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OFFLOADING CRACKER JACK IN MIAMI
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OUR PERFECT DAYS

Ray & Bonnie's Trawler Life

Sometime in late 90's or early 2000's, my wife Bonnie and I were coming up the Chesapeake Bay from Norfolk, Virginia, in our 48' Mason ketch. We were headed for Pocomoke City, Maryland, which is our homeport, and about halfway during the trip, I spotted what I thought was a fishing boat about four miles in the distance heading towards us on the opposite course. As we got closer, I used the binoculars to look at the oncoming craft which now looked more like a recreational vessel to me—but still had me curious. I hailed them on the VHF to ask about the boat and it was then that I was introduced to Kadey-Krogen trawlers. I was smitten!

As we passed the boat, I exclaimed to Bonnie that if we ever got out of sailing, a Kadey-Krogen was what we were going to have! The idea of switching to power began to brew.

Later that summer, we were in a marina near Annapolis and I spied another Krogen, and this time I asked if we could come aboard. The idea of switching to power was confirmed. In 2008, we had our Krogen 44' named CRACKER JACK built, we sold our sailboat, and we haven't looked back. And now, we're enjoying our brand-new Krogen 52'—she arrived in Miami last November!

As we planned our next Krogen adventure (and retirement), Bonnie chose the Krogen 52' for all sorts of reasons, but mainly because of the Dutch door in the larger galley to usher-in more fresh breezes, and to have a second head, a larger guest stateroom, and a third stateroom/office. We're looking forward to all these features and more (the 52's walk-in engine room, twin engines, stern thruster...)!

As for our perfect days, now that we're retired, we'll travel our beloved Chesapeake Bay during the summers and spend more time in Florida and the Bahamas, and eventually the Leewards and Windwards, and possibly the San Blas Islands.

We've decided to keep the name CRACKER JACK for our 52', which came from my father's love of baseball. My dad would say when a new kid came up who had great pitching or hitting skills, that the kid was a "Cracker Jack"! To us, it just fits a Kadey-Krogen.

With many visiting the **Miami International Boat Show** this month, our advice to those contemplating trawler life is to really consider your career and retirement plans. Our first ten years spent on our Krogen 44' were great, but because we were not yet retired, we could never get enough of it! We loved cruising. But if you wait until you retire, you'll miss A LOT. Regardless of when you get a Krogen, it is a wonderful experience.



Krogens are able boats and exactly what Kadey-Krogen Yachts says they are, *At Home on any Sea*—which is what you want. They are amazing vessels. Skipped well, they will take you wherever you want to go. And, as good as the boats are, you'll find the Krogen owners you meet on your journey to be very special, too.

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