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Swedish manufacturer Rutgerson solves known issues with reefing of sails

A gentle way of reefing sails for both the sail and the reefing line is difficult to achieve in an efficient way with the existing solutions on the market. Swedish boat fitting manufacturer Rutgerson Marin has taken on the challenge and has invented a product that solves the problem.

Sailmakers around the world have different solutions for making reef points on their sails; some just pull the reefing line through a Super Ring directly onto the sail, others web low friction rings and others web blocks onto the sail. The problem with these solutions are either that the angle becomes too sharp, which is damaging to the sail and the line, or the solution is too inefficient and time consuming to install on the sail. Since there are so many solutions today, it proves that none is perfect.



This is something that the Swedish boat fitting manufacturer Rutgerson Marin has noticed and is now challenging existing solutions on the market with a completely new type of product that fits perfectly with the Super Ring, their very first invention. The product is called Quick Reef Solution (QRS) and one can say that it consists of two parts of a low-friction ring that are screwed together on each side of the super ring and the sail cloth. This makes it childishly simple and quick to install on the sail since no tools at all are required. The large radius together with a unique Teflon coated hard anodizing gives very low friction for the line and is gentler on the sail.

- We love figuring out technical solutions that solve several difficulties at the same time and that lead to new products that are easy and fun to use. It is extra fun that the new product QRS is a complement to our existing product The Super Ring, says Charlotte Rutgerson, Managing Director of the family business on the Swedish west coast.

Other advantages of the product are that the weight is centralized on the sail compared to e.g. blocks have been webbed on one side of the sail. In addition, you can choose which side of the sail you want to attach the reef line and it is possible and also easy to change sides. Also, there are no moving parts that can rattle, which gives added value to the appearance and feeling of the sail.

Rutgerson's new products will be officially launched on November 20, when the METSTRADe trade fair in Amsterdam would have taken place. The first deliveries will be sent out on January 1, 2021.

Rutgerson Marin has been manufacturing hatches, portlights, blocks, sail fittings and other yacht equipment in their factory in Marstrand, Sweden, since the mid-1970s. Nearly 85% of the products are exported to distributors, boat builders and sailmakers in more than 40 countries around the world.

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