

Gentlemen,

I am confident you have heard from John and Ken Navis about the trials yesterday on TOMCAT in Annapolis. I just want to extend my thanks to the team at Horizon East who have supported this project. Based on the initial diagnostics, I have a boat that will truly outperform any other 31 Tiara Open in the country and will be pleased to have her featured in your marketing program.

You have teamed up with a master mechanic who puts his customers above all other considerations and I am grateful to have Ken Navis as a colleague and friend. His thoughtful attention to all the details involved in such a complex undertaking is the reason for the success(es) yesterday. We look forward to the results of the sea trials next week after we change the props to a set that has been reworked by Black Dog Propellers here on Kent Island. We will run with a set of 3 bladed props when next we put the laptop on the motors to see how we do with fuel consumption and all the other data we can get while running at cruising speed.

The other factor that has led to such a happy beginning for the "new TOMCAT" is the incredible quality and engineering excellence of your Steyr products. These engines are quiet, free of vibration at all speeds, efficient, maintainable in a small boat engine room, accessible, very well instrumented and alarmed, and frugal in their use of fuel and lubricants. The finish and generous use of ceramic coatings to prohibit rust and corrosion suggest years of clean operation. We could not find a drop of any fluid in the bilge after an hour of running up to full throttle.

I have had the pleasure of spending 20 years in the navy, have had command of diesel and steam powered warships, and logged over 200,000 miles at sea in new and old ships, sailboats, and motorboats. This is the most responsive, efficient power plant I have ever taken to sea and look forward to years of reliable service as we enjoy our "new" boat.

Please feel free to pass this message along to Steyr Motors, and to John and Ken as I do not have email addresses for them. I will forward a message I sent to my friends last night that expands on the details of our findings during the trials yesterday.

Pete Abbott