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PERFECT MATCH

Outer Reef Yachts agreed to changes from *Sandana's* owners so often, writes **Diane M Byrne**, that they decided to create an entirely new series together.

Sandy Williamson and Dan Kirsch love their yacht. In fact, they can't stop talking about all the things they adore about *Sandana*, or the experience of building her with Outer Reef Yachts. Nearly five months after the christening party for their 610 Motoryacht, they're still as giddy as kids on Christmas morning, greeting visitors with big smiles and showing off all the special requests they made of the shipyard.

Special requests is an understatement. The design-changes summary – listing every item they added or amended in terms of space configuration, systems and other features – is four pages long. For an 18.6-metre yacht. Essentially, Kirsch and Williamson started with the Outer Reef 580 Motoryacht as a framework, and with not just the blessing, but the encouragement of Outer Reef, they created an entirely new model.

A place for everything

As owner-operators who live onboard, the couple knew exactly what they wanted – and needed. Outer Reef's open layout from the main-deck pilothouse to the aft deck was a big draw card. So too was the builder's reputation for bluewater cruisers.

"The owners are diehard water adventurers. Their home port is wherever they are," says Tracy Hess Burgess, Outer Reef's director of marketing and communications.

Kirsch agrees, adding, "We're dock gypsies." *Sandana's* shakedown cruise certainly proved it – the couple covered 1,200 nautical miles along the US East Coast in 126 hours, or in other words, five days and six hours. (Did we mention they only stopped twice, for less than an hour each time?)

Ambitious cruising like this is what inspired Williamson and Kirsch to upgrade equipment like the bow and stern thrusters, along with the stabilisers. They added a second, 12kW



AT A GLANCE

18.6m

Overall length

42t

Displacement

1200nm

Range

13.5kn

Maximum speed

genset too, along with 122 metres of anchor chain, flood lights for the boat deck and aft deck, as well as more overhead lighting in the engine room.

Their cruising plans also meant that abundant stowage was crucial – something *Sandana* has in spades, carved out of places you'd never expect. For example, dry goods go in two pantries, plus big bins beneath the saloon settees. Look closely at the saloon table and you'll see a door for tucking away more things.

Sandana also has a freezer that the couple has packed with meat and fish. "Because we're living aboard, and I wasn't sure how hard provisioning would be, we have plenty of storage space," Kirsch explains.

Abundant storage also extends to putting away non-food essentials. In the full-beam master stateroom, the walk-in closet rivals that of one aboard a small superyacht. It's in an L shape, and partially extends behind the berth.

Yet another significant stowage area sits beneath the helm, which also spans the full beam. "You could fit a queen-size mattress in here," Hess Burgess jokes, only half-kidding.

Then there's the lazarette. It contains inflatable paddleboards and kayaks, plus bicycles. It's also a proper workspace, with several spare parts and a workbench, the latter complete with a vice.

The workbench itself is a good size – 1.35 metres long by 0.56 metres deep.



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"I probably spent more time designing the lazarette than anything else," Kirsch admits. "I needed my garage!"

When he's not working in his garage, Kirsch has a day job, so having a functioning office space aboard *Sandana* was also important (Williamson is retired). With Outer Reef's team, he designed a desk that's larger than the one he had at his house, and fitted it with custom file cabinets. A wi-fi booster and printer get pressed into service, too.

"I used to work 50 yards (46 metres) from my boat," Kirsch recalls. "Now I leave my desk and I'm on my boat," he adds proudly.

Another source of pride for Williamson and Kirsch are the solar panels. Three panels are mounted on the hardtop that feed a battery bank large enough to forego them running the genset. The couple doesn't mind having to tap that genset on occasion, even running it for several hours if need be, but they're quite attracted to the notion of being independent, able to operate *Sandana* around the clock solely on battery power.

Just for fun

With the abundant practical modifications aboard *Sandana*, Williamson and Kirsch decided to make some changes purely for aesthetic reasons – and the fun of it too. They swapped out the Corian countertops in the galley for granite ones, and sourced the blue tiles that make up the backsplash.

To make the saloon more welcoming, even homely, they purchased matching (and aptly named) Stressless leather chairs that face an L-shaped lounge. Outer Reef reduced the size of the starboard-side cabinets to accommodate the chairs, and the yard made the room 18 centimetres wider by modifying the air handlers.

The touches continue outside with two fishing-rod holders on the aft deck (the rods are stowed overhead in the engine room after the bite is off). And happy hour is very happy indeed up on the boat deck, thanks to a beer fridge (yes, just beer). Outer Reef also created a liquor cabinet in the galley for the couple, but the fridge saw good action during the

Previous page: The Outer Reef 610 is designed with ocean passages in mind and self-sufficiency when you arrive.

Above: An island bench and oversized pantry storage in the galley are just two extra tweaks for an extended cruising lifestyle.

Far left: An L-shaped dinette area with its twin-post feature table offers a great vantage point during a meal, or for someone acting as an extra set of eyes out on the blue.

Left: Saloon lounges with precision rounded edges and swivel chairs provide welcome comfort underway and docked in far-flung locations.

Clockwise from right: The fibreglass flybridge hardtop can be walked on. Solar panels generate enough power to run the batteries independently.

The protected aft cockpit creates a warm ambience around a beautifully finished, high-gloss teak table. The lounge lifts for extra stowage.

The positioning of the Stidd helm chair close to the flybridge lounges ensures plenty of social interaction for the skipper.



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Palm Beach International Boat Show in Florida in March when friends and members of the Outer Reef ownership family came to visit.

Never mind that the nearby propane-powered barbecue wasn't turned on or turning out lunch during those few days. (With two tanks feeding that barbecue, by the way, *Sandana's* owners say they can grill for about two months straight without issue.)

Finally, how many yachts in the 18-metre range have a chin-up bar that is mounted, removable of course, on the underside of the flybridge hardtop?

A dream come true

Kirsch and Williamson credit the input and advice from the Outer Reef Yachts team, as well as other Outer Reef owners, for *Sandana's* success. In fact, Kirsch sings the builder's praises so much, he might just rival the staff as an effective salesman.

Regardless, the kinship the couple has with Outer Reef, and with its fellow customers, is palpable. Kirsch recounts how one knowledgeable customer whom he, Williamson and other owners hold in particularly high regard, came aboard one day. Kirsch was both amazed and elated when the gentleman mentioned that he wished he'd thought of some of their customised solutions.

Upon walking around the yacht, it is clear that *Sandana* reflects the couple's personalities and proclivities. They had planned her for a long time, after all. So it comes as no surprise that they took the same approach for her formal debut at the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show late last year.

"We had a vision for the christening before the boat was even finished being built," Kirsch shares, a big smile on his face.

The party had a Spanish theme, with a flamenco dancer and guitarist. The couple wasted no time in kicking up their heels, or in convincing the Outer Reef staff to join them.

If you ever meet Sandy Williamson or Dan Kirsch, they'll probably tell you all about it – it's just one more thing the couple can't stop talking about.

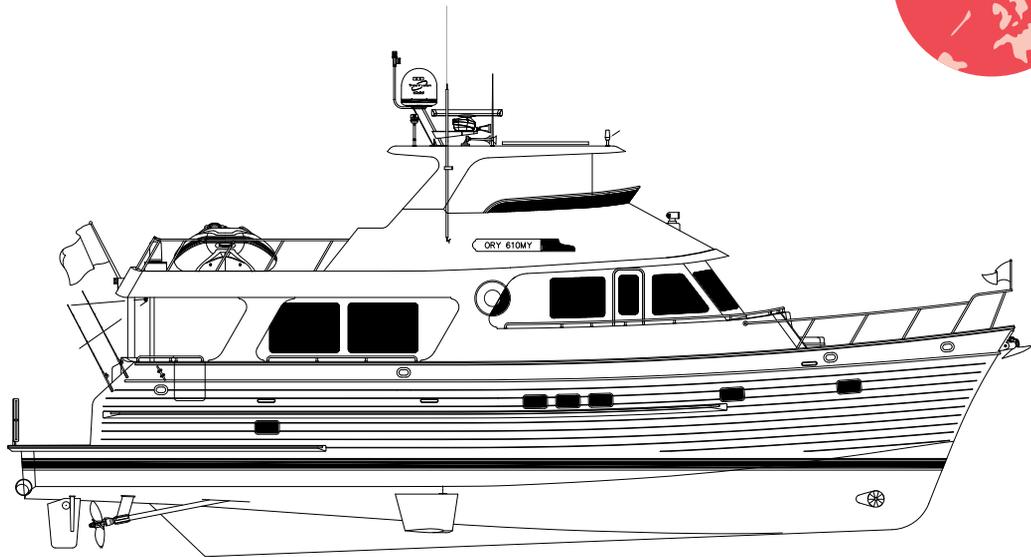
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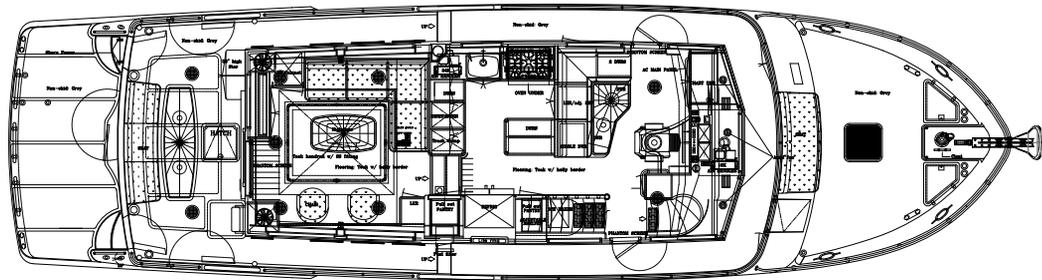
HULL DESIGN

Extremely seaworthy, proven on long ocean passages. Enviably stiff and stable in rough water.



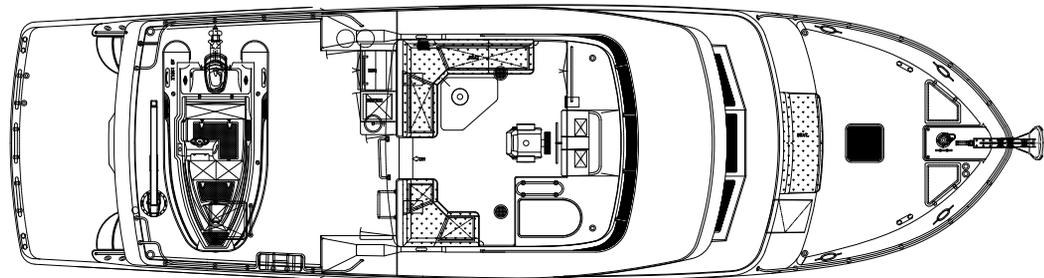
MAIN DECK

Layout opens up space from the helm to cockpit. Smart, centrally located galley. Décor complemented by top-class joinery.



FLYBRIDGE

Expansive enough to accommodate dinette, two lounges, wet bar, fridge, BBQ, and a 3.9-metre tender.



SPECIFICATIONS

Builder	Outer Reef Yachts	Fuel capacity	3,786 litres
Model	610 Motoryacht	Range	1200 nautical miles at 8 knots
Country of build	Taiwan	Freshwater capacity	1,135 litres
Designer	Outer Reef Yachts	Blackwater capacity	378 litres
Interior designer	Deborah Manzi	Greywater capacity	378 litres
Year of build	2017	Generators (main)	Northern Lights 12kW and 16kW
Length overall (LOA)	18.6 metres	Gen-set size	12kW and 16kW
Beam	5.23 metres	Bow thrusters	Side-Power SP240
Draft	1.52 metres	Stern thruster	Side-Power SP240
Displacement – fully laden	42 metric tonnes	Anchoring systems	HT chain, Ultra anchor
Classification	Ocean Class A	Navigation electronics	Furuno TZ touch system
Hull construction	Hand-laid FRP hull with PVC-core sandwich	Galley appliances	GE stainless Monogram package
Superstructure	Hand-laid FRP	Entertainment systems	KVH sat dome TV receiver
Engines	2 x John Deere 6090 500hp	Communications (sat coms)	KVH 5
Propellers		Owner berths	Full beam king berth with ensuite
Drive train	ZF305	Guest berths	VIP queen berth, 2 x twin berths
Stabilisation systems	ABT Trac 220 stabilisers	Tenders	13' AB Oceanus VST
Speed (max)	13.5 knots	Standard warranties	Five year hull, deck and engines
Speed (cruise)	8 knots	Price	AU\$3.38 million

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Speed (cruise)

1,200nm

Range (at 8 knots)

18.6m

Length overall (LOA)

2 x 500hp

Horsepower

AU\$3.38m

Price