

# A Star is Reborn

**WHEN YOU GET SIX DEDICATED PEOPLE TOGETHER**, with the right chemistry to work towards a common goal, miracles sometimes happen. That's exactly what occurred in the case of the yacht *Trilogy*.

The ship, owned by Bruce McDonald, is a 1984 model 90' Stephens. *Trilogy* spends winters in Florida and the Caribbean, and summers in Michigan and Maine. When not being used by its owner, it's often chartered – sometimes up to 10 weeks a year. As you'd expect, *Trilogy* gets quite a bit of use, usually 800 hours per year.

Due to its heavy use, the boat's engines had been rebuilt four times over the years, and the ship was in need of major refurbishing. McDonald considered purchasing a new boat, but when he looked around, he didn't find anything he liked as much as *Trilogy*. So he decided to install new engines and have the yacht completely refurbished.



McDonald noted that the engines had last been rebuilt in 1999 and currently had around 5,000 hours on them. He was in search for more power and better fuel economy. "MTU had a good track record and other owners had positive things to say about their engines," he noted. "After touring



the MTU plant with W.W. Williams, I was very impressed, especially with the quality control. I was sold."

Next, he and the ship's captain, Mike Witters met with Ron Taylor, Off-Highway Sales Manager at W.W. Williams to discuss the project. Twin MTU Series 60 engines, which put out 700 HP were chosen. They supply ample power and help the boat cruise comfortably at 12 knots. "Ron was absolutely great to work with," said McDonald. "He made sure the engines were delivered on time."

W.C. Beardslee of Harsens Island, MI, was given the nod to undertake the project. Work began in September, 2006 and completed in June, 2007. John Falkewicz and Steve Popke oversaw the mechanical, carpentry and rebuilding of the ship. And the results are nothing short of spectacular.

*Trilogy* now sports a more practical galley and dining area, updated cabins, a sumptuous salon and new carpeting throughout. The glass pilothouse has been redesigned and now features

state-of-the-art electronics and the wooden foredeck has been replaced with a no-slip surface. The yacht can accommodate eight guests in four cabins and the crew of four have a separate companionway, heads and shower. "Beardslee did an excellent job," commented Captain Mike, who helped oversee the project. "They did everything from soup to nuts."

If you're in the market to charter a boat, now you can do it more luxuriously than ever.



Twin Series 60 engines