

CASE STUDY

Lite Cylinders Travel the World

Gene Nelson and his family are living the life of their dreams. Most of their time is spent sailing the world in a 48-foot sailboat. Their life is made significantly easier by their two 20 lb. Lite Cylinders.

BON VOYAGE

Gene Nelson is a talented Nashville songwriter who has written #1 hits for bands like Rascal Flatts, Kathy Mattea and Diamond Rio. This success has given him the freedom to spend the majority of his time aboard a 48-foot sailboat with his wife and two sons, 18 and 20 years old. Having traveled over 15,000 miles and landing in ports all over the world, the Nelson family can certainly be labeled as adventurers, even if Gene doesn't see it that way. "We don't really think of it as dangerous," says Nelson, "We just love being out there...as a family."



The Nelson family came back to the Nashville area during the summer of 2009 after almost 2 1/2 years at sea. Their adventures begin again in August.

SAILORS TRAVEL ON THEIR STOMACHS

The Nelsons are often at sea for weeks at a time, docking in ports for supplies and rest between legs of their journey. The boat is equipped with a full kitchen fueled with propane. Filling up two 20 lb. Lite Cylinders can last them almost six months. "It's so helpful to be able to see exactly how much propane is left," explains Nelson. Running out of propane in the middle of the ocean would make for some pretty meager, cold meals. Discovering Lite Cylinders made staying out at sea for long periods of time possible for the adventuresome family.



FILL 'ER UP

With rare exception the Nelsons are able to fill their Lite Cylinder tanks in most ports.. Being able to see how much propane is in the tank also keeps propane sellers from taking advantage of the traveling Americans. Because of the visible fuel supply the Nelson family can always make sure they're getting full tanks for their weeks at sea. "We're always able to tell if the tank isn't full," says Nelson, "and the merchants know that."

LESS WEIGHT, NO RUST

Gene also loves the non-corrosive fiberglass composite materials that make up Lite Cylinders. Having used heavier steel cylinders in the past meant carrying more weight and having to replace tanks often due to rust from the damp ocean air. And, the handles come in pretty handy too. "Sometimes we have to carry the tanks pretty far inland to find a propane station. They're lighter weight and the handles make this much easier," says Nelson.

NO SUBSTITUTE

Gene Nelson contacted us here at Lite Cylinder on his own just to tell us how much he loves our product. As a thanks we sent him two brand new 20 lb. tanks with updated valve fittings. Now, the cylinders are certified for refilling in even more countries, making it even easier to refill their essential propane wherever they land. "I wouldn't dream of using anything else. They're really great." Thanks, Gene. May the wind always fill your sails!