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Dun Workin'

Paul and Sue Brands have discovered the joys of retirement afloat aboard their Viking Sport Cruiser 50 Flybridge Yacht.

The ritual of naming and blessing boats goes back thousands of years to the ancient Egyptians who allegedly began the tradition of naming boats built to sail the Nile River. Throughout history, the seas were always viewed with fear and a healthy dose of superstition. Christening a boat has long been seen as a way to thwart Neptune's fury and ensure a safe journey at sea. Today, most boaters will agree that choosing a boat name is an expression of ourselves, our passions, and our dreams. If you want to get boat owners talking, just ask them how they arrived at the name they gave their boat. Don't be surprised, though, if they tell you they spent far more time thinking about a perfect name for their boat than their children!

When it came time to name their new Viking Sport Cruisers 50 Flybridge Yacht, Paul and Sue Brands went through the same head-scratching, pen to paper ritual of so many new boat owners before them. Yet, having just launched into their long awaited retirement, there was one name that came to mind time and again. So, after much deliberation, it was settled. Paul and Sue were Dun Workin'!

Paul and Sue, like many retirees, had set their sights south for the coming winters. Paul and Sue envisioned a winter retreat where they could choose

and change the view at will. After several months of searching and studying, the Brands had finally settled on their new winter home, the Viking Sport Cruisers 50 Flybridge Yacht.

Though Dun Workin' spends the summers behind Paul and Sue's home in Wicomico Church on the placid waters of Mill Creek, come fall you will find them heading down the coast bound for their winter home in North Palm Beach, Florida. A glance at the log aboard Dun Workin' tells you that these cruisers have lived a busy life over the past few years. Whether through annual roundtrips on the ICW en route to Florida or month long jaunts through the Bahamas, the Brands have truly taken advantage of the mobility of their winter retreat.

Since taking delivery, Paul and Sue have spent many a mild Florida winter evening relaxing on the aft deck with friends. Mornings are spent sipping coffee over a book or the morning paper under the cool shade of the bimini top on the flybridge. A walk down the dock finds friends and talk of plans for the coming day while watching the sportfishing yachts head out to catch the calm of the early morning waters. Despite this easy morning pace, however, Paul and Sue are not the type to spend much time simply lounging around. On the contrary,

many would argue that the Brands' retirement schedule is as full as that of their working lives. Between daily trips to the local fitness center, an afternoon spent kayaking and observing wildlife along the waters of Florida's Intracoastal Waterway, and long evening strolls along the docks, Paul and Sue are not exactly taking it easy. More evidence of the busy life aboard Dun Workin' can be found with a look at the "get you through the winter's worth" quantity of tennis balls stored in the lazarette to feed Paul's fervent Florida tennis schedule.

While there are as many dreams of what the retired lifestyle should be as there are dreamers, Paul and Sue Brands have found their little slice of post career heaven aboard their floating winter villa and the freedom that it provides. As you read this, Dun Workin' is no doubt lazily tugging at her docklines waiting for the next summer sunset cruise down Mill Creek. Come this fall, if you're headed down the coast, look for a Viking Sport Cruiser 50 loaded with kayaks and looking a little heavy in the stern from her cargo of a winter's supply of tennis balls. That's Paul and Sue Brands and they are Dun Workin'! 