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New Products

Free-Fall Anchor Winches

Thermoboat, Ltd. of Sidney BC, Canada, run by our friend Hugh Carroll, has been chosen as the North American importer of **Stress Free Anchor Winches**. Made in Australia, Stress Free Anchor Winches offer anchor rode handling products for vessels from 16' to 38' (plus custom sizes for larger boats) and are suited for Power and Sailboat applications.

Stress Free Anchor Winches have recently introduced their patented "NG" Series of Free Fall Winches for deck mounting or internal fitting in the anchor locker of any vessel up to 38 feet. Available in 4 sizes and made of 316 Marine Stainless Steel, the "NG" or "Next Generation" Stress Free Anchor Winch is unlike a conventional anchor windlass in that it neatly stores the anchor line and chain on a drum inside the anchor well, allowing hands free deployment and retrieval of the anchor from the safety of the cockpit. The "NG" Series is the first ever free fall design drum anchor winch and is available in 12 or 24 volt DC.

The NG series of anchor winches are ruggedly engineered to raise, lower and secure anchors from the helm at the touch of a button. The patented

design allows the anchor to be lowered under powered control at 80-90 fpm or to "free fall" without risk of over run or tangles at up to 600 fpm. The ingenious engineering is such that the actuating mechanism that disengages the drive allowing the

anchor to "free fall" also acts as a brake that prevents the spool from over-run by continuously applying an even load to both ends of the drum. Once the free fall actuator is released the robust drive is automatically re-engaged, locking the mechanism so that additional tying off is unnecessary.

For more information and data



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Primodonna Custom Made Marine Totes

We met the good folks from **Primodonna Marine Totes** at the Big Seattle Boat Show where they came by our booth and I have to say, we were impressed with the not only the concept but the exceptional overall quality of these infinitely adaptable tote bags. Basically they will create a distinctive hand-made tote for you or your organization that displays your favorite marine destination, as well as your unique logo. The large 18 x 20 x 3" totes are perfect for hauling groceries, beverages, and other items when in port, as well as being great for everyday use. Inside there are two deep pockets, as well as a wide durable shoulder strap to make carrying easier. It also comes with a Primovino Pod holder for wine or other

beverages.

There is also a medium size tote, 16 x 16 x 3". Totes are made of marine Sunbrella canvas on the sides and bottom, with one side of the bag displaying a NOAA chart of your choice. The chart is printed on scratch resistant durable material that would easily last 3 years outside in the weather. The bag is fully lined with Nylon pack cloth, with a vinyl reinforced base. The handles are made from yacht line, and are very comfortable to the hands. All materials used in construction are from the U.S., and the totes are hand-made in Bellingham, WA. Large tote \$95, medium tote \$75.



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Fiberglass Boat Repairs Illustrated

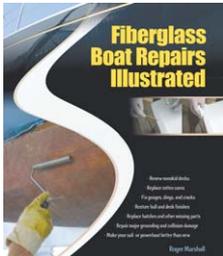
Fiberglass Boat Repairs Illustrated, available at chandleries, bookstores and online this month, is a comprehensive guide to making repairs to a fiberglass boat and how to finish and paint those repairs.

Written by Roger Marshall, winner of numerous awards for marine technical and magazine writing and author of 14 nautical books, the nine chapters of *Fiberglass Boat Repairs Illustrated* cover: how a fiberglass boat is built, identifying hull damage; materials, tools and basic techniques; gelcoat restoration; making minor repairs; making major repairs; hull, keel and rudder fairing; identifying and making osmosis repairs; and finishing and painting a repair job. There is also an appendix on building a temporary Shrink Wrap™ shed in which to do boat repair work year-round.

With more than 200 pictures and drawings, the book shows repair projects as done by the author and other professional and amateur boat builders, from simply polishing the gelcoat or repairing a ding in the paint

work, to much larger projects such as making a transom well guard to keep water from flooding over the transom. The most ambitious project is a complete hull and keel reconstruction on a boat that went aground and was seriously damaged.

Fiberglass Boat Repairs Illustrated (ISBN 978-0-07-154992-9, MHID 0-07-154992-7, ebook ISBN 978-0-07-154993-5) is published by International Marine/McGraw-Hill. Paperback, 192 pages. US \$24.95.



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