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Outer Reef 820 Cockpit Motoryacht

HOT TAKE: Comfort means different things to different people, but cruising capabilities cut across those lines. This Outer Reef is an example of that.

hen I stepped aboard the 820 Cockpit Motoryacht from Outer Reef Yachts at the 2015 Ft. Lauderdale International Boat Show, I was struck not by the gleaming newness of the interior, though it was, of course, spotless and brandspankin' new. Instead what lodged in my mind was the fact that the boat was designed to look a little, shall we say, used? Planking in the sole of the saloon and galley/ helm area was machined and treated to show some dents and dings—the kind of thing you'd find on the plank floor of a rustic ski-lodge tavern. Same goes for the dark, brushed finish on all the brass hardware there's very little polished and gleaming metal on this boat—and the antique brass and glass light fixtures in the saloon. And it's that way because the owners wanted it that way and worked with Outer Reef's design team to make it that way (there's a \$60,000 useit-or-lose-it interior allowance).

But the owners ended up building their boat with Outer Reef Yachts because they knew founder and CEO Jeff Druek and his team would work with them to create precisely what they wanted. Very simply, they were after a certain feel in the interior, but wanted a capable

cruising boat as well. Take one look at the wide side decks, the Portuguese bridge, the proper upper and lower helm stations, and the capacious engine room, built around a pair of 750-horsepower John Deere 6135 diesels, with duplex Racors for the mains, a pair of 25-kilowatt Northern Lights gensets, two sea chests, and a Fireboy fire-suppression system on the side,

TIP #9

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always a good idea.

FLASHLIGHT ON BOARD.

and headlamps and additiona

lights available in prime spots

for after-dark operations are

and you'll see this is a boat that takes appearance seriously, and backs it up accordingly.

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LOA: 82'0" BEAM: 21'0" DRAFT: 5'6" DISPL.: 180,000 lb. FUEL: 3,000 gal. WATER: 500 gal. POWER: 2/750-hp John Deere 6135s POWER OPTIONS: 2/670-hp Caterpillar C-18s; 2/1,160-hp Caterpillar C-32s CRUISING SPEED: 10 knots TOP SPEED: 14.1 knots **BASE PRICE: Upon request**