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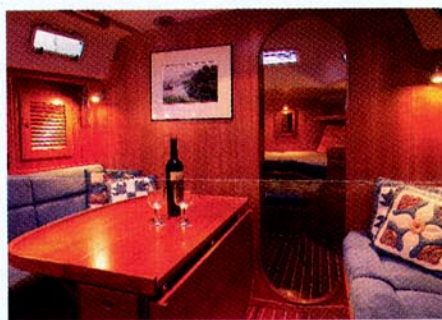
The True Sailors' Cruising Boat

Our J/42 is a remarkable sea boat. Never once did we put the stemhead under when broadreaching down the face of large seas. Never once did a breaking wave from aft land on the deck. She's fast enough to surf down waves ahead of the crests. Even more amazing is how the boat deals with breaking crests from cross waves in the Gulf Stream. The low freeboard, stability and clean decks allow crests to wash over the deck with no tendency to roll the boat...hardly affecting forward speed at all. Under 78 feet, the only boats close to us in the 2001 CARIB 1500 were a couple of larger Swans, 4-6 hours back. We used our engine only 16% of the time vs. others at 50-60%.... *Peter W.*

J/42 performed wonderfully in the very rough 2002 CARIB 1500. We sailed the 1,500 miles to Virgin Gorda in 8 1/2 days. Winds hit 50+ during two gales. The only cruising boat that beat us across the line was a deep draft Swan 53. My crew was made up of friends who, like me, had only sailed in the Great Lakes. We sailed a steady 8 knots and the boat never lost control and always had a solid feel. It was my first taste of

heavy weather ocean sailing, and I was glad to be on a J/42!...*Mark M.*

A year ago our J/42 won the MS Charity Race in 66 knots of wind. In the next race, the Interclub, we finished 2nd Overall among 67 boats. When we rounded Long Point with 18 miles to go, our closest competitor was 2.5 miles



ahead. We beat him to the line by 1.5 miles. J/42 was so stiff we carried the asymmetric spinnaker in 22 knots at 85 degrees apparent wind, averaging 10 knots for the rest of the race! Nobody else could carry a chute. I never had so much fun. Our 4 man crew had never

seen the boat until the day before, and only one of them had raced competitively in the past 20 years...*William S.*

We cruised from Newport to Bermuda, the Azores, the coasts of Portugal and Spain thru the Straits of Gibraltar to winter in Alicante. In spring we sailed to the Balearic Islands, Corsica Sardinia, Elba, Sicily, Malta then back across to St. Lucia in the Caribbean and home. The J/42 sails a whole lot better than cruising boats we saw every day. Our passage times were shorter. We sailed instead of motored and could have crossed the Atlantic with just the standard fuel tank. She sails in light winds, yet we're not afraid to go out in Force 6 conditions. J/42 surfs better, doesn't hobbyhorse as much and seems stiffer. The autopilot does all the work and we just trim sails. We get plenty of sleep, good meals and reading time.... *Bill S.*

I have never had so many compliments for anything I've ever owned as my J/42. I feel pride in owning a true yacht that's a joy to sail...*Tom T.*

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