



Atlantic Spars  
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# newsletter

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Atlantic Spars has had yet another busy and varied year. The company is entering its 30th year, and over these years has built up an enviable reputation as the premier yacht rigger and mast supplier in the South West.

This year we have worked on many interesting and diverse projects from far afield including Hawaii to right on our doorstep. We've seen new products launched from manufacturers such as Selden and Furler for which we are the regional agent, to new deck and sail handling equipment from high quality manufacturers Antal.

## New mast in the nick of time for Plymouth racing yacht



**When the yacht Alibi lost her mast on a very breezy day during Plymouth Regatta, owners Peter and Rob Davies contacted Atlantic Spars wanting to obtain a new mast in time for Dartmouth Regatta, a timescale of just a few days!**

MD, Chris Clyburn, explained: "We pulled out all the stops and due to our good relationship with mast manufacturers we were able to have a mast designed, manufactured and stepped onboard Alibi in the nick of time. It was a very tight timescale but we managed and they came third in their class which was a great result."

The owners also used the opportunity to have some upgraded deck gear including new rope clutches as well as having her standing rigging upgraded to lower stretch Dyform. Alibi is now happily afloat in Plymouth and looking forward to another great season with her new mast.



# Clipper masts to Hawaii

Atlantic Spars was asked to build new masts for two of the 68ft yachts taking part in the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race which ground to a halt for them after they dismasted in the Pacific Ocean.



Sister company, Pedros Yacht Refinishing based in Galmpton was given the job of painting the two masts.

Both teams were asked at short notice if they were able to carry out the job and worked around the clock to ensure the masts were completed on time.

Chris Clyburn, said: "The staff all showed great commitment and worked very hard, literally around the clock, to complete the job to an extremely high standard.

The two boats lost their masts as they were taking part in the race from Qingdao, China to Hawaii.

The masts were flown out to Hawaii, together with Nic Wellspring from Atlantic Spars who was given the job of overseeing the rebuild and installation of the masts on board the two Clipper yachts.



## New products from the Selden/ Furlex range

Atlantic Spars is the regional centre for leading mast manufacturer Selden with its sister brand Furlex, several new products have been launched this year including the small yacht furler, a retractable bowsprit enabling most yachts to be able to fly an asymmetric spinnaker with ease - particularly useful when sailing short-handed.

Increasingly popular are carbon fibre masts with all the benefits of lower weight with added strength.



## Furlex package deals

Atlantic Spars is now able to offer a Furlex and headsail package deal. We work closely with many sailmakers and this enables us to offer attractive discounted package prices when a combined sail and furling system is ordered together.

# Atlantic Spars retro fits bowsprits



Retro fitted bowsprits are very popular and Atlantic Spars has much experience of this work and is able to make any necessary modifications which may be needed to deck fittings.

For the Jeanneau 36.2 French Kiss, Atlantic Spars was asked to weld mounting legs and a cross-piece to Selden's bearing for a bespoke bowsprit fitting.

The boat is owned by Garety Myles who bought it with an asymmetric spinnaker but no rigging. When the system of a tack line running from a block didn't work



smoothly, an 'off the shelf' bowsprit was decided upon, with help from Atlantic Spars to ensure it fitted correctly.

Another example of a bowsprit fitted by Atlantic Spars is on the racing yacht Mayhem Plus. Owner Paul Craft also used Atlantic Spars' sister company, Pedros Yacht Services to carry out structural work to the boat..

## Marine fabrication

Over the years, Atlantic Spars has designed and manufactured all shapes and sizes of stainless steel or aluminium fittings, destined for all shapes and sizes of yacht or powerboat whether it be several items or just a one off.

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Atlantic Spars and Rigging has been instructed by Pantaeneus yacht insurance to commence a structural repair to the main mast of IKRA II, a 72ft ketch built in 1980, designed by Dominique Preles.

The yacht is currently located in Malta where the Atlantic Spars and Rigging team will carryout express repairs prior to the Christmas break.



## Christmas Gift Ideas



Retrofit bowsprit



Spinnaker pole carbon /aluminium



Furlex furling system



Antal Winch



Loos gauge



Lopo light



Selden rodkicker



Gerber tool



Antal Hardware



Antal winch handle



Antal snatch block

# Atlantic Spars is appointed agent for Antal

Italian manufacturer Antal produces a high quality, comprehensive range of deck gear using cutting-edge technology. With designs ranging from light weight carbon fibre winches to deck organisers, blocks made of composite materials and one piece alloy frames, rope clutches and sail handling equipment, Antal's range is suitable for ocean racing yachts to multihulls, cruising or classic yachts. And by using the finest craftsmanship and best materials, the deck wear is guaranteed to stay looking as good as new even after many years of use.

Using only the best materials and the latest manufacturing techniques, Antal's deck ware is guaranteed to give outstanding performance and reliability. A five-year warranty is offered on all products together with competitive pricing, giving our customers better value for their money.



## Atlantic Spars chosen to work on Italian boat - in Italy

It's not just boats in Britain which have work carried out on them by Atlantic Spars! We were asked to carry out an urgent job on a Moody 246 based in Fiumicino Porto Di Roma, replacing the existing furling unit, foils and bearings with a Selden continuous line drum system.

Dan Thursfield was tasked with the job and flew to Italy with the new Selden parts - remembering everything he may need as it was unlikely he would be able to easily get hold of any additional parts in Rome.

The work included disassembling the old furling gear, measuring and fitting new foils and making adjustments to the mast extrusion for the new furling gear.

And despite the language barrier - the Boatyard owner spoke no English and Dan no Italian - the job was carried out safely, under the allotted time and without any disruption to the owner's cruising plans. After stepping the mast and running the rigging, Dan talked the owner through the system, gave a demonstration and answered questions. And the owner was able to leave Rome on her desired date to head off to her next destination.



# BLUEWATER CRUISING

Over the years Atlantic Spars has prepared numerous yachts so their owners can sail off and live the life of their dreams. Useful accessories such as mast steps to enable easy climbing to the top of the rig, oversized diameter standing rigging, additional inner forestays, oversized chainplates, jackstays and lazy jacks for easier mainsail handling have all been added - making life much more comfortable when cruising shorthanded.

