



Thirty-eight yachts convened in Newport, Rhode Island, in July for Kadey-Krogen's 40th anniversary celebration. Credit: Billy Black

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Larry Polster feels a tinge of anticipation while visiting his new Krogen 50' Open yacht that is under construction. The newness overpowers his senses with a look all its own, a true departure from any previous model built by Kadey-Krogen Yachts. Polster, the company's vice president, is eager to live life aboard hull No. 1 after it's delivered at the end of the year.

"My wife and I sold our Krogen 42' 13 years ago. While we have boated since then, nothing is like a Krogen, and we always wanted another one. We thought: 'Why don't we do this, and use it as our home away from home?' That is our intention. It will be set up so I can work when I'm aboard and still travel."

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form and traditional exterior aesthetic, the yacht breaks the mold with an open and continuous saloon/galley/pilothouse main deck.

"The Krogen 50' Open is revolutionary for our brand and not a replacement for the legendary Krogen 48' or popular Krogen 52'," explains Polster. "She is a model all her own and appeals to a new segment of Kadey-Krogen enthusiasts — those seeking an ocean-going yacht that is social and open for a large group of people as an express-style cruiser or traditional sedan-style boat."

Polster published monthly updates about his yacht's construction on the Kadey-Krogen Yachts website. He documented

the work by Asia Harbor Yacht Builders, the company's exclusive builder in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, and recalls countless decisions he and his wife, Janet, made, selecting everything from Cambria countertops to the hand-crafted vanity drawers.

While the new Krogen 50' Open yacht sports a new design, it still retains all the trademark features that give Kadey-Krogen Yachts their seaworthy, globetrotting capability. The full-displacement hull has a "fine entry" bow that cuts through the water, creating smooth motion and fuel efficiency. It also has a full, long keel and a beautiful wineglass transom for a smooth, stable ride.

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Exclusive to the Krogen 50' Open, the pilothouse, elevated by a single step, is situated on the main deck, immediately forward of the saloon and galley. A retractable partition wall, designed to separate the galley from the pilothouse, can be raised for night running or privacy.

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is surrounded by a Portuguese bridge to keep water from slamming against the pilothouse windows. The pilothouse also features a retractable partition wall that can be raised for night running or privacy. Otherwise, it opens to the galley, which is equipped with everything needed to accommodate the couple's passion for cooking: a Sub-Zero® refrigerator/freezer, a Wolf® range, and ample pantry and cabinet storage. They'll serve up gourmet meals in the adjoining saloon, spacious and bright with four large picture windows.

## Power below deck

Polster walks into a brightly lit engine room where a single white John Deere PowerTech™ 6068AFM85 engine takes center stage. There are two cameras — one facing the alternator and belt and one facing the transmission and dripless shaft seal. "These cameras will not be a substitute for engine room checks, but they will allow me to monitor key components of the engine and drivetrain from the pilothouse," he explains.

With nearly 2 meters (7 feet) of headroom, Polster easily moves around the engine without crouching. "Tall people have always loved the roominess of a Kadey-Krogen, but this takes it to new heights, no pun intended," he jokes.

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Although the Krogen 50' Open can be purchased with twin John Deere PowerTech 4045TFM85 engines, Polster is comfortable going the distance with one. "Our company has been powering these yachts with John Deere for 20 years, and have been exclusively using the engines for 15 years," maintains Polster. "They're reliable — we've replaced one engine in 20 years. I consider that a good track record."

Polster also recalls service and support that Kadey-Krogen and its customers have received from John Deere marine dealers, engine distributors, and John Deere Power Systems in Waterloo, Iowa, over the past two decades. "Cascade Engine Center is our engine supplier, and Bell Power Systems and its John Deere marine dealers support our customers along the East Coast."

Cascade Engine Center and Bell Power Systems have sponsored the annual Krogen

Cruisers' Rendezvous on the Chesapeake Bay in Solomons, Maryland, and in Anacortes, Washington. Krogen yacht owners take great care in maintaining pristine engine rooms that sport their white John Deere engines, and they welcome the engine training classes led by one of the engine distributors or marine dealers.

## Cheers!

This year, Kadey-Krogen Yachts celebrates its 40th anniversary. Nearly 50 Krogen yachts cruised to Newport, Rhode Island, for the celebration. A grand display of Krogen yachts, owned by customers representing models built over the past four decades, lined the waterfront of Fort Adams State Park.

"We have produced 15 models ranging from 36 to 58 feet (11 to 19 meters)," relates Polster.

More than 600 yachts have been built since the company was founded by marine engineer Art Kadey and naval architect James S. Krogen in 1977. Combining globetrotting capability and at-home livability, many Kadey-Krogen trawler yachts have journeyed long distances on the ocean blue.

Polster plans to do the same on his Krogen 50' Open. "Initially, we will be going to the Bahamas, and at some point, we will take her to the Great Lakes. Most people don't realize the immense size of the lakes — over 10,000 miles of shoreline and beauty in many parts rivaling Alaska. When we are retired, we will travel the Caribbean."

While Larry and Janet may be the first to own a Krogen 50', Polster knows they won't be the last. "The Krogen 50' Open will bring in a new segment of buyers," predicts Polster. "For customers who have dreamt of a Kadey-Krogen with a walk-in engine room, Portuguese bridge, and a main deck layout that is continuous from saloon to pilothouse, their dream has come true."

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