

The engines were bolted straight onto the existing gearboxes, says First Mate Graham Jones.

Hunting for a Retreat?

Onboard Huntress, enjoy a luxurious 'go-anywhere, see-everything' experience

hen high school friends Richard Ditmar and Don Donaldson first went into the boat-building business after World War II, they had no formal training. But their knack for visualizing customers' ideas soon made them the designers of choice for high-quality, luxury superyachts. Designed and constructed by these experienced shipwrights, superyacht *Huntress* checks all the boxes for the yachtsman seeking luxury and dependability, and the ability to travel to places that are often inaccessible by other yachts.

Graham Jones is first mate on *Huntress* and a true advocate. "She's very versatile and offers an exceptional level of comfort and reliability," he says. "Since her launch in 1984, *Huntress* has been continuously upgraded with the latest technologies and amenities. Over her 30 years in operation, she has completed six trans-Atlantic crossings and plenty of voyages around the East Australian coast."

Exploring new horizons in comfort.

Huntress is used mainly for private explorations of the Pacific Rim and East Australian coast, but is also available for charter for yachtsmen seeking an elegant retreat. "They love her go-anywhere, see-everything attitude," Jones continues. "Thanks to her shallow draft (2.32 meters or 7 feet, 6 inches) guests can visit isolated alcoves and beaches other vessels can't reach — adventure and privacy guaranteed! Plus, there are plenty of amenities for any activity, such as tenders for scuba diving and fishing, paddleboards, bicycles, snorkeling and fishing gear, and a fully-fledged entertainment center and gaming table to relax in style. And of course, guests can enjoy the simpler pleasures in luxury: watching spectacular sunsets through the panoramic windows or reading a good book."

Reliability guaranteed!

To keep *Huntress* in tip-top condition, in early 2014 the yacht was repowered with two PowerTech 6135SFM75 engines supplied by Marine Diesel Pty Ltd in Queensland. Why the change? "The existing engines were 30 years old; they were reliable but lagged behind in technological improvement in terms of fuel efficiency and emissions," Jones explains. "Spare parts for these older engines would eventually also become harder to source.

"Huntress has a displacement hull, so we didn't need a powerful engine. In fact, the more power you give, the more the stern sinks, pushing more water, forcing the engines to work harder. We chose the 6-cylinder engines because of their compact size and high torque output. This offers good hull speed at a low revolution for excellent fuel economy. The engines drive twin-screw propellers."

Efficiency and power — anywhere, anytime.

Huntress has an efficient range of 3,000 nautical miles at a cruising speed of 10 knots. Motoring at this speed, at 1400 rpm, fuel consumption is 30 liters (7 gallons) per hour per engine. Top speed is 13 knots at 1950 rpm. With her brand-new, up-to-date engines, Huntress is ready to keep motoring far and wide, offering guests who seek a luxurious, comfortable, and reliable retreat her own unique style of "anywhere, everything" yachting.

Engine distributor: Marine Diesel Pty Ltd in Capalaba, Queensland, Australia, www.marinediesel.net.au

Yachtsmen seeking a luxury retreat can explore the world in comfort and style aboard Huntress.

