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Steve Chapkis had already experienced the adventure of a lifetime in a Pacific Seacraft Flicka 20—an adventure that had taken him from California to Hawaii, and into the South Pacific. "That boat gave me such security," says Steve. "She performed flawlessly in every condition. We hit only one storm during the entire voyage, but that was enough to make me a very strong believer in Pacific Seacraft boats." Steve shakes his head. "I remember sitting in the cockpit watching the seas grow until they were masthead-high and literally exploding around us. The wind was screaming—something I'd read about but never experienced firsthand before. Well, it took me a couple long hours to accept that the boat really was handling the conditions just fine, that she was taking good care of me. That sort of peace of mind is invaluable. We continued on to Tahiti comfortable and confident, and I had the time of my life. Heck, I even fell in love down there and Martina ended up joining me in California..."

Why a Dana 24?

Soon Steve and Martina were planning their cruising adventures together. When they decided the time was right to move up a notch in size, they knew exactly which boat they would entrust with their dreams: The Pacific Seacraft Dana 24.

"Once you've cruised in a Pacific Seacraft," says Steve, "it's hard to imagine going to sea in anything else."

Performance and enthusiasm

"I have a fair amount of sailing experience, so I can really appreciate the Dana as a sophisticated performance cruiser. The full keel lets her track like a train, her nice long waterline and moderate displacement mean good cruising speeds, and the cutaway forefoot allows for excellent windward performance and maneuverability. And," smiles Steve, "she's built like a tank." But equally important, the Dana 24 is a boat that Martina can enjoy too. "Martina has a lot of wonderful enthusiasm, but not very much sailing experience," Steve explains. "The Dana won't squelch that enthusiasm while Martina learns. The motion is very easy, with a good solid feel, the small individual sails aren't at all intimidating, and the Dana is a very forgiving sailboat."

Pacific Seacraft builds confidence

Every Pacific Seacraft yacht is built to cross oceans in confidence and comfort. The construction details are unsurpassed: double flanged, thru-bolted hull-to-deck joints; solid bronze deck hardware, thru-bolted and backplated; solid bronze seacocks and portholes; 100% hand-laid and squeegeed hulls and decks; massive anchoring systems; fully protective propeller apertures; heavy bronze gudgeon supports; solid one-piece lead ballasts; impeccable joiner work; superb engine access through both cabin



Steve and Martina's choice of the Pacific Seacraft Dana 24 was easy: "It's a remarkable boat. And once you've cruised in a Pacific Seacraft, it's hard to imagine going to sea in anything else."

and waterproof cockpit hatches; and, American production, ensuring immediate service for *any* reason.

Standing tall and comfortable

There's more to the Pacific Seacraft Dana 24 than simply outstanding construction and performance. Steve stands tall and surveys the interior accommodations: "The feeling of spaciousness is remarkable. The cabin is bright and airy, with plenty of room to stretch out and relax." Fresh air and sunlight stream through eight polished bronze opening ports and a large forward hatch. A full 6'2" of headroom spans the entire length of the cabin sole. "And the finish work is beautiful." Rich hand rubbed teak joinery radiates in graceful counterpoint to a soft white matte finish.

A full, proper galley with gimballed oven, well-insulated icebox and abundant storage

space inspires the gourmet on board. "Both of us like to cook, and the Dana provides us ample opportunity to pamper ourselves."

Enjoy the social side of cruising

In addition to the adventure of new landfalls, Steve and Martina enjoy a more social side of cruising as well. "We look forward to inviting new friends and fellow cruisers aboard for dinner, cocktails and just plain socializing. One of the real joys of cruising is to share with the people you meet along the way. The Dana is perfect for entertaining other couples. It's uncluttered and inviting; the lounging settees are elegant and comfortable, the boat provides some very attractive amenities—and we're proud to show it off!"

Steve and Martina are continuing their special dream in the Pacific Seacraft Dana 24. Whether your adventure lies far beyond the horizon or just across the bay, let the Pacific Seacraft Dana 24 bring your dreams home too.

Specifications and further facts: LOA including bowsprit 27'3" LOD 24'2"; LWL 21'5" Beam 8'7" Draft 3'10"; Cruising displacement 7200 lbs.; Lead Ballast 3100 lbs; Sail Area 359 sq. ft.



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