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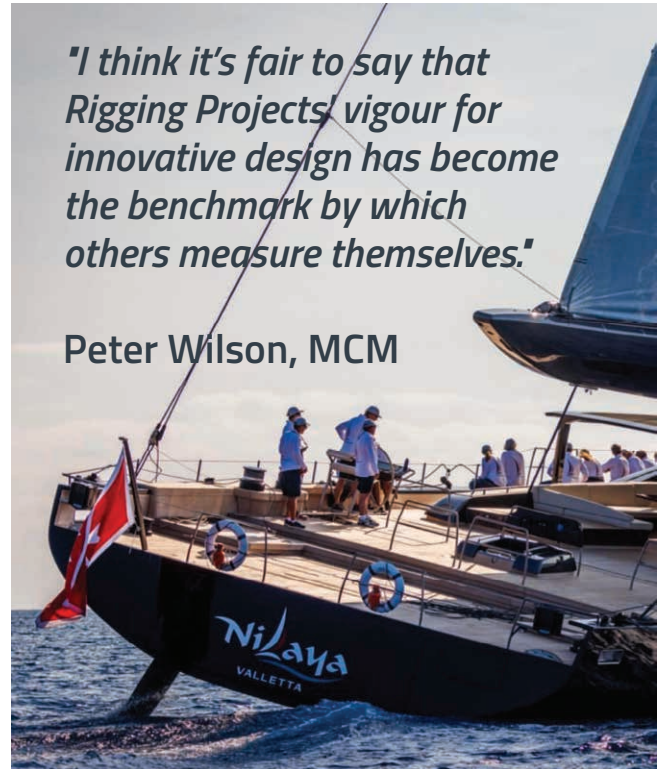
## THE LATEST NEWS FROM RIGGING PROJECTS

### RIGGING PROJECTS TURNS 10

In February this year Rigging Projects turned 10 and we celebrated a decade of growth and industry leading solutions. Starting the company in 2014 from his home office in Chichester, RP Partner Tobias Hochreutener had a vision of creating a composite rigging consultancy business that put smart ideas, trustworthy services and high quality products at its core. He wanted to provide solutions to issues that remained common and reluctantly accepted across the industry. Today we have a vibrant and experienced team of 30+ people, our own hardware range that is manufactured in-house in our state-of-the-art machine shop and we operate out of 4 locations around the world. While we've come a long way from that home office 10 years ago, the culture here at RP is still that of a small company made up of friends who share a love of sailing and engineering solutions.

*"I think it's fair to say that Rigging Projects' vigour for innovative design has become the benchmark by which others measure themselves."*

Peter Wilson, MCM



Q GLIDE BLOCKS

### BALANCE 750 CATAMARAN

The ethos behind South African based Balance Catamarans is performance combined with luxury and comfort and their flagship yacht, the Balance 750 provides all of that. Sporting both forward bulkhead and dual cockpit helms, this 23m catamaran was designed by Phillip Berman and Anton Du Toit to be fast and functional while also high quality. We have been involved since the design stage to supply a full deck hardware package, including a 12T Traveller Car and X Track for main handling, Sheave Organisers, Through Deck Blocks, various Padeyes and a full range of Q, S and X Glide Blocks. They are also having our 12T Locking Headboard Car and Gaff lock, Internal Bullet Locks and Reef Locks. This exciting new catamaran is due to launch later this year, so watch this space!

## YEMAYA STEERING SYSTEM



Rigging Projects have been commissioned to design and manufacture the entire below deck steering system for the new Yemaya. Designed by Juan Yacht Design this new 44m will feature the Rigging Projects Geared Steering Hub, the original brief being to make helming a superyacht feel like helming a much smaller boat. Nick Black, RP Partner and lead design engineer says "The Geared Steering Hub is only one part of the solution. Reducing friction throughout the steering system below deck is a critical factor. We have designed the ultimate in low friction steering systems using our custom foot blocks, sheave block assemblies, line organisers and bespoke steering cables"

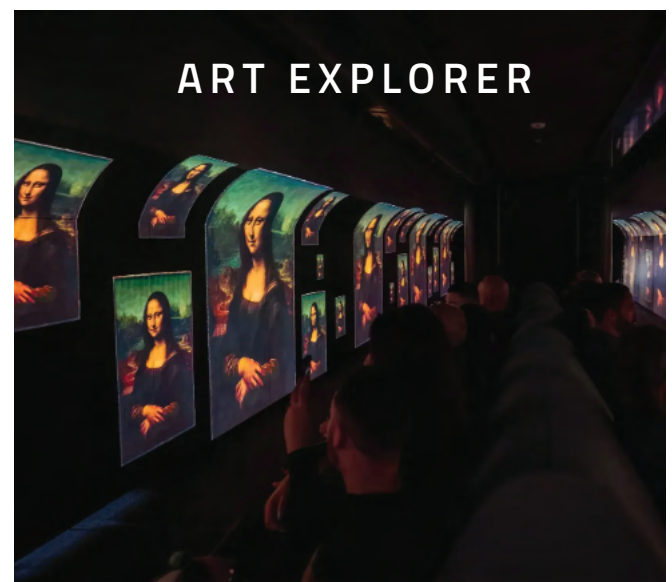


The German Frers designed Swan 128 002 has recently emerged from the mould at the Nautor Shipyard in Finland and is looking the epitome of style and elegance that we've come to expect from Swan. Due to launch in 2025, we have been brought in by A2B Project Management to work with mast manufacturer, Southern Spars and are supplying 25T and 30T Idler Sheave Locks, and 8T and 15T Internal Bullet Locks.



The Axel de Beaufort designed, 46.5m ArtExplorer was launched in 2023 by Perini Navi and is currently based in Europe. She is not only the worlds largest aluminium catamaran but also a floating museum undergoing two years of exhibitions, workshops and conferences before she is available for private charter. Her main saloon houses an art gallery designed in collaboration with Musee du Louvre.

Rigging Projects worked with Lorima on this incredible project to provide the 24T Twin Pawl Main Locking Headboard Car with a Gaff Lock system and Boom Reef Locks which features our 20T Internal Bullet Locks with integral load sensors.



## MORE RP HEADBOARD CARS

It is always a 'pinch me' moment for us here at Rigging Projects when we get asked to work for the prestigious J Class fleet, and this year Rainbow have followed the lead of Svea by upgrading their main system to our HB15 Locking Headboard Car and Sail Plate. We look forward to seeing her on the circuit this year.



After the huge success of Southern Wind 108-01, Gellicieux, who was crowned overall winner of the 2024 St Barths Bucket this spring, boat 02 is now in build in Cape Town and due for delivery in early 2025. We are working closely with Hall Spars and supplying our HB12 Automatic Locking Headboard Car and Pin Head Sail Plate.

## THE LATEST IN RP TEXTILES

RP Textiles, both in Zaandam and in the UK, have had a busy start to 2024. Currently in the workshops we have 4 separate Andre Hoek Design superyacht projects on the go - one new build and three service replacement jobs on Truly Classic 128s. In the multihull world, new-build packages have been put together for multiple Gunboats being launched this year. We supplied the textiles and stepped the rig on GB68-07 in March and GB80-02 earlier this month. GB72-02 is next up, due to have a full new-build package and the rig stepped in the coming weeks. GB68-02 has had service replacements and there's been another new-build package on Kinetic 54-04. On the performance race circuit, we have recently supplied a full race season package to Jethou 77 and both racing season and cruising season packages on 35m Nautor Swan Jasi.



The German Frers designed 72 foot catamaran, OE72, is currently in build at OQS in Jakobstad, Finland and due to launch later this year. It is a high-end cruiser-racer, designed to be sailed comfortably by a crew of two at impressive speeds of 20kts +. This has meant that the deck and sail handling requirements needed to be carefully thought out to make the loads manageable for short-handed sailing. The OE72 has our 15T Self Locking Headboard Car and Sail Plate, meaning that the mainsail can be easily hoisted from the deck with no need to go aloft, a necessity with only two crew on board. We are also supplying three 15T Idler Sheaves for the code zero, jib and staysail, three Internal Bullet Locks for the boom and an 8T Bullet Lock with sheave for the spinnaker halyard.

Rigging Projects has recently collaborated with a leading engineering consultancy with specialist expertise in the automotive and motor sport sectors to produce a range of parts for automotive clients. Our machine shop in Totton, Southampton provides us with the ideal environment to produce these precision components and we look forward to building on this relationship further.

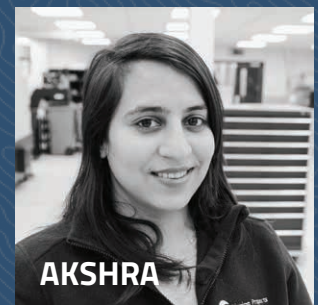


## THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE RIGGING PROJECTS TEAM

The Aftersales team here at RP is now being headed up by Tom Gall who has joined us from his previous role at prestigious boat builders, Pascoe International Ltd. Tom, a sailor himself, has already made the role his own with his valuable project management skills and industry insights. Ben 'Milky' Clifford has also joined the Aftersales team Technical Aftersales Manager. With a wealth of industry knowledge from working on high end race yachts, he is the perfect person for the role.

Matt is back! After a few years away from RP working with RS Electric Boats, Matt Hall has rejoined the team as one of our Project Managers and it's great to have him back.

We have a new Project Planning Assistant, Akshra Chhabra, who is fresh out of her Masters degree in Project Management at Nottingham University. Akshra is integrating data analysis into project management practices to ensure projects stay on track, anticipate challenges, and capitalise on opportunities for improvement and innovation.



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