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I'll be a customer for life."*



Diehl Rettig was happy with his boat, Sky High, a 49' President. With its roomy cabin, 360-degree visibility, and 16' beam, it was comfortable in all kinds of Eastern Washington weather. It also worked well for the trips that Rettig often donated for fund-raising auctions. But the vessel's 1989 technology was clearly outdated. Rettig looked for a company that could tackle a major refit and repower while maintaining the high standards he set.

"I grew up in Seattle," says Rettig, "and I knew there were plenty of companies to choose from. After interviewing several yards, I pretty quickly focused on Port Townsend, with its reputation for providing skilled craftsmanship at a fair price, and Gold Star Marine stood out from the crowd."

For Rettig, it was also a convenient location. Each year, he motors Sky High down the Columbia River and up the coast for a month of cruising in Desolation Sound, and Port Townsend was an easy stop along the way. The project included new electronics, new heads, a new generator, a rebuilt engine room and control station, and installation of two new Cummins diesels. With the increase in horsepower, Sky High can now travel at 22 knots, which doubles its previous capability.

Rettig notes that he was impressed with the facilities at Gold Star, which allowed his boat to be worked on inside the building, and appreciated the clear communications and frequent updates he received as the project progressed.

**Would he recommend Gold Star to other boat owners?**

***"Absolutely," says Rettig.***

***"They're amazing craftsmen, and they're a delight to deal with. Their rates are very competitive as well."***



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