

# The Voyage of "Alsvid" Pacific Seacraft Flicka No. 7

"There is a reason why nearly 400 Pacific Seacraft Flickas are now plying the oceans of the world."

## A magical voyage

When Steve Chapkis caught the dream of Pacific Island cruising, he wouldn't let go. He worked hard, saved his money, and bought a Pacific Seacraft Flicka. Then one sparkling summer's day, he and a friend set sail on the adventure of a lifetime.

"I'd read all the books, and daydreamed better than most," smiles Steve. "But nothing could have prepared me for the joy of really doing it: of sailing my own boat across a big ocean; of slipping past Diamond Head after a magical 20-day passage from California; of our nighttime cruise off Hawaii's windward coast, outbound for Tahiti, while Mt. Kiluea erupted behind us; of *really* crossing the equator; of sailing hour upon hour in the company of dolphins; of watching Tahiti's lush mountains rise up before us on the horizon; of exploring places like Huahine, Bora Bora, Rangiroa, Raiatea; of watching Halley's Comet draped over Moorea's jagged peaks; even of falling in love in the South Pacific..."

## Perfect freedom in a Flicka

Steve's choice of a Pacific Seacraft Flicka was not haphazard. "I wanted to really go," he explains, "but I wasn't crazy enough to buy just any boat and head for the horizon. It's important to have complete confidence in your boat."



An exultant equatorial crossing on a passage that included two 24 hour runs of 130 nautical miles.

"Pacific Seacraft has a superb reputation. All of their boats are designed and built for world cruising, and the Flicka was the perfect boat for me."

Of course a primary consideration for Steve — the factor that ties so many dreams to the armchair — was money. His Flicka allowed him to cut the strings. "She's a real go anywhere workhorse," says Steve. "And she's affordable. I still had to work hard, but at least it was toward an attainable goal. I put in overtime at the office and stuck tightly to my budget — but when we caught that first Mahi Mahi on a warm tradewind evening off the Hawaiian Islands, the sacrifices seemed insignificant."



Steve's Pacific Seacraft Flicka rests at anchor below Moorea's jagged peaks after a 4832 mile voyage from California. "The Flicka performed flawlessly."

## Outstanding performance

Something Steve wasn't expecting was the kind of cruising performance they achieved in his Flicka. "Alsvid was sitting pretty low on her lines when we set sail, and I was prepared to be very patient. During our first several days out of King Harbor we had unusually light winds and I thought we might ghost our way to Hawaii. Then we hit the trades and were off and running, averaging 123 miles/day! We had a couple wild celebrations when we made 130 miles noon-to-noon!"

Steve explains that "there's a certain satisfaction in keeping a boat sailing really efficiently. Of course we had some luck in our 20-day passage to Hawaii on 18' of waterline. But we always kept Alsvid sailing along happily — there's nothing very intimidating about sail changes when the foredeck's only 10 feet away and the working jib is 115 square feet!"



Steve seeking local knowledge in Huahine.

## Comfortable and confident

"Granted, Alsvid is a small boat. But I came

to feel a bit guilty at so often being the center of attention among those who couldn't believe we'd sailed so far in such a tiny boat. After all, we made some respectable passages, never had a worry about the boat, and enjoyed the entire voyage."

Steve is not a pint-sized sailor. "I'm 6'1", 180 lbs., and Marc's not much smaller. I'd lived alone comfortably on Alsvid for a time before we took off. Even after we'd stowed our provisions, equipment, and a year's supply of books aboard, Alsvid still felt like home — and Marc turned out to be quite a gourmet cook! We were comfortable and had confidence in our boat. So we relaxed and enjoyed the time of our lives."

"I'm proud of my Flicka. She's a lovely little ship, built like a tank, and she's a great cruiser... but nicest of all, she already carries more dreams than most boats twice her size — and still has room for more."

Let Pacific Seacraft bring your dreams home too.

**Specifications and further facts;** LOA including bowsprit 24'0"; LOD 20'0"; LWL 18'2"; Beam 8'0"; Draft 3'3"; Cruising displacement 5500 lbs.; Lead Ballast 1800 lbs.; Sail Area 250 sq. ft. (For a descriptive brochure, send \$5 to:



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