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One of the frequent posts I see on the Americas Great Loop Cruising Association forum is the issue of how do I get my live aboard boat from A to B to cruise a specific area, or to reposition the boat. There are very few trawlers that have comfortable living space that can be moved with less than a tractor trailer

equipped professional boat hauler. Ranger Tugs are the exception to that rule, and that is what makes them very unique. No other boat that we know of has this kind of good looks and live aboard space, that can be put on a trailer behind a pickup truck and trailered anywhere in North America without breaking a sweat.

The ranger Tug 31' by example is only 10,500 lbs. dry ... even though the tug is constructed very ruggedly. The Ranger is built of solid fiberglass with no coring. On the trailer the 31 sits at only 13' 2" so it can be trailered almost anywhere.

The interior layout of the R-31 fea-

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tures two staterooms - one large island berth forward with ensuite head and a mid-ship berth and day head. Those who are familiar with Ranger Tugs models will know how well the Ranger galley layout, staterooms and lower helm station maximize interior space. A starboard side door provides easy access from the lower helm to the side decks so crew can get to the bow for line handling. This boat is well thought out. It's a real cruising boat and very capable.

It's hard to believe that you can have relatively sumptuous living conditions with comfortable accommodations for four in two staterooms, two heads, full galley including stovetop and oven, settee/dinette for four, generous cockpit, interior helm and exterior helm command bridge in a 31' package. And the lines of the boat are very pleasing and traditionally trawler/tug like. The 31 Ranger is powered by a Volvo D4 300 HP and the boat even includes a bow

thruster as standard equipment. It can attain 23.7 knots and cruise at 17 knots with a range of 270 km. At low trawling speed, range can be extended up to 567 km. The boat is an efficient miserly fuel sipper that also has the ability to get up and go.

Now the big thing is flexibility. Just imagine the Toronto weather is getting cold in November and you hanker for some heat and a getaway. Just hook the trusty Ranger Tug up to the back of the Ford pickup and away you go. Three days later your at the dock in Fort Lauderdale enjoying the sunshine and contemplating your departure date for the Bahamas. A few months later and it's time to get back to Ontario and away you go. You can cruise this boat all around the LOOP but if you decide you



want to get to sun and sand in a hurry you have that option and ultimate flexibility. And like heavier trawlers, it holds it own and handles very well in bad weather. You can stay comfortable and dry at the inside helm when conditions get rough.

There isn't much not to like about Ranger Tugs. For those seeking trailerable live aboard flexibility, there is no better solution that we know of. And hence their explosion in popularity.

Ranger has a full line of tugs from 21' to 31'. In central and eastern Canada Ranger Tugs are represented by Lefroy Harbour Resorts (www.lefroyharbour.com). Give them a call at (877) 453 3769 or (705) 456 2120 and learn more about these amazing cruising trawlers.

