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New Harken Furler Designed for Quick Assembly and Easy Handling

Pewaukee, WI, September 1, 2012—With a new Harken ESP Jib Reefing & Furling system on the bow of your yacht, safety and simplicity lead the way. When the weather comes up, you can reduce sail area without leaving the safety of your cockpit.

Harken's new furler is easy to assemble with a straightforward efficient design. Pre-cut foils and an adjustable bottom foil give you a "gross-tune/fine-tune" for headstay length. Long or short leg extension kits are offered to adjust drum height. Choose long leg extensions for furlers with turnbuckles, short leg extensions for furlers without. Foils allow the headstay and marine eye to pass so there is no need to cut the headstay wire during installation.

An optional halyard deflector prevents the jib halyard and other halyards (such as a spinnaker or additional jib halyards) from wrapping around the foil. The deflector is easy to install and needs very little adjustment.

"Everything about the new Harken ESP Furler is optimized around the needs of daysailers and coastal cruisers," says Senior Engineer Greg Hartmeier. "Fewer components and elements like the halyard deflector make this system quick to assemble and easy to use, while at the same time making it very durable and affordable for the average cruiser."

The Harken ESP's one-piece drum, spool, and guard is molded from impact-resistant composite with stainless steel guard posts. Round, single-groove aluminum foils roll easily and are clearcoat-anodized for durability. Tough foil joints withstand years of heavy reefing loads. This system is compatible with 7404 lead block kit with ratchet to lead the line aft.

The kit keeps the foredeck clear and maintains furling tension for clean spooling.

About: Harken, Inc. is a leading manufacturer and distributor of innovative sailboat hardware and accessories. Headquartered in Pewaukee, Wisconsin, Harken manufactures in the USA and Italy. Its network includes distribution in 48 countries, with group offices located in Australia, France, Italy, New Zealand, Poland, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States (Rhode Island, California, and Florida).

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