



Ron Conde

## LPA(2) Series Yanmar LPA(2) Series Marine Diesel Engine (315hp)

Ron Conde has been playing around with boats virtually all of his life. The passion started out with a yacht and then quite a few more followed.

But these days as Ron has slowed down and his family have grown up he has channelled his boating passion towards a new Fairway 36, a comfortable live aboard cruiser. This is the boat that Ron Conde and his wife Robin can take on extended cruises way up the coast of Queensland.

Based on his previous boating experiences, Ron was adamant that a Yanmar engine had to be fitted to his new boat.

"I have experienced a range of other brands of diesel boat engines in the past and I have also had Yanmar engines on board my own boats," Ron said. "When it came time to selecting the engine for my Fairway, the decision was easy. It had to be Yanmar."

"Then when I checked the Yanmar range against the other brands out there I found that the Yanmar 6LPA-STP was an ideal match to the Fairway 36. The Yanmar was lighter than other brands and it had the added benefit of not revving too hard. The power to weight was very impressive."

With 100 hours up on his new pride and joy called White-Wash, Ron is delighted with his Yanmar choice. The boat weighs in at 7 tonnes on the water and is a classic semi-displacement hull.

At wide open throttle, the tacho shows 3900 rpm with the GPS reading 19 knots. Throttling back to a comfortable cruise speed of 15 knots, the Yanmar 6LPA-STP has the low fuel consumption rate of 19 litres per hour. With the 800 litre tank on board, White Wash has a range of about 500 nautical miles with safety, or enough fuel to comfortably run from Brisbane to Gladstone.

Yanmar's sophisticated 6LP-STP is a true 'go-fast' power package with a direct injected, turbocharged and intercooled straight 6 cylinder engine pumping out 315mhp at 3800 rpm. The 4 valve per cylinder engine boasts a big 4.2 litre displacement for sustained torque through the mid rev range while still offering an impressive power to weight advantage coming in with a dry weight of 452kgs with a gearbox fitted.

Matching the Yanmar engine on board is a Mase IS 3.5 generator set. Mase gen sets are widely accepted as being amongst the best engineered in the world, with the Italian made generator being linked to a Japanese Yanmar diesel engine.

The Mase gen set on board White-Wash is used to keep the main batteries charged, run the hot water system and a heater for winter boating.

"I could not be happier with my Fairway and the Yanmar marine diesel engine that drives her," said Ron Conde.

"We are very much looking forward to heading up the coast to Yeppoon and Mackay, and with the Yanmar doing all the work, we feel very confident and comfortable about being away for up to 8 months at a time."

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