

New Boats

Bering 65

One feature of global warming is that the Northwest Passage is opening up and folks are now starting to think about going up and exploring what can be an extraordinarily beautiful part of the world. The other side of that coin is that if you think the weather is unpredictable, you should try figuring out what ice is going to do. That's the reason why most folks opt for steel hulls when they decide to do that adventure.

If that is on your bucket list you are indeed in luck as a couple of our favorite people over at Waterline Boats have decided to take on the Bering line. The key here is that

while a lot of folks build in steel, the builders at Bering produce luxury steel ocean trawlers that are built to commercial standards. While some steel vessels can shall we say be a bit agricultural, the Bering 65 is flat-out one great looking vessel.

As near as we can tell, there is nothing else like Bering Yachts being commercially produced in the world. For design they rival the finest expedition and trawler style yachts, and they feature top equipment and skilled craftsmanship.

For toughness, they have no rivals. Steel construction makes them extraordinarily strong and capable. The



other advantage to this type of steel construction is that these vessels are highly customizable, fire and impact resistant, and easily repairable anywhere in the world where you can find welding equipment and that is just about everywhere.

Being constructed of A-36 structural steel plate, the designers have taken advantage of this to taper the plate thickness down as you move higher up in the vessel. The bottom plates and integral tank sides are 8mm, the hull sides 6mm, superstructure 5mm, with the flybridge and hardtop 4mm.

When working with the design team at Bering you can take advantage of their skilled design engineers that utilize advanced CAD methods very effectively to integrate contemporary aesthetics and proven, seaworthy

hull designs. And, again using advanced manufacturing techniques they translate their designs and your dreams into efficient fabrication, making these very durable ships surprisingly affordable.

The Bering 65 will probably be the first of these ships to come to the Pacific Northwest and features a very efficient and workable layout. Space is well utilized and the Bering 65 offers that elusive quality of being able to be handled by a crew of two while accommodating up to six should the occasion present itself.

Powered by twin John Deere 265HP Commercial Marine diesels and carrying 4200 gals of diesel, the Bering 65 will easily take you to Kodiak and back, the long way.

Another great feature, or should I say features, is the fact that Bering knows that if you're buying this vessel you intend to do some serious cruising in what is certain to be at some point fairly challenging conditions. To that end the Bering 65 is loaded with first rate equipment and a number of very clever features to insure your comfort and safety. My wife's favorite, the heated electric ceramic tile flooring in the head along with the electric towel drying rack.

To get the complete story on this remarkable vessel give Lisa or Scott Helker a call at Waterline Boats, you will be impressed.

Specifications: LOA - 63.3' (19.3 m); Beam - 20.0' (6.1 m); Draft - 6.0' (1.8 m); Displacement - 203,000 lbs. (92 MT); Fuel - 4600 gal (17400 liters); Water - 400 gals. (1500 liters).

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