

Toby Ramsay

From: Robert Cronk [rob@cronk1.clara.co.uk]
Sent: 30 May 2006 16:08
To: Toby Ramsay
Subject: RE: HR36 - Brunton autoprop order

Hi Toby,

I've now had two weekends on board our yacht with the Autoprop fitted, and my partners have had a couple of weekends on board also.

We are all thoroughly delighted with the performance of this propeller – at last, the bucket we have been towing for so long has fallen off, and we can see what a fast sailing yacht the HR36 is!

Our speeds under sail in all but light airs are up by at least 1 knot – probably closer to 1.5knts on most points of sail – and we can easily average 7knts or more both upwind and down; on a reach, we can maintain over 8 knots (have seen a steady 8.5knts). Previously, the fastest average we saw would have been in the low 7's, and never more than 6.5knots upwind and down.

Under power, flat out at 2700rpm used to give us 6.5knts, perhaps a tad more on very flat water; now 2000rpm gives over 7knts, and 2700rpm gives 8.4knts on flat water. Motor sailing, with little more than tickover, keeps the speed up with no effort, whereas before of course we had to put enough power on to enable the prop to catch up before actually doing any work. Maneuvering appears to be stress-free as well; the only adverse comment made to date, is that my partner had got used to the massive prop-walk we had with the fixed pitch prop and he thinks he might miss this for tight turning in marinas etc! I'm sure he'll soon get used to the more predictable behaviour with our now minimal propwalk though!

Wow! Why doesn't everyone fit these as standard?!

Many thanks for your help with everything.

Best wishes

Rob

From: Toby Ramsay [mailto:toby@bruntons-propellers.com]
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Rob,

Thanks for your email. I can just about read the 2.4:1 on the photo, very clean bilges by the way!

I will keep a lookout for the nut, as soon as we get it I will measure it and get the prop in production.

Regards

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From: Robert Cronk [mailto:rob@cronk1.clara.co.uk]
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