and our company. That ad features another testimonial that regales the help we offered those owners throughout their Krogen experience.

Perhaps you recall another advertisement featuring experienced mariners who attest to both the safety of the boat and the reliability of the company. We promote this aspect of Kadey-Krogen because customers let us know it sets us apart from the competition in a very positive way. Regardless of your level of boating experience, or how you want to customize your boat, or wherever in the world you want to cruise, we are ready, willing, and able to get you there and will remain your loyal companion.

Now, let’s talk about boats. How can we help?
At the Krogen Cruisers Rendezvous in Solomons Island, Maryland, this past fall, I spoke at length with the owners of KA-DEE-ANNA, the Krogen 52’ that is the main subject of the photologue in this issue of Waypoints. After recently taking delivery, KA-DEE-ANNA cruised basically the entire Eastern Seaboard this past summer. Fortunately, I’ve been able to live vicariously through the amazing photography. In our conversation, the owners remarked how important it’s been to them to be adventurous and that they live life in a way in which they won’t look back with any regrets. They know one day they won’t be able to travel or cruise as they are now and they want to have these pictures to relive the special moments, the beauty, and the adventures. Upon being asked about my marriage, I acknowledged how fast time was flying and that I couldn’t believe I’ve already been married for a year. They responded that’s exactly how they feel about the past thirty years of their marriage. What a humbling thought, how time just gets away from us. If there’s anything that’s certain in this world, it’s that the time will keep passing...Don’t let it slip away when you could be enjoying special moments, beauty, and adventures.

Along with the KA-DEE-ANNA Eastern Seaboard photologue, in this issue of Waypoints you will be able to read about and see photos from Doug and Jan Martin’s exhilarating adventure on Lake Superior. Also featured are summaries from the Pacific Northwest Krog-In and the Krogen Cruisers Solomons Island Rendezvous; the photo contest winners are revealed; and Kadey-Krogen’s newest salesman, Bob Peterson, explains the importance of cruising now and not waiting for the “perfect time.” He knows from experience. You will also meet the owners of four new Kadey-Krogens previously, and one couple is shipping their boat to the Mediterranean to begin an awesome cruising adventure!

I hope you find this issue of Waypoints pleasurable. And as time keeps moving you forward, we hope it’s closer to a Kadey-Krogen for your own adventures. Until then, enjoy these.

Shannon’s Watch
In The News

They are everywhere! Our boats and boat owners have been featured in several recent boating magazine articles. Model news, reviews and cruising adventures make good reading. If you missed these as they appeared in hard copies, check them out online.

**Advanced Notice (Krogen 44’ AE)**
by John Wooldridge, Fall, New Boat Buyer’s Guide 2014

**Two Days Aboard Krogen 52’ Suite Judy (Krogen 52’)**
by Mary South, November 2013, Yachting

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**Kadey-Krogen iPad App**
The Kadey-Krogen Yachts app gives a glimpse of what it’s like living the Kadey-Krogen dream. Beautiful photos, maps, stories and articles show you slices of the lifestyle of Krogen trawler yacht owners from Alaska to the South Pacific, to anywhere in the world that the oceans beckon. We include information about and photos of our current production trawler yachts, highlight the history of the company, and show you why a Kadey-Krogen yacht is the choice for living “At Home On Any Sea.” iPad viewers will feel like they are along for the passage!

Download at http://bit.ly/1g0HfqQ
Welcome, New Owners! We are pleased to introduce these Kadey-Krogen enthusiasts who have grabbed ahold of their dreams to enjoy life now.

Gerry and Knut Frostad named their Krogen 48' AE widebody Salty Dawg as Knut is a University of Washington graduate (go Dawgs!), Gerry wanted a dog, and of course there is the infamous Salty Dawg bar in Homer, Alaska, near Kanai where Knut spent summers growing up. Homeport is Petersburg, Alaska, and the couple cruises the southeastern Alaskan waters, enjoying the sights and fishing opportunities. They plan to spend full time aboard.

Knut is a commercial fisherman in Bristol Bay gill netting sockeye salmon, as well as a having a corporate career. Gerry was formerly with a technology corporation. They progressed from a ski boat to a saltwater sport runabout and then to a Nordic Tug 42' prior to choosing their Krogen. Gerry looked to spend more time on the water, and wanted a larger boat for the task. The Frostads chose Kadey-Krogen because of the layout and on-board comfort in a boat they could handle themselves, and that fits well in Alaska slips. They chose an office set up for the second stateroom that also accommodates guests nicely. The galley facilities (the Viking stove in particular), storage capacity and the excellent quality workmanship made Kadey-Krogen a real winner. The 48' AE widebody provided the important saloon/lounge space they desire, and they opted for a portside bench seat for additional seating and storage.

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“[The total experience from initial contact, build cycle, through commissioning has been nothing but excellent],” writes Knut. “Kadey-Krogen personnel have responded to our questions, big and small. Our initial trip was interrupted with an equipment failure and was another example of their willingness to respond. Talking to Gregg Gandy in Florida on a weekend and seeing S3 Maritime’s Seattle representative walking up to Salty Dawg in response as we returned to dock that Saturday afternoon was above and beyond on both coasts. The problem was diagnosed and the part replaced on Monday, and we departed for Alaska on Tuesday. The 800-plus nautical miles to Petersburg were made with no issues.”

Tom and Jackie Jackson are the proud new owners of Krogen 5819, In Your Dreams, and have been boating most of their lives. Over the years they have owned 17 boats, starting with a 12-foot aluminum rowboat and including the $300 boat Tom surprised Jackie with from the Salvation Army, and the 23’ Scorpion of which Tom remembers saying, “This is all the boat we will ever need!” “Our love of boats has kept us upgrading as we could afford,” says Jackie. “For seven years, we thoroughly enjoyed our Krogen 48’ and were very attached. It was hard for me to part with that boat,” she continues.

The Jacksons were without a boat for about nine months when they were out on Tom’s brother’s 70-foot yacht one afternoon. “Jackie remarked that she could see herself on the back of a boat again, enjoying a glass of wine. I responded, ‘The only way you will see yourself on the back of a boat again is in your dreams.’ Thus the name of our boat,” Tom explains.

They decided on another Kadey-Krogen for several reasons. “For Jackie, the attraction is the big back porch, huge galley, and comfortable accommodations for our family and grandkids. Personally, I like the full displacement safety and, of course, her great looks,” Tom notes. He also admits that “after retiring it took me about ten seconds to adapt to the soothing speed of seven knots.”

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Laura Kanzer is our sales representative and will always have a special place in our hearts. Her expert knowledge of Kadey-Krogen trawlers is unsurpassed,” Jackie says. Tom continues, “The Kadey-Krogen team diligently worked together to make our experience top-notch and lived up to their reputation of customer satisfaction, jumping in to make sure every item was completed beyond our expectations.”

In Your Dreams will be at their home in Delray Beach, Florida. The remainder of their time is spent cruising, typically in the Islands or up to Georgia. “Today we enjoy cruising with our daughters, their husbands, and three grandchildren. We spend summers together making many memories,” states Jackie.
Val and David London first discovered trawlers about five years ago while they were waiting for their son, Benjamin, to wake up from having his wisdom teeth removed. As they waited they paged through a copy of PassageMaker magazine. “A lot of thinking, research, and exploration drew us forward to the challenge of defining and building a competent and comfortable trawler to take us to new destinations,” David explains. And that’s how Krogen 5820, Destiny, came to fruition. 

The Londons share the story of sailors turned powerboaters with many of our owners. David grew up in Miami Beach, boating on nearly anything that would float. Initially sailing dinghies and small cats, David spent high school fishing, diving, and just kicking around with a beloved 16’ Boston Whaler. Subsequently, David sailed multiple summers in the Bahamas with his parents on a shoal-draft ketch. Moving to Northern California, David partnered with a good friend to learn the challenges of cold-water sailing on San Francisco Bay aboard a 35’ Swedish sloop. Over the past 20 years, Valerie and David have bare-boated together in Florida, the Bahamas, Virgin Islands, Grenadines, Tonga, Sea of Cortez, and the Greek Isles.

With an eventual homeport of La Paz, Mexico, the boat will be on display at the 2014 Stuart Open House, the Miami Yacht and Brokerage Show, and the Palm Beach International Boat Show. “In April, she will be shipped to Genoa, Italy, to cruise the Northern Mediterranean,” Val reveals. She continues, “Eventually she will return to the Caribbean, transit the Panama Canal and slowly make her way along the Pacific coast of Central America to La Paz.” Although this itinerary is all that is currently planned, the Londons’ long term hope is to spend summers in the Pacific Northwest and winters in the Sea of Cortez. 

“We spent quite a bit of time researching boats in this size range, prioritizing our criteria. Safety, quality-build, comfortable engine room, capability, beauty, and performance were critical issues in our decision. Objectively, the Krogen 58’ gave us the comfort, storage capacity, and range we were looking for; yet, she is a reasonable size for an owner-operator to maintain. Subjectively, the Krogen 58’ just feels ‘right’ to us,” David declares.

Valerie and I are detail-oriented people,” David notes. “We had lots of customization ideas. At the same time, we have some very real gaps in our knowledge about trawlers. With incredible support and patience, we have been guided through the process of making a dream into our new reality.” 

A self-proclaimed “boat bum,” Bob Wilkins has owned ten different boats over the last forty years. He made the transition from sail to power, but not without his share of experience. He’s raced a Saber 36’ in the Marion, Massachusetts, to Bermuda Race before sailing back to Ocean City, New Jersey, and has taken his Eastbay 43’ to the Bahamas. Bob is now the owner of Krogen 44’ AE, Sweet Ride. This new Krogen 44’ AE came by way of an earlier Krogen 44’. Bob explains, “Well, Dennis Lawrence, who was previously my Nordhavn salesman, sold me Krogen 4424 Ocean Rose. I took delivery in Annapolis after the 2009 Power Boat Show. I was very happy with her. In late 2012, I was headed to California for a 12-month work assignment and would have NO time for Ocean Rose. An opportunity came up to sell her, so I did. The reason to go back to another Krogen 44’ was simple. I really liked Ocean Rose as a very comfortable boat to cruise and live aboard.”

Some of the changes he wanted to make were standard in the new model; everything else was customized at the yard. “The crew at Kadey-Krogen worked with me every step of the way. I am sure they were pulling their hair out at times with some of my ‘wacky boat owner’ ideas, but through thick and thin, they were there for me and guided me along in my changes,” he says.

The name Sweet Ride is inspired by the ‘sweet ride’ Bob is taking into retirement. While his homeport will be Coconut Grove, Florida, he plans to mostly cruise in the Northeast in the summer, and Florida and the Bahamas in the winter. “It’s also in my plans to do a modified Great Loop.” The options are endless.

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When to prepare for a cruising life? What are your and your spouse’s real goals? And how long are you going to postpone achieving those goals?

My wife and I decided years ago that our goal was to live aboard a boat and cruise to various places. Over 42 years ago we started with a small boat so we could learn the process of living aboard part time while we were both working. We joined a yacht club where we could share with others and learn the basics. We purchased a 32-foot trawler and spent each weekend on the boat. We learned to maintain it ourselves and we learned how to accomplish our dreams. While we were still working we lived aboard part time and took short trips learning how to handle the boat and feel comfortable at all times. On the weekends we learned to dock the boat with ease and also how to anchor under various circumstances. Two years later we purchased a 36-foot trawler and extended our time aboard and our cruising area.

Jump ahead. We have now cruised over 60,000 miles on our own boats from San Diego to Mexico, the Marquesas Islands, the Society Islands, Central America, the Caribbean, Florida, and the Intracoastal Waterway. There is nothing you can ever do that compares to cruising on your own boat. The incredible sense of freedom and being totally self-sufficient is something only boating can give you. The awesome experience of waking up in the morning to another beautiful day on the water with dolphin always swimming under the bow is the most peaceful and spiritual time I have ever known. Traveling to different countries, learning about different cultures, meeting people whose lives are so totally different from anything you have ever known, are amazing experiences. I used to wonder, as we sat on our boat in Papeete and watched the cruise ships dock, how those people could ever say they “knew” Tahiti. They got off the ship for maybe four hours to shop in all the tourist shops along the quay then got back on the ship for dinner and pulled out early the next morning. We were there for 47 days and no one on our boat wanted to leave. We were still learning and discovering something new every day. But we had other islands to explore so we did move on.

We had ten teenagers on our boat that we sailed to the South Pacific and the experiences they had on our cruise changed their lives. Your priorities change. Things that seemed monumentally important became not even a consideration.

We planned our trips carefully, never experiencing any danger or uncomfortable situations. There is absolutely no reason you would ever have to sail in bad weather. You can find out every hour where every storm is in the entire world. If there is bad weather coming you stay where you are until it passes. The only times we have heard of people having problems is when they have had a deadline and left when they should have stayed. You should never have a rigid time schedule when you are cruising.
One of the greatest things about cruising is the wonderful people you meet on other boats that are doing the same thing you are doing. Most of our longest friendships have been with people we have met while cruising.

Here is the bottom line. Some of you will never consider such an adventure. Others will want to but never take the step; many of you will keep waiting for the ideal time that will never come. Cruising is like having children; you are never ready, but you just go ahead and do it.

My wife and I have never wanted to retire. We are still working and still cruising when we can afford the boat and the time. Our next adventure is unlimited cruising on a Krogen 44’ in the Sea of Cortez.

Some of you may be ready and your situation may allow you to get into a boat immediately and cut the learning time shorter. The important message is to take the first step as soon as you can. Don’t wait ‘til the kids are in college or your retirement is secure. Never wait to sell the house and take the plunge. Maybe you are not ready to cast off the lines and head out to sea, but you can be preparing for that time.

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Traditional men’s dance, Micronesia
KA-DEE-ANNA Photologue

Krogen 52' KA-DEE-ANNA was commissioned late spring of 2013, and her owners spent the summer and fall cruising the Eastern Seaboard, even making a stop in Solomons, Maryland, for the October Krogen Cruisers Rendezvous. Along the way, on the hook or docked in the Big Apple, KA-DEE-ANNA found that the sites are always grand aboard a Kadey-Krogen.

Sunrise on the hook off St. Michaels, Maryland

Frequent companions! Dolphin near Ft. Myers, Florida.

Tender mate, Dry Tortugas/Fort Jefferson National Park

At dock in New York City
“My kind of art” in Apalachicola, St. George Island, Florida

Sunrise near Bull Island, Cape Romain, South Carolina

Kilkenny Creek shrimper, Georgia

A manatee takes advantage of a wash-off at port, Charleston, South Carolina
2013 Krogen Cruisers Rendezvous
By Sue L. LaNeve (Freebird)

Randy Pickelmann (Morning Star) recently shared a story about an SOB (Some Other Boat) who wanted to join Krogen Cruisers just so he could come to the Krogen Cruiser Rendezvous! Says, Randy, "Our party is epic!"

For the record, that SOB wasn’t the first to ask. Word is spreading widely that our Rendezvous rocks. The amazing backdrop of October in Solomons doesn’t disappoint: the autumnal equinox has just snuck by, temperatures are beginning to skinny dip, and the surrounding trees are chilling from photosynthesis. Solomons’ harbor entrance sits on watch, knowing the family of Krogens will soon descend on Calvert Marina like swallows to Capistrano, or would that be weary mariners to a bar?

This past October, more than 35 Kadey-Krogens of every model and over 100 members, newbies and wannabees, gathered at Calvert Marina for docktails and dining, education, relaxation, and camaraderie. If you weren’t among us for the 2013 event, read on my friends. You won’t want to miss 2014.

In fact, right now, this very minute, open your calendar and block out October 9-12, 2014! Then again, you may not want to limit your trip to those dates. This year, a pre-Rendezvous CPR class attracted so many early arrivals that they had to Med-moor long before opening day. Or was it the early docktail parties that drew the crowd? Hmmm, I wonder.

The 2013 Rendezvous, chaired by the inimitable Maria and Roberto Rosa (Gratitude), offered something for everyone, beginning with that CPR pre-event class. Alan Karpas (blow boater) ran a Boater’s First-Aid module developed by Dr. Jim Brown (Ariel), assisted by Jim himself and Barbara Boykin. Attendees engaged in hands-on training on mariner focused issues, like how to manage carbon monoxide poisoning, drowning, hypothermia, lightning strikes, sea sickness, jellyfish stings and fish hook injuries. Attendees also practiced saving lives using a portable defibrillator.

Perhaps it’s fireworks that rock your boat. Jim Brown and Steve Speer (Klassy Kady) supervised and guided participants in flare and fire extinguisher use, including firing 12-gauge aerial flares. Several generous owners donated large stores of expired flares, allowing all attendees an opportunity to light a flare.

Dancing past “Krogen midnight”
Thrills like those build appetites. Luckily, Paulette and John Lee (Seamantika) orchestrated four amazing dinners: a pizza night, a potluck, and two catered buffets, featuring an array of delectable southern choices by RiB, stretching from one end of the tent to the other. Best on my list, and hopefully a new Krogen tradition, was the Make Your Own Sundae night! Thank you, Paulette and John. You worked tirelessly throughout the event and succeeded in feeding and pleasing the majority—a nearly impossible task!

Rendezvous attendees looking to hone skills and sharpen knowledge were dazzled by solar energy and enchanted with “how to” info on doing the ICW frugally. We gained new respect for through-hulls and learned to manage maintenance while underway. Jim Brown provided complimentary Coast Guard inspections for ten boats, all passing with flying colors. John and Pam Loving (Compass Rose) and Cindy and Randy Pickelmann (Morning Star) showed us the best way to do the ICW ditch, and we even learned how to navigate with flying cows.

We listened to updates by Larry Polster on Kadey-Krogen Yachts, Betty Robinson (Li Li) on the Cruisers website, and Jill Hautzenroeder (Li Li) on cool apps. Moving from techie to tasty, Will and Sue Parry (Second Star) organized a rum tasting. Maritime vendors filled table after table with amazing gifts, and a “Hello Kitty” award was presented to Betty to memorialize her special on-board visitor. We sang (and did just about everything else) in the non-stop rain. Thankfully, Maria and Roberto, our thoughtful event chairs, filled the tent with warming heaters.

In the end, our traditions make the Krogen Cruiser Rendezvous legendary, such as the Med-moor configuration that Randy Pickelmann and his crew of captains gently and calmly ease all of us into. Or our Krogen Krawl that reconfirms, “When you’ve seen one Krogen, you’ve seen one Krogen!” We applaud our pets, share appetizers at our docktail parties and dance long past “Krogen midnight.” Best of all is the goose bump inducing horn salute at departure and the a capella closing by Classic Case, a band that takes us back to some of the best music, ever. We are Krogen owners—mariners with heart who recognize quality, can laugh at our foibles, honor our adventurous spirits, and rejoice in our camaraderie.

“Our Krogen Krawl reconfirms, “When you’ve seen one Krogen, you’ve seen one Krogen!””

Until next year...
Krog-In 2013

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The Pacific Northwest Krogen Owners Group Krog-In went off without a hitch at Roche Harbor September 19-22. Twenty Krogens of all sizes and styles were at the dock, two were anchored in the harbor and several members came by ferry and float plane. We were introduced to several new Krogen owners and became reacquainted with many of our long-time friends and fellow cruisers. Also we were pleased that our Canadian members were well represented. Saturday afternoon the sales staff from Kadey-Krogen Yachts in Seattle joined us.

On Friday morning our round table forum gave everyone a chance to solve some boating problems and hear some cruising tips. Our experienced cruisers have a wealth of knowledge and information and are willing and capable of sharing it with everyone.

Karen Brees of Huckleberry organized our Friday afternoon craft fair, and it was a big hit. It gave many of our very talented members a chance to share and show off their projects. We have authors, artists, quilters, knitters, and jewelers to name a few. Donna Gibler showed us her unusual and rare collection of antique trade beads. She had made some beautiful necklaces and bracelets with the 200-year-old beads. Apparently collecting trade beads is not uncommon with cruisers in the PNW; you just have to know the secret places to look.

Friday evening we all enjoyed docktails and potluck hors d’oeuvres followed by a grill-your-own dinner. Latecomers to the grill had to make do under umbrellas but this didn’t seem to dampen any spirits.

Saturday morning we all enjoyed another round table discussion sharing our favorite gadgets and equipment. Everyone got some good ideas about
how to spend our boat dollars. In the afternoon we spent two hours touring the boats at the dock during our traditional Krogen Krawl; there were many great boats and lots of innovative improvements to examine. Saturday evening we had a wonderful catered dinner and raffle to wind up the festivities.

We were treated to beautiful San Juan Island weather throughout the weekend. The rain and wind forecasted held off until departure day. Many of us chose to make it another day of fun and impromptu potluck. Those that left for home were glad to be on a Krogen because of its famous sea keeping qualities. There were some rough seas between Roche Harbor and Anacortes with winds gusting to 50 knots and 5- to 7-foot waves, but all made it home safely with another story to tell.

Thanks to our good friends and sponsors at Kadey-Krogen Yachts we all were able to have a great rendezvous and look forward to meeting again next year in Anacortes.

“Friday evening we all enjoyed docktails and potluck hors d’oeuvres followed by a grill-your-own dinner.”

Photo Credit: John Beatty 2011
Eighth Annual Photo Contest Winners

Sunrise, sunset...mist and mainland backdrops...blue skies and blue water. Wherever there is a Kadey-Krogen, there is a breathtaking scene to behold. Thanks to all entrants in the past year’s photo contest—our eighth annual—for sharing the beauty, fanta-seas and fun times you’ve witnessed on your passages. We welcome your photographs any time of the year, and invite you to email your high resolution shots to yourcrew@kadeykrogen.com.

First Prize
Paulette Lee
Krogen 48' Chez Nous seen from Krogen 58' Seamantha
Wahoo Island, GA
Second Prize
Carl Pugh
Krogen 48' North Sea Eventide
as seen from Krogen 58' Inception
Echo Bay/Sucia Island, WA

Third Prize
Don and Jan Gillings
Figment, Krogen 48' North Sea
Port Protection, Alaska

Honorable Mention
Richard Maggs
Krogen 42', Partners
Maho Bay, USVI

Honorable Mention
Niki Maguire
Krogen 39', Scooter
Oakland Boat Parade, Alameda Estuary
Krogen Cruisers Convene on the Chesapeake for Annual Fun Gathering  

By Christine McClintic, Editor, PowerSource

Just as Harley motorcycle riders have their rallies, each fall proud owners of Kadey-Krogen yachts cruise into the Chesapeake Bay for a Rendezvous in Solomons, Maryland. Instead of the guttural roar of thundering engines rolling into town, about 35 sleek Krogen yachts unobtrusively purr into place along a peaceful pier. John Deere marine engines propel most of these luxury cruisers.

If you lay out the demographics, most members fall into the category of retirees who enjoyed successful careers and are now enjoying the fruits of their labor. And while some could assume this is an elite crowd, these folks are far from hoity-toity. They simply love their nautical lifestyle and enjoy the camaraderie of others who share their passion.

Emerging from their yachts, they greet each other with hearty handshakes and genuine smiles. "Welcome home!" greets one boater to another from their sterns. "It feels good to be home," the other replies.

Yes, for some, the Krogen yacht is their home—an on-the-water haven that now replaces the brick and mortar, where permanent addresses give way to freedom and simplicity. Their home travels with them, and their neighbors are like-minded Krogen friends.

Still, most are physically or emotionally tethered somewhere. While most have ties somewhere on the East Coast, members come from all across the United States, as well as internationally. Similar rendezvous are held on the West Coast in Anacortes and Roche Harbor, Washington.

Wherever the travel, the distinctive shape of the Krogen hull makes the trawlers easily identifiable.
regardless of their size. They often seek each other out at most major cruising destinations. Krogen Cruisers members flag their yachts using a colorful burgee displaying a sunset image of a Krogen 42'. A simple email invitation alone can create a spontaneous gathering. Even when winter dry-docks some boats, there are “Hard Aground” parties and Krogen Super Bowl parties to attend.

Although they call their gathering a Rendezvous, it’s really more like a family reunion, and they gladly extend their hospitality to the “wannabees”—those who hope to own a Kadey-Krogen one day. Just like any close-knit gathering, they all share hugs, travel experiences, nautical advice, and lots of good food. Yet the Krogen Cruisers are not without structure and organization. They hold business meetings, elect officers, and fill most of four days with educational sessions devoted to topics such as essential items for navigation. Usually a John Deere marine dealer will offer tips and advice on maintaining the John Deere engines. The well-rounded program also includes a friendly pet show and sometimes a dance band.

Mike Warren and his wife, Dyan, have been regular attendees of the Chesapeake Rendezvous since 2004. Mike has served as the organization’s president and is now the vice president. “Over the years we’ve developed truly great friends here,” says Mike, owner of a John Deere-powered Krogen 52’ named Suite Judy. Dyan echoes his sentiments. “When you’re buying a Krogen, you’re buying into family,” she adds. “You always have other Krogen owners to help you, to be there for you.”

Dyan’s enthusiasm and affection goes beyond these terms of endearment. Her devotion is revealed in her tattooed wrists with the Krogen slogan: “At Home On Any Sea.”

Betty Robinson takes a routine temperature check of the PowerTech 6068TFM engine that powers her Kadey-Krogen, Li Li. Kadey-Krogen now powers the Krogen 48’ with a PowerTech 4045AFM engine.

“She’s my baby,” says Betty Robinson of her PowerTech 6068TFM engine that propels her Krogen 48’. “I feel confident in the engine. She’s wonderful to operate.”

Seven years ago, the delivery of Robinson’s Krogen yacht incidentally coincided with a retirement package offered to her by her corporate employer. That timing set the wheels in motion for an on-the-water retirement. “The whole idea of living on a trawler was intriguing,” recalls Robinson. “So I sold my house and hired a teaching captain, and drove the boat to the Chesapeake. I’ve been living aboard ever since.”

Robinson named her trawler Li Li (abbreviated for “living life”—a motto that she takes to heart). She also found a travel buddy in Jill Hautzenroeder, a licensed captain who’s been a crewmember on 11 other Krogen yachts over the years.

“It’s been great fun and lots of learning, says Robinson. “It allows me to travel to different places and meet all kinds of people.”

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“It seems to be the common thread that binds so many of these Krogen yacht owners together. Krogen owners love to live life,” she states simply. “And what’s there not to love?”

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