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News regarding the keel

Yesterday I did some research online, and found several references that people had changed the keels on their Reinke Yachts. Some had removed the bilge-keels and put center-keels on instead. And others had done the opposite and traded a center-keels for bilge-keels. Both had the unique chance to compare the different effects of the two keel shapes on the same hull. These are their findings: With bilge keel: • less draft • less drift towards lee • hard to hold on course • problems with autopilots With center-keel: • more draft • sails better to luv • holds course steadily It looks very much like their experiences match up with mine. Which puts my mind at rest, because it means that it was not a fault of mine that the boat behaves the way it does. And there might be a cheap way out for me. As a result I contacted Reinke Yachts, and asked them for information on a center-keel for my boat type. I am also in touch with a broker who has some interesting alternatives for me. Funny enough it seems the guy is almost more keen on getting a hand on my Reinke, then on selling me one of his boats! Looks like Vespina's type is very much in favor.

Posted by Axel Busch in Vespina at 03:39

Bin neidisch auf dich, obwohl ich beim segeln nur den Manövertrunk richtig beherrsche

Und du verblüffst mich immer wieder, was du an der Vespina noch alles austauschen willst. Dachte immer, der Kiel gehört zum Boot wie Weißbier zu Weißwästern.

Deine Überlegungen und Unternehmungen sind jedenfalls spannender als jeder Krimi! Schönen Urlaub!
Anonymous on May 26 2010, 17:42