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GENE JENSEN, OWNER OF THIS DORAL EXPRESS CRUISER



Great Escape

This couple wanted a place where they could go to get away from it all. They found it in this Doral Prestancia 32.

BY LIZ PASCH

When Gene Jensen and his wife, Kelly Delahunty, go boating on the St. Croix River near their home in Hudson, Wisconsin, the feeling they get is as if they’re in another place. “We like to anchor out in this little bay on Lake St. Croix,” says Gene. “Even though we’re only a few blocks from our home as the crow flies, it feels like we’re in a totally different country, like somewhere on the Mediterranean coast.” Their 2006 Doral Prestancia 32, built in Canada, adds to the international feeling they get on the water. “The Doral is designed much more like European cruising boats,” says Gene. “It is stylish as can be, with very sleek lines.”

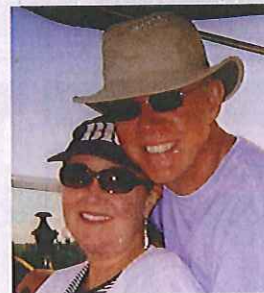
While the Doral’s look is aesthetically pleasing to both Gene and Kelly, their decision to buy a boat was, at the time, a difficult one. “We owned a lake cabin in northern Minnesota,” says Gene, who had been going to the lake since 1961. “I had become disabled and spending time at the cabin became difficult due to mobility issues with my legs.”

Kelly also found the four-hour commute to the cabin difficult with her growing practice as a pediatrician.

So, they sold the cabin and decided to give boating a try.

After a good deal of research, Gene and Kelly found the Doral; its one-level cockpit design would accommodate Gene. They were also impressed with the positive comments they heard from Doral owners.

As a new boater, Kelly didn’t know what to expect, but after taking delivery in July 2006 she quickly came to enjoy her time aboard. Her work requires nearly nonstop interaction with people. In contrast, this couple values the privacy they have when they’re anchored out. They say the pleasure they now get from their Doral was unexpected, which could be the reason they named her *Lagniappe*, a Cajun term that refers to a surprise gift from a storekeeper for being a good customer. ♦



HAPPY OWNERS. Kelly Delahunty and her husband Gene Jensen.

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