

MEMBERS IN SPOTLIGHT - DAVE & LINDA DISESA
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Dave DiSesa, originally from Norwalk, CT, has been in the boating business virtually all his adult life. He worked for both Chris Craft & Hatteras dealers while in CT., and then moved to Florida in 1979, working for ABC Marina, another Chris dealer in Madeira Beach. In 1992 he met wife Linda, and four years later in 1996 they married. Since then, their boating fleet has consisted of two 31 Commanders, a 38 Bertram, and a 46 Hatteras Convertible (Sport Fisherman). Currently they have a 31 Commander Sedan Bridge (1970), and the 46 Hatteras (1983).

Dave recently acquired the 31 Commander Sedan Bridge and is rebuilding a pair of 350K engines for the boat, which ultimately may become a summer boat in the Great Lakes! Commanders love sweet water!



As a matter of interest, please note the picture of Dave at the helm of his previous Commander, a 1968 Express. Please note the condition of the varnish, the chrome, and the aluminum window frames. This is outstanding maintenance for a Florida salt water boat that is not under cover.

Linda is currently a school teacher in Florida, while Dave operates his own mobile



marine repair business, Dave's Professional Marine Corp. He also holds a 100 ton Captains license and does yacht deliveries. He started yacht deliveries many years ago. His first was at age 18, when he brought his father's boat from Norwalk, CT to Madeira Beach, FL when the family moved! Next came some deliveries for a Hatteras dealer. In 2011 he was part of a delivery crew taking a 65 Hatteras from Longboat Key on the Gulf Coast of Fla. to Beaufort, NC. They were running outside (in

the ocean, not the Intracoastal) trying to keep ahead of Hurricane Irene, but they finally holed up for 3 days in a hurricane hole in North Myrtle Beach, So. Carolina to let Irene pass and blow herself out.

Another interesting delivery trip was Dave's trip home with his newly purchased 46 Hatteras Convertible. When he purchased the boat in Deltaville, VA, it had a blown 8V92 Detroit on one side. Dave piloted this boat on one engine all the way from Virginia to his home on the west coast of Florida in 14 days, accomplishing this single handed,

on a boat with only a flybridge piloting station! Once home, Dave procured a military surplus 8V92 Detroit in a crate that was originally intended as a water pump motor. After extensive research into marinizing this engine to match the other 8V92, Esperanza became their "Big Boat", while the 31 Commander enjoyed being the "Play Boat" and being kept out of the water behind their home on a hoist!

Dave joined the Commander Club in 2001, and immediately began helping fellow members with his extensive knowledge of boat and engine repair. He has 175 posts archived in our SuperDisc. He also belongs to some other boating and engine forums on the Internet, freely sharing his extensive knowledge with fellow boating enthusiasts.

Dave is also in his second year as Commodore of the Sun Coast Cruise Club, a group of boaters who have monthly meetings and cruises. Sometimes inclement weather scares off most of the cruisers and Dave, Linda, and their beloved, spoiled dog, a "fierce" Yorkie named Hercules, wind up being the only ones coming to the designated rendezvous place by boat, the rest coming by car !



The Commander Club is fortunate to have the DiSesa's as members, and look forward to many more years of their friendship and contributions.

/Dick Morland, CCCC Chief Commander