

COST VS. CONTROL
THE TALLY ON SHARED OWNERSHIP

ShowBoats

INTERNATIONAL

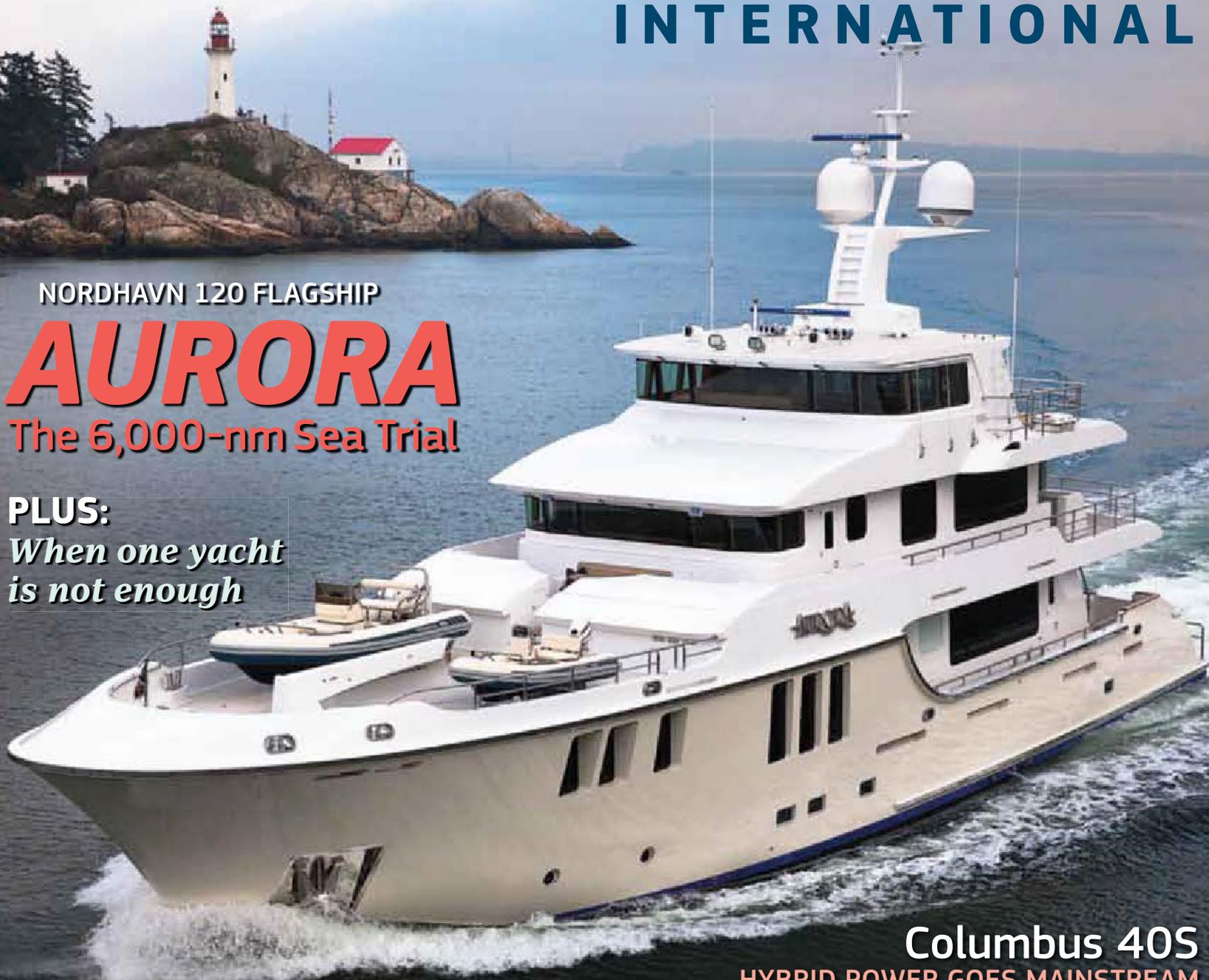
NORDHAVN 120 FLAGSHIP

AURORA

The 6,000-nm Sea Trial

PLUS:

When one yacht is not enough



Columbus 40S
HYBRID POWER GOES MAINSTREAM

Grace in Motion
PERINI'S 129' STATE OF GRACE

FOOD, WINE & TRANQUILITY
Cruising the Tuscan Coast

JUNE 2014



A BOAT INTERNATIONAL MEDIA PUBLICATION



YACHT COLLECTORS

FLEET OWNERS SHARE THEIR REASONS WHY ONE YACHT IS JUST NOT ENOUGH.

TEXT BY CHRIS CASWELL

Kenny Chesney is not only a famous country-western singer, but he's also a dedicated boating enthusiast who knows well the concept of having more than one boat. In one of his songs, he notes, "One is one too many, one more is never enough."

He was singing about tequila, of course, but he might as well have been giving advice to boat owners. Chesney knows of what he sings, since he keeps a 61-foot Sea Ray in the U.S. Virgin Islands and a 56-foot Sea Ray in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He keeps the names of his current vessels private, but his previous yachts were called *Hey Now* and *Take It Easy*.

Chesney isn't alone in his ownership of multiple boats; there are a number of owners who would join in the chorus, "one more is never enough."

Take Californian Dan Slater, for example. "You've heard the term, 'horses for courses,' meaning choose the right horse for the type of racecourse? Well, it's the same with boats. I've always had several boats at the same time to cover all my different boating interests," says Slater. "I think the last time I had just one boat was, what, 1973? I keep asking my insurance guy for a fleet discount, and he just laughs.

"Right now, I'm a partner in a Bertram 72 that we keep in Costa Rica for sportfishing, moving it around to different marinas depending on where the fish are running. It's perfect for chasing marlin, sailfish and tuna offshore in those waters."

But the big Bertram convertible is only the tip of the iceberg for Slater, who admits to being a "Bertram junkie." "I've had Bertrams for years, but right now I'm down to three," he says with a grin. Besides *Hooked*, the 72, he keeps a perfectly restored '70s-vintage Bertram 31 Flybridge sportfisher in San Diego, California, which he repowered with twin Yanmar diesels. "That's our yellowtail chaser and cocktail cruiser," he says.

And then he's also got a 1960s-era Bertram 20 center console that he keeps on a trailer at his summer home on Lake Tahoe. "I got it for going after trout and Kokanee salmon on the lake," he says, "but my kids also use it for wakeboarding."

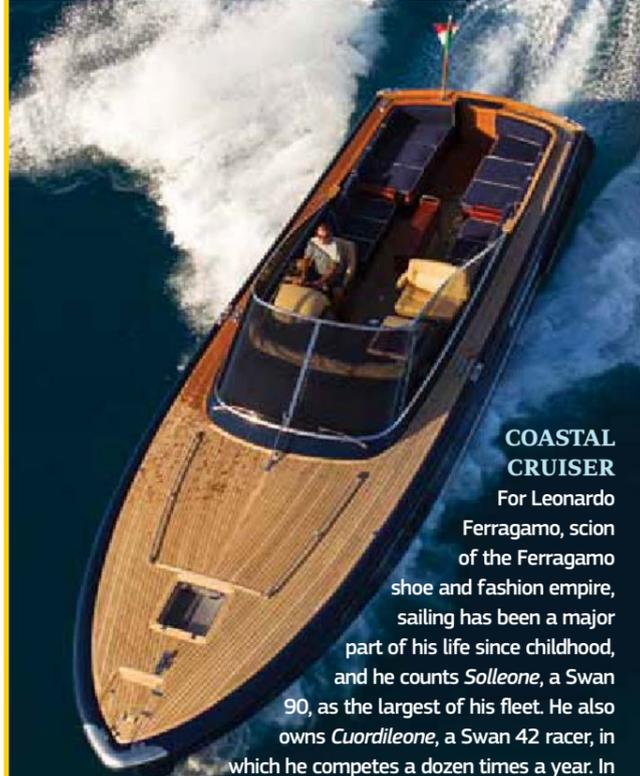
For the owner of *Snowbird*, a 2011 128-foot Hakvoort, the second boat is a pocket cruiser just one-third of the mother-ship's size that gets the most use. This MJM 40z, from Bob Johnstone's MJM Yachts in Boston, is kept at the owner's dock on Florida's Gulf Coast and doesn't require *Snowbird's* crew of nine to handle. "We keep the MJM at our home in Naples and we use it for day cruises, dive trips to the Keys, evening cocktail and dinner cruises, and overnighters to Miami, Fort Lauderdale and even to The Bahamas," the owner says.

these pages
Michael Bozzuto's fleet includes many affectionately named yachts such as the Westport 112 *Honey* (left), a SeeVee 39 *Side Action* (middle) and a 1977 Merritt 43 *Mistress* (right).

Mothership: *Solleone* ↘



Fleet Boat: *Endeavour 42* ↘



COASTAL CRUISER

For Leonardo

Ferragamo, scion of the Ferragamo shoe and fashion empire, sailing has been a major part of his life since childhood, and he counts *Solleone*, a Swan 90, as the largest of his fleet. He also owns *Cuordileone*, a Swan 42 racer, in which he competes a dozen times a year. In fact, he loves Swans so much that in 1998 he bought Nautor, the builder of Swan yachts. "After all," he jokes, "shoes and boats are both forms of transportation." Ferragamo admits to buying his first Swan "so I could be part of the club," referring to the various Swan Cup races and rendezvous that are held in jet-set destinations worldwide. But, although a lifelong sailor, Ferragamo also went over to the "dark side" and away from sailing with his Camper & Nicholsons Endeavour 42 (a brand also owned by Nautor Group). The 42 is a retro-styled express cruiser that draws heavily on sailboat influences in its design as a luxurious day boat and occasional overnighter. With a top speed of 36 knots from economical Volvo Penta pod drives, the Endeavour 42 is perfect for jaunts along the Italian Riviera, where Ferragamo is developing a new waterfront resort in Tuscany called Marina di Scarlino (see Tuscany feature on page 90).



✓ Fleet Boat: *MJM 40z*

"I love to just be out on the water and often go exploring on my own..."

— *SNOWBIRD'S OWNER*

Mothership: *Snowbird* ↘



Snowbird divides her time between the Caribbean and the Med depending on the season and, when not in use, she's available for charter. But the MJM? She's the owner's personal joy. "We've had her for a year and a half and love the boat, its ease and maneuverability, and single person operation," he says. "I love to just be out on the water and often go exploring on my own up and down the coast and island areas of the Gulf of Mexico between the Keys and Boca Grande when my wife doesn't want to be out boating." With its pod drives and Dynamic Positioning System, he says that short-handing the MJM "is a piece of cake."

MJM Yachts has built a reputation on being easy to handle, and its lineage tells the tale. Bob Johnstone builds the successful J Boat

these pages

Snowbird's owner enjoys exploring closer to home with his beloved MJM (above), which owes her maneuverability and light weight, in part, to her builder's sailboat heritage; sailboats are also part of Lord Laidlaw's fleet, including this 82-foot Wally pictured alongside the mothership, the Feadship *Lady Christine* (opposite, right).

PHOTO BY ALBERTO COCCHI (SOLLEONE); BUGSEY GEDLEK (LADY CHRISTINE); JEFF BROWN (HIGHLAND FLING XI)



Mothership: *Lady Christine* ↗



↖ Fleet Boat: *Highland Fling XI*

series of sailboats, but his wife wanted a powerboat that she could handle to follow the racing. That first boat was called MJM, for Mary Johnstone's Motorboat, and the rest is history.

On a more global scale, Lord Irvine Laidlaw clearly believes in having boats and yachts available wherever he happens to be in the world. Although a member of the British House of Lords, his primary residence is in Monaco, and the largest of his yachts is, well, out there somewhere. *Lady Christine*, a 223-foot Feadship named for his wife, is currently on a world cruise. "We really like using the boat to take us to places we wouldn't otherwise go to," he said in a recent interview. Among those places are Brazil, Alaska and the French Society Islands, and there are plans afoot for Antarctica.

But having *Lady Christine* on the move (she is currently in Fiji) doesn't leave the Lord boatless. He recently placed second in the BVI Spring Regatta aboard *Highland Fling XII*, his Reichel/Pugh IRC 52-foot racer (and the 12th of his racing sailboats), and he'll also be competing in several other Caribbean regattas at press time. As a long-time sailor, his first *Highland Fling* was a Dubois 34, about the size of one of *Lady Christine's* tenders, but the largest of his current sailing fleet is *Highland Fling XI*, a 82-foot Wally racer—also designed by Reichel/Pugh—that

competes in maxi regattas worldwide.

But what if Laidlaw finds himself in Cape Town, South Africa, where he has business interests? Well, he keeps a Corby 49, named *Cape Fling*, that he can race there. And keeping a Hunt 52 in Sardinia isn't enough to cover the region for Laidlaw, who recently added a 111-foot Sunseeker to his Mediterranean fleet.

While Lord Laidlaw may reign over the biggest fleet, Dr. Herbert and Nicole Wertheim of Miami, Florida, easily win the largest yacht award. You see, they own *The World*, a 644-footer that is the world's largest yacht. Well, not own outright, because *The World* is co-owned by the people who purchased one or more of the 165 luxurious private residences aboard the ship, which has been continuously circumnavigating the globe since her launch in 2002.

For the Wertheims, their smaller boats include *Brain Power*, a 105-foot Westport Ameriship as well as a 54-foot Hatteras sportfisher and a 39-foot Gulfstar Sailmaster.

"We use *Brain Power* in the Florida Keys and Bahamas, with summers in Maine and New England. Each of our boats serves a major purpose in our life. They both serve our need for adventure," says the couple, and they mention diving and fishing as well as having guests and family aboard for weekend or week-



Mothership: *Brain Power* ↗



“On *The World* we can travel to far-off places like French Polynesia and Asia that wouldn't be practical on our other boats.”

— HERBERT & NICOLE WERTHEIM

↖ Fleet Boat: A residence on *The World*

long cruises. The couple has been aboard *The World* for seven out of the past 10 months. As they note, “On *The World* we can travel to far-off places like French Polynesia and Asia that wouldn't be practical on our other boats.”

Long-range cruising seems to encourage second boat ownership, and Sietse Koopmans of The Netherlands is a good example. The Dutch owner of the 122-foot exploration yacht *Zeepaard* recently returned from a three-year circumnavigation covering 50,000 nautical miles and 39 countries and immediately started planning his next yacht. *Zeepaard*, designed by Vripack and built by JFA Yachts in France, is currently for sale while Koopmans plans a 164-foot world cruiser to a Vripack design with diesel-electric power and a garage for a submarine.

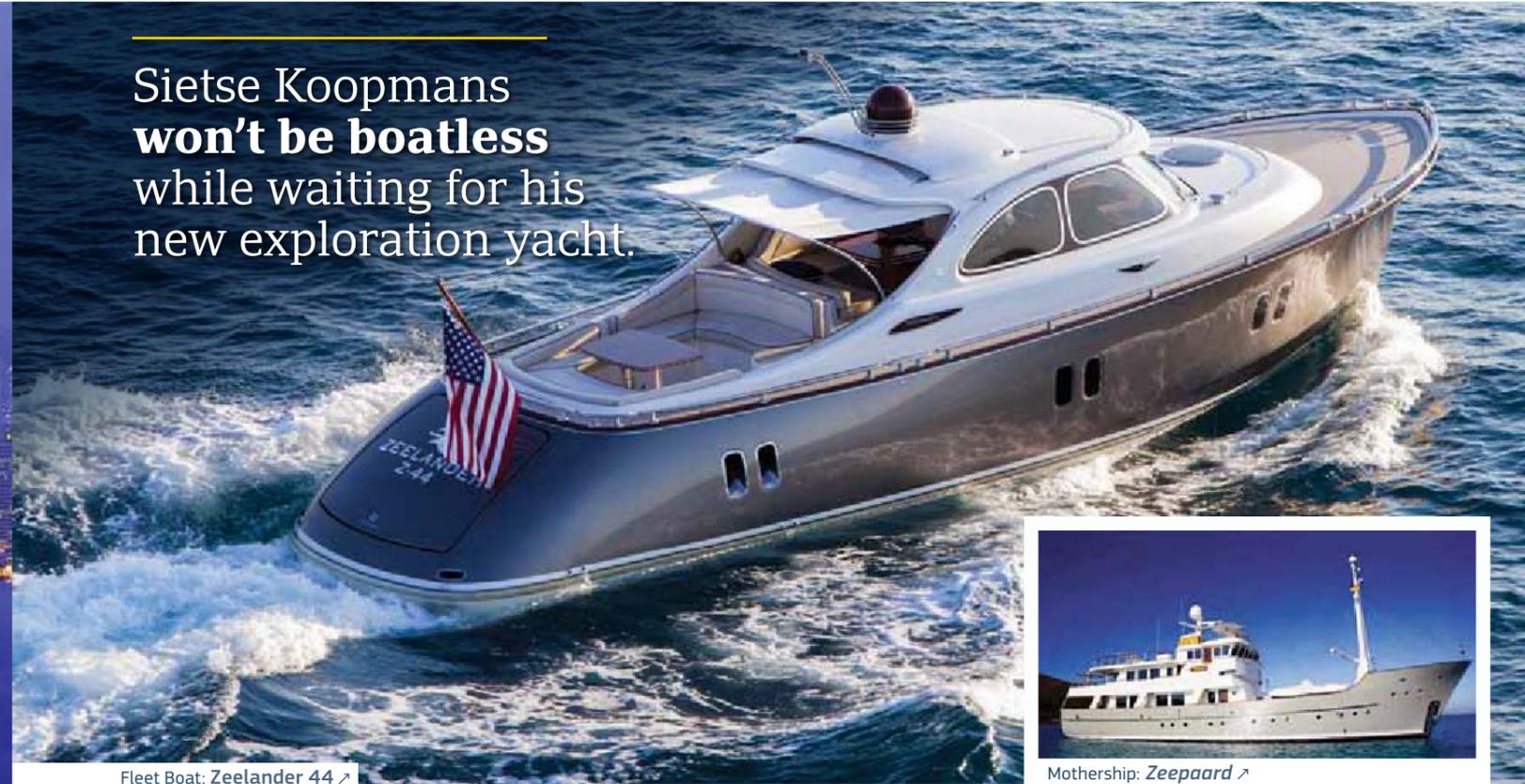
But Koopmans won't be boatless while waiting for his new exploration yacht: As the founder of Zeelander, he keeps a Zeelander 44 (Z44) in his native Holland. In an interesting twist,

the Z44 is now being built in America by Tiara Yachts located in, where else, Holland, Michigan. With its rounded reverse transom and comfortable cockpit seating, it fulfills Koopmans' need to be on the water when he is at home in The Netherlands. Designed by Cor D. Rover, the Z44 is powered by a pair of Volvo Penta pod drives, giving single-handed maneuverability and a 400-nautical mile range.

But if there is one owner who epitomizes the “yacht collector”

these pages
It does not get much bigger than *The World*, where *Brain Power's* owners keep a private residence (above). While the owner of *Zeepaard* is planning his even larger explorer, his Z44 tides him over (opposite, top).

Sietse Koopmans won't be boatless while waiting for his new exploration yacht.



Fleet Boat: *Zeelander 44* ↗



Mothership: *Zeepaard* ↗



↗ Fleet Boat: *Astondoa 63 Top Deck*

Mothership: *Astondoa 95* ↗

FUN SOLUTION

For Enrique Ramirez and his family, owning an Astondoa 95, as well as previous yachts ranging up to 110 feet, has some drawbacks. His solution is the Astondoa 63 Top Deck, which debuted at the Cannes boat show in September 2013 and made a splash at the U.S. shows following. “When traveling in the Mediterranean or the Sea of Cortez with a megayacht, it is almost

impossible to explore small destinations since large boats need deep water and large spaces,” he says, adding, “I want to be able to take my boat anywhere.” Ramirez, who worked with designer Luiz de Basto and builder Astondoa to create the first 63 Top Deck, notes, “Its design was focused almost exclusively on sharing with friends and family.” The Top Deck,

with unique fold-down winged side decks and a main deck complete with glass-sided Jacuzzi, easily can hold 20 guests. A walk-in garage has space for water toys, the transom folds down as a beach club for swimming and there is even a water-slide for both kids and adults. “For me,” says Ramirez, “the Top Deck is the ideal solution to having fun.”

concept, it has to be Michael Bozzuto of Connecticut, who can list seven boats right away, with perhaps a half-dozen more in the background.

Bozzuto's big boat is *Honey*, a Westport 112, which he sometimes uses as a mothership for his fishing armada. His fleet includes *My Love*, a Merritt 72, as well as *Mistress*, a perfectly restored 1977 Merritt 43 that Bozzuto calls "an awesome fishing boat." By this point, it's apparent there is a pattern to his yacht names.

Bozzuto also has *Side Action*, a SeaVee 39 with a unique hull-side door for divers (hence the name). The smallest boat in his

"Vessels of Freedom" are more than song lyrics for Chesney, who owns a Sea Ray Sundancer (above), as one of his two boats. ^{this page}

"One more is never enough."

— KENNY CHESNEY LYRICS



Fleet Boat: *Sea Ray 610 Sundancer* ↗

fishing fleet is *Tryst*, one of just 23 Silver Anniversary Bertram 31s, which Bozzuto has completely restored.

When he's not fishing, Bozzuto keeps *Sweetie*, a Shelter Island 38, in Newport or Nantucket as a dayboat or cocktail cruiser, and, to keep the Bozzuto fleet from being entirely power, he has *Darling*, a modern classic Morris 36 sloop.

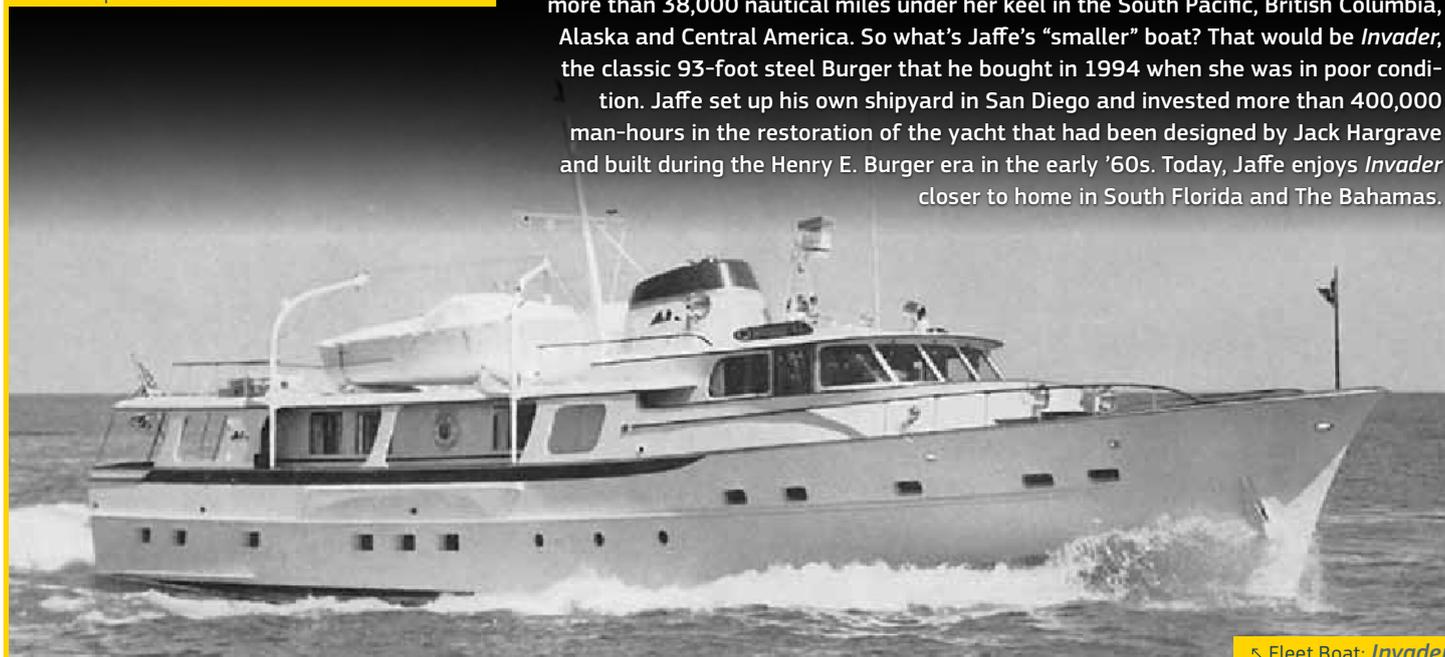
Like many of the owners of a fleet, Bozzuto clearly understands the Chesney lyrics "One more is never enough." ■

LOCAL LADY

Like many sailors, Kevin Jaffe of Palm Beach, Florida, started his yachting career racing small boats such as Lightnings and Stars, going on to win the Sears Cup (U.S. Junior Triplehanded Championships). He went through a number of offshore racing and cruising yachts, including a pair of Swans, before acquiring the legendary 73-foot racing ketch *Windward Passage*, on which he bestowed a complete restoration. But, like many sailors, the comforts of power yachts beckoned and Jaffe built *Marama*, a 124-foot Delta long-range cruiser. Since her delivery in mid-2008, *Marama* has put more than 38,000 nautical miles under her keel in the South Pacific, British Columbia, Alaska and Central America. So what's Jaffe's "smaller" boat? That would be *Invader*, the classic 93-foot steel Burger that he bought in 1994 when she was in poor condition. Jaffe set up his own shipyard in San Diego and invested more than 400,000 man-hours in the restoration of the yacht that had been designed by Jack Hargrave and built during the Henry E. Burger era in the early '60s. Today, Jaffe enjoys *Invader* closer to home in South Florida and The Bahamas.



Mothership: *Marama* ↗



↖ Fleet Boat: *Invader*