

the OTHER BOAT

FOR MANY OWNERS, THEIR GLOBE-TROTTING LARGE YACHT IS MERELY THE HEAD OF A FLEET OF BOATS. *SHOWBOATS* GOES BELOW THE BIG-BOAT BARRIER TO REVEAL THESE OWNERS' "SECOND LOVES."

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FIRST LOVE **TIGER'S EYE** ▶

For those of us at a certain age, the phrase "Betcha can't eat just one" brings back memories of the famous advertising slogan for a brand of salty potato chips. You could say the same phrase applies equally well to yachts: "Betcha can't own just one."

Take the owner of the 344-foot *Lady Moura*, one of the 25 largest private yachts in the world. For him, it takes two San Juan 38s to have one always available when needed, and these are often scattered around the jet-set ports of the Mediterranean to ensure immediate availability regardless of where *Lady Moura* is located.

The San Juan 38, a beautifully finished yacht in the tradition of Down East lobster boats, is appealing as the "other boat" not just for the comfortable cockpit and protected pilothouse with sunroof, but also for the shallow two-foot draft that allows access to beaches and shallow bays.

Another large-yacht owner who has perfected the art of the "other boat" is Duane Hagadone, whose fleet of yachts named *Lady Lola* has included a 205-foot Oceanco and a 147-foot Benetti on which he roamed the world, even going so far as to commission a "shadow yacht" to carry his various toys.

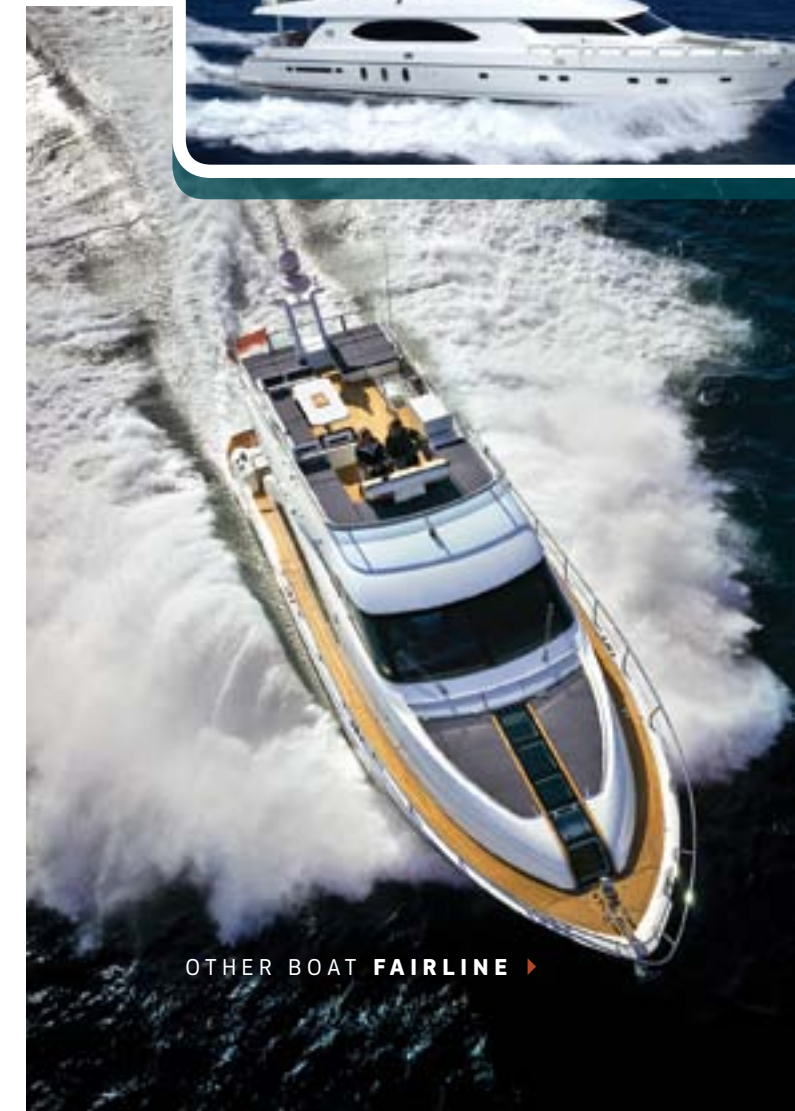
Closer to home, however, *Lady Lola III* is a 72-foot Marquis Tri-Deck that was launched on Lake Coeur d'Alene in Idaho where Hagadone lives. The Marquis was designed by the Italian team of Nuvolari-Lenard and, while essentially a production yacht, was custom-tailored for Hagadone and his wife, Lola, the yacht's namesake, by interior designer Guy Dreier. Marquis Yachts also fitted *Lady Lola III* with a FLIR infrared camera for night running on the freshwater lake and made provisions so Hagadone could handle her by himself, including docking.

On a simpler scale, Tom Cutter lives aboard a classic wooden motor yacht close to Washington, D.C., where the ex-military, ex-airline pilot is a business aviation consultant. Since he divides his time between Washington and California, the decision to buy a Tiara 44 five years ago was an easy one.

"I was tired of hotels," says Cutter, "and, since I like living aboard, a second boat in Southern California was a no-brainer. Years ago, I had a 31-foot Tiara and liked it a lot, but I have more demands as I get older. It may seem trivial, but I just didn't want the usual 'wet shower.' I wanted a real stall shower, and my Tiara has a large one. I also wanted a second private cabin for weekend guests or if a pilot friend needs an overnight bunk. And I wanted all my comforts: air conditioning, microwave and TV."

But while he rarely takes his East Coast motor yacht cruising, the Tiara gets a workout. "If I have a free weekend, you'll find me on a mooring at Catalina Island. With a cell phone and a laptop, I'm fully connected, but it's so much better than a hotel or even an apartment."

It was losing out on a second home that put Bill Castle and his wife, Francy, into their second boat, a Sea Ray 480 Sedan Bridge. "We had made an offer on a condo in the San Juan Islands [in



OTHER BOAT **FAIRLINE** ▶

LAKE EXPLORER

For Richard and Tami Frain, the "big boat" is their 98-foot Hargrave *Tiger's Eye*, which they keep in Florida and use for runs to The Bahamas with their family. Their weekend getaway, however, is the Fairline Squadron 65 that they have in Chicago. "It's like a condo for us," says Frain. "We keep it at Burnham Harbor next to Soldier's Field, and sometimes we'll just stay aboard all weekend. The yacht club is nearby, and so are great restaurants. It is a totally different mindset. It's a wonderful experience and really relaxing."

But the Fairline, named *Used Treasure* (Frain is in the used equipment business), is no marina queen. "We've done the Great Lakes, the North Channel, Huron. The only problem is how much time we have, so sometimes we'll hire a captain to take her to Mackinac Island for us," says Frain, who flies a turbo-prop Pilatus PC-12 to commute to the boat with his family. "It lets us base the boat farther away and then explore from that point," he says.

Frain runs the Fairline by himself with his wife and four children, but has a captain for *Tiger's Eye*, which he also charters. "I like doing things myself on the Fairline," he says, adding, "but it's great having a captain to keep an eye on the Hargrave, too."



◀ FIRST LOVE **CARPE DIEM**



OTHER BOAT **AQUARIVA** ▶

SEIZE THE WEEKEND

Although the 191-foot Trinity *Carpe Diem* just launched in March to replace an earlier 150-foot Trinity, the owner keeps Captain Ryan Butterwick busy with a fleet that includes a new 33-foot Aquariva speedboat.

While *Carpe Diem* roams worldwide, the Aquariva (named *Carpe Vita*, “seize life”) is kept on a shorter leash and spends most of its time plying the waters of Biscayne Bay off Miami, although it has a trailer that probably will take it to New York’s Sag Harbor to summer on Long Island Sound.

Currently under the Ferretti Group umbrella, Riva has a long and distinguished reputation for providing sporty dayboats for celebrities and heads of state from Sean Connery to Brigitte Bardot to Prince Rainier. At 33 feet, the Aquariva features impeccable mahogany decks inlaid with maple, a pair of 380-hp Yanmar inboards with two-speed transmissions and a top speed over 40 knots.



◀ FIRST LOVE **LADY CHRISTINE**



OTHER BOAT **HUNT 52** ▶

CLASSIC CRUISER

For Irvin Laidlaw, a Scottish businessman and member of the House of Lords, it takes two “other boats” to meet his needs. Although his 223-foot

Feadship *Lady Christine* was designed to cruise the world, Lord Laidlaw, an avid yacht racer, has twice won the legendary Key West Regatta with his Swan 60, a production sailing yacht that

offers race-course speed. But Lord Laidlaw’s most prized “other boat” is his Hunt 52, an elegant motor yacht with classic lines, which he keeps in Sardinia. The yacht was

customized with a light wood interior and has a top speed of nearly 30 knots for quickly reaching the coves and beaches of the nearby La Maddalena Archipelago. With both

bow and stern thrusters, his Hunt 52 is designed to be easily handled by just Laidlaw and his wife, Christine, but enjoyed by many with its single-level salon that opens to the cockpit.

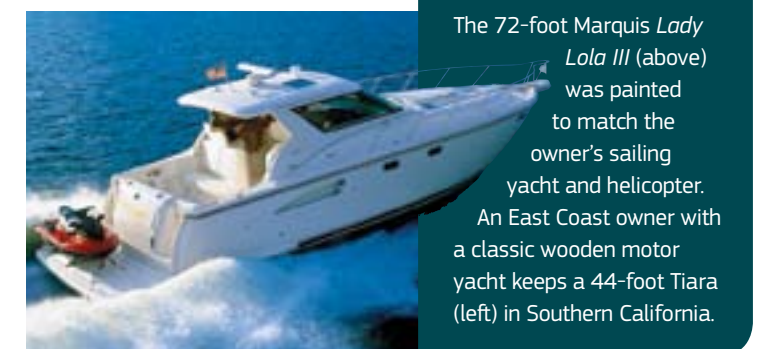
Washington State]; it fell through, and we were sort of moping at a waterfront restaurant when we saw this boat for sale,” says Francy. After dinner, they walked down to see it, went back in the morning for another look, and bought it that afternoon.

“We have a great trawler-yacht in Florida, but we wanted a getaway during the summer heat and hurricane season, and the 480 is even better than a condo. We keep her in Seattle, but we’re retired, so we can spend as much time as we want exploring the San Juan and Gulf Islands, and we’ve been talking about going up the Inside Passage,” says Bill.

“The 480 was used but in great condition, and it has full bridge and cockpit enclosures, so even in the wet weather here in Washington we have lots of warm and dry living space,” says Francy.

John Sfire has three loves in his life, and all are named Bobbi. First (and foremost, of course!) is his wife, Bobbi. Then there is their 88-foot Hargrave *Bobbi Too* and their 75-foot Hatteras, also named *Bobbi Too*.

Sfire remembers sitting as a youngster on the shores of Lake St. Clair, watching the yachts pass by and dreaming of someday owning one. “Now I’m a fleet owner!” he laughs. *Bobbi Too*, the Hargrave, stays at Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, Florida, while Sfire’s Hatteras is moored at the new Southport Marina in



The 72-foot Marquis *Lady Lola III* (above) was painted to match the owner’s sailing yacht and helicopter. An East Coast owner with a classic wooden motor yacht keeps a 44-foot Tiara (left) in Southern California.

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◀ FIRST LOVE REMEMBER WHEN



OTHER BOAT CIGARETTE MARAUDER ▶

GO FAST FUN

Speed and cruising seem unlikely bedfellows, but not for John Rosatti, who has already put 5,500 nautical miles on his 162-foot Christensen *Remember When*

since she was launched in late 2010. But speed has always been a driving force for Rosatti, an automotive dealer entrepreneur and now restaurant owner. He used to race Cigarettes on

the offshore racing circuit with buddy John Staluppi in the '70s and later went on to build megayachts known for their blistering speeds.

Today, he gets his speed thrills aboard his new 50-

foot Cigarette Marauder, the largest of this builder's fleet. With the boat's power coming from twin 1,350-hp Mercury Racing engines, Rosatti admits to having seen 120-plus miles per hour so

far, but word is that it should hit 135 miles per hour when it's dialed in. With lounge seating inside and built-in headsets for guests, it's the perfect 80-mph cruiser for Biscayne Bay in Miami.

Kenosha, Wisconsin.

"For years, I wanted a boat in Florida for the winter and a boat on the Great Lakes for the summer. When they opened the Tombigbee Waterway, I was one of the first southbound boats, and we made that circuit back and forth for fifteen years. Eighteen days each way, and a lot of work," he exclaims.

"Finally it dawned on me," says Sfire with a grin, "that I could enjoy boating in both areas without making that trip. All I needed were two boats!"

"I love being on the water," he says. The Sfires, who have been boating together as a family for 30 years, have cruised most of the Great Lakes including the North Channel, and they say one of their favorite areas for exploring is the Michigan shoreline.

Even Jimmy Buffett has the second boat habit. No matter where his 124-foot Delta *Continental Drifter III* is cruising, he always has his Tofinou 9.5, a French-built production sloop that looks like a classic but has the benefit of high-tech fiberglass construction. Named *Groovy*, the graceful 32-footer is said to be where you'll find the singer whenever he isn't strumming "Margaritaville" on his guitar.

Go on! Betcha can't own just one! ■



Bicoastal owners quickly learn that two yachts are better than one. Both with yachts in Florida, the Castles keep a 480 Sea Ray (left) in Washington State to cruise the San Juan Islands, while the Sfires opted for a 75-foot Hatteras (above) for summering in the Great Lakes.

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