



The AUTOPROP has performed wonderfully. Hirta is a knot faster under power at economical cruising rpms, and that's only a bonus. Our original intention was to alleviate the drag put on her by a 19-inch 3-bladed prop that had dogged her under sail for years. That effort was completely successful. Her speed has been transformed so that she is sailing as she was originally intended for the first time since an auxiliary engine was installed in 1930. We are now sustaining speeds for long periods which previously were only touched briefly on the surge, and Hirta sings for joy now that she has been relieved of her heavy burden! This has been achieved with no shaft vibration whatsoever. In 13 years of owning Hirta, nothing we have done has had so dramatic an effect on her.

--Tom Cunliffe, England