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Turning Heads In Adriatic Celebrity Playground With The Pershing 80'

It takes an exceptional boat to turn heads and set camera's popping in the beautiful Adriatic Sea celebrity playground island of Hvar—but that's what our Pershing 80', "Cavallino," did on its recent sea trial cruise before delivery to Singapore in late November and finally Phuket.

Hvar, considered one of the 10 most beautiful islands in the world—not unlike our Phuket—dates back to prehistoric times but is today, home to a dazzling array of exotic attractions and a celebrity style lifestyle—briefly including our own celebrity, the Pershing 80' named "Cavallino."

[Cavallino is a town in the south east of Italy at the bottom of the "heel." Bernando Cavallino was an Italian painter of the Baroque period working in Naples in the 15th century]

Driven by new owner Anil Thadani, founder of one of Phuket's most prestigious resorts, Amanpouri, "Cavallino" cruised the Croatian and Montenegro coasts for just over two weeks with Lee Marine Managing Director Josh Lee also on board.



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Said Josh about the boat: "I never like to jinx a boat but this Pershing 80' is incredible. Forty one knots cruising speed and a level of comfort that was surprising to us all. Eight people for nearly two weeks cruising in complete privacy and no one wanted to get off."

"Cavallino" will be the only Pershing 80' in Phuket.

We are pleased to say despite cruising at 41 knots and encountering some seas up to 3 metres, the Pershing 80' performed as you would expect a boat of this pedigree and quality to—perfectly. Anil, who has owned a Pershing 64, drove much of the way and was delighted with the performance.

Anil intends using "Cavallino" for cruises off Amanpouri this high season to The Andamans, Burma and Malaysia and then down to Indonesia for the low season. On this trip the Pershing 80' also paid a visit to Budva in Montenegro where the new Amanresort is under construction on the small island of Sveti Stefan, another property in Anil's high end hotel chain.

The verdict of those on board? Josh Lee: "By far the best Pershing I have ever had the pleasure of selling. After all this there was nothing to fix."

And Bill O'Leary, a long time Phuket since 1987 and GM of AmanCruises, also took the cruise down the Croatian and Montenegro coasts, then to Sicily and finally to Vebo Valencia before final shipping to Singapore: "Did I mention I love the boat. Best fast boat I've ever driven, by far."

Here's what Anil will be getting with "Cavallino" Pershing 80', which was crowned "queen" of the Genoa Boat show in in 2008. It combines innovative design with distinctively sports style performance [maximum speed 51 knots] powered by 2 x 2435 hp MUT engines, three of four double cabins and three bathrooms plus two cabins and a bathroom for the crew.

Built at the Marche, Italy Pershing boat yard, the interiors are by Fulvio de Simoni, one of the world's top super yacht designers who has worked on numerous Pershing designs for over 20 years, it features his famous minimalistic interior design. It features elegant leather sofas and finishings by Poltrona Frau, the Italian international luxury furniture design group.

Features include a large glass screen dividing the saloon from the cockpit which can be slid down into a recess between the crew quarters and the engine room, special SCRIMP moulding for the fibreglass hull, a walkway that can be used as a swim ladder or gangway and an extendable hardtop.

Pershing's motto is "yachting into the future." With the Pershing 80' they are fully justifying that optimistic outlook on life.