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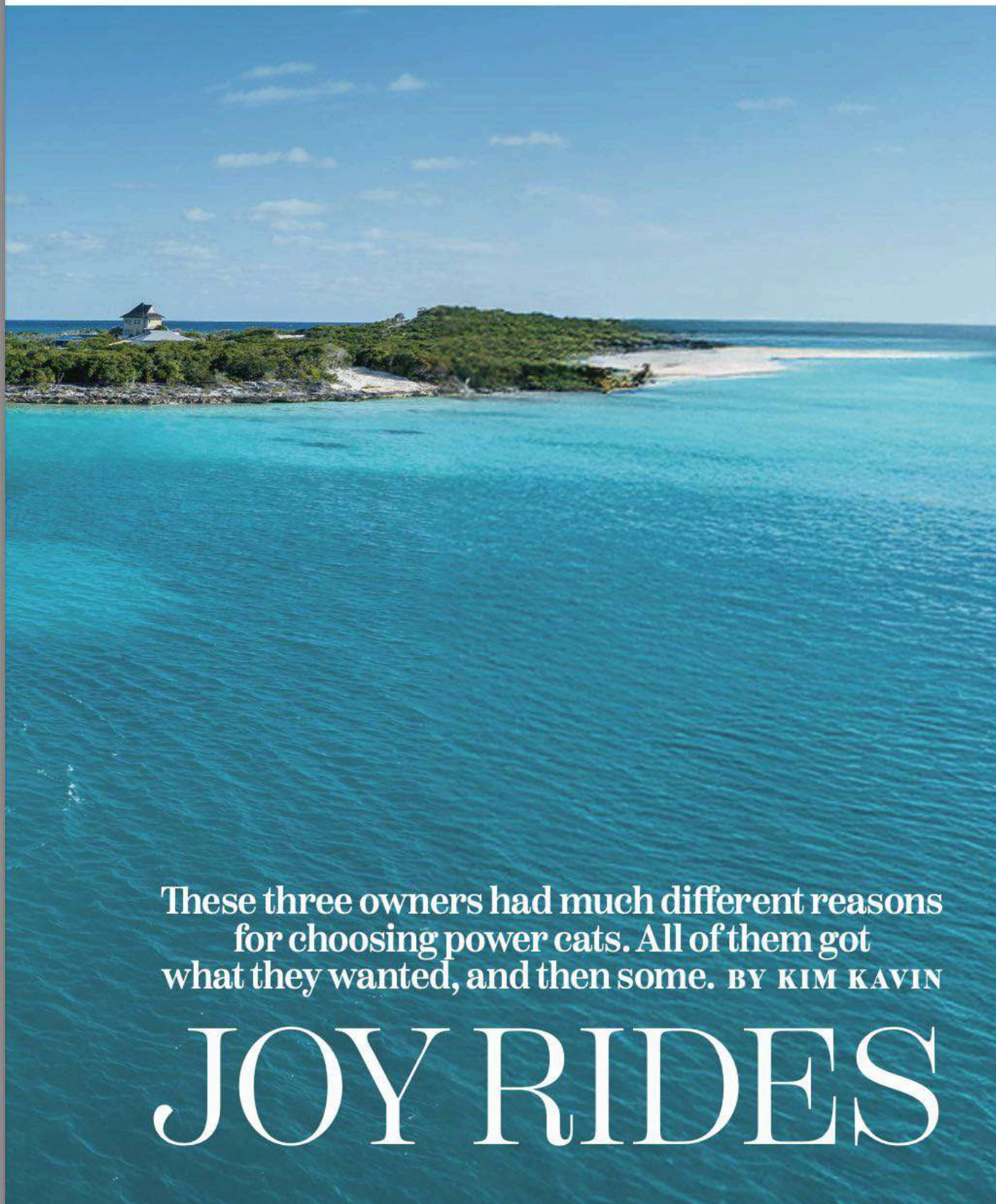


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COURTESY SILENT YACHTS

The SY62 from Silent Yachts is available in three versions with more open or enclosed spaces.



These three owners had much different reasons for choosing power cats. All of them got what they wanted, and then some. BY KIM KAVIN

# JOY RIDES



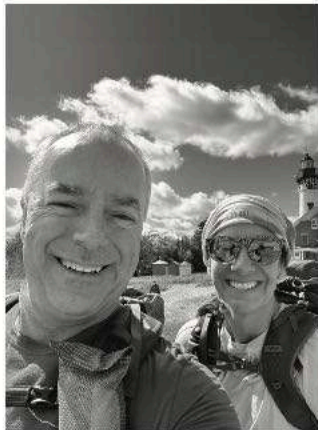
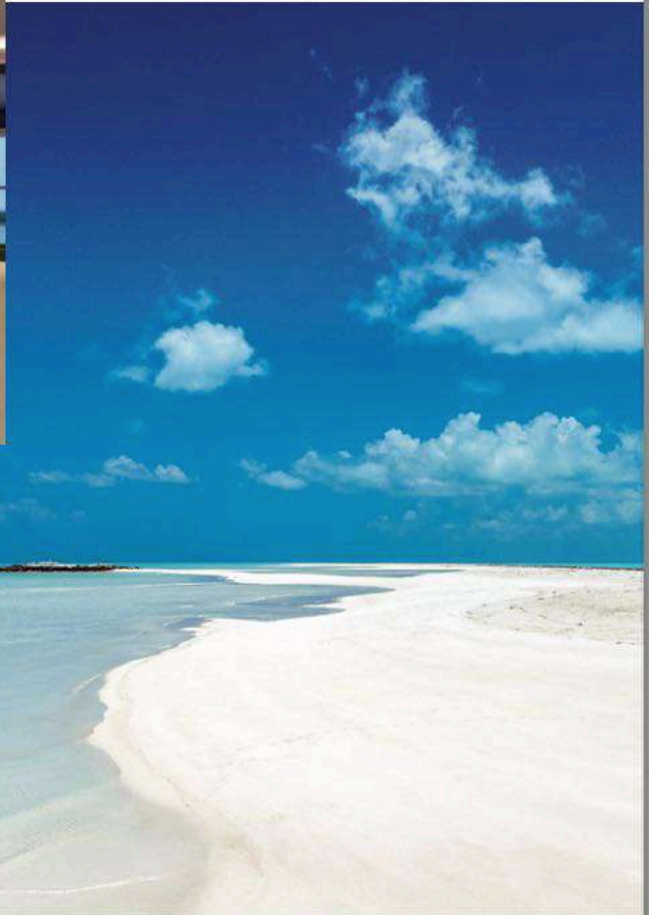
**Ease** of maintenance is something that has impressed Jay Dollries ever since he bought his Tesla almost a decade ago. On a catamaran charter with friends in the Bahamas, he couldn't help but wonder why boats are so far behind in that department—not to mention still using noisy generators to power basic comforts like air conditioning on the hook. ¶ “You spend so much time going through and checking the oil and doing all these things on the boat,” he says. “It's been nine years ago now since I bought my first Tesla, and I still have that car, and

I have spent a total of, I think, \$250 on maintenance in the nine years, and I don't have to check my oil. I change tires and wiper blades, and that's about it.” ¶ When he learned about Silent Yachts, Dollries saw people who thought like him. He ordered an SY62 during the pandemic, when the company was going through management challenges. Still a believer in the technology, he ordered a second SY62 that just emerged from the shipyard under the company's new leadership. He still has *Sunrise Dream*, but he christened the new SY62 100% because it has been outfitted, in Dollries' mind, to total perfection. ¶ “We have two water-gen-

**DESIGNED FOR SOLAR FROM SCRATCH**

Models in the Silent Yachts range are not solar conversions of traditionally powered cats. The team creates each boat from a blank sheet of paper.

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#### The Owner

Jay Dollries, 61, has been boating for 15 years. He had a 23-foot Boston Whaler and did fishing vacations at Tropic Star Lodge in Panama. A Bahamas charter with The Moorings showed him what cats could do, and he sought out one with tech that reminded him of his Tesla.

eration systems on the new one,” he says. “We’ve got a much lighter color scheme on it. It’s a four-bedroom plus two crew, versus a five-plus-one. Originally, when we designed the boat, we were going to do four-plus-one, but we didn’t want to put the onus on having a husband-and-wife combo for operating the boat. The crew quarters are a little bit on the smaller side. Having the second crew quarter gives somebody their own space.” ¶ His plan for 100% is to spend this summer in the Mediterranean, starting around Venice, Italy, and then cruising down the Croatian coast to Montenegro and Greece. From there, he’ll head

to Italy’s Amalfi Coast, then over to Sardinia and Corsica. The boat will be on display at the Cannes Yachting Festival in September, and after that, he’ll explore the South of France and Spain’s Balearic Isles before heading to Gibraltar and staging to cross the Atlantic. ¶ He plans to be on board for the crossing, and he’s so confident in the boat’s technology that he’s already talking like an old salt about other priorities that have bedeviled boaters for centuries. “I think we’ve got the right crew, and we’ll be smart about making sure we have the right weather,” he says. “We’ll look at the weather patterns and make decisions.” ¶

#### THE SILENT YACHTS RANGE

*Silent Yachts builds solar-electric catamarans in the 60-, 80- and 120-foot ranges. The company’s founders have been at it since 2009, with the brand’s official debut in 2016.*

SY62 owner Jay Dollries enjoys cruising aboard his power cats in the Mediterranean and Bahamas alike.