

**TEST EQUIPMENT**

**THE ROLLERREEFINGBOOM BY ACMO**

**Reducing the mainsail easy**

Shown at the last PARIS boat show this model is the cheapest and its functioning is very simple as shown in our trials at sea. When the mainsail has been reefed it's performance is acceptable. The original mainsail can be used.

ACMO calls her rollerreefingboom the EASYROLL. It's functioning enhances four points.

- A aluminium tube with large diameter as the boom.
- A selftaining disk at the front of the tube that is controlled by an endless reefingline
- A stainless steel gooseneck that fit's on all types of the masts.
- A plastic profile along the mast that is hoisted with the original sliders.

The whole package is

Delivered with the tube cut fit to the specifications of the boat, with the front and rear part mounted. The whole kit can be mounted on the boat in half a day without the need of special tools. The installation makes common sense. We went to La Rochelle to test this new product where ACMO had installed EASYROLL on a Biloup 30 that sailed already some months with it. Michel Malinowsky well known as a nautical expert accompagnied us and gave us his comments. Before leaving the harbour we have seen it's simpleness for the installation as wall as it's handling. This first impression was confirmed where

one person was able to hoist and reef the sail without the need of a winch, although there was quit some wind.. Under sail the boat characteristics did not seem to be effected by this system.. It functions somewhat like the old way of reefing. Next we sailed on all different courses always hoisting and reefing looking for some possible negative points. To the honest the are no one. Listen to the conclusions from Michel Malinowsky: The EASYROLL, he says, if there are any limitations do not effect the handling of the boat. I admired the easy installation,

1 The stainless steel fits on all types of masts profiles it is riveted to the mast

2 Mainsail rolled up : Clean, neatly no more fuss.

3 The plastic profile is hoisted in the mast using the original slades.

4 The mainsail is hoisted with the luff of the sail sliding in the plastic profile.

it's handling and it's simpleness of construction. I realised that for a perfect sailshape the proper use of the boomtopping lift is essential, otherwise the battens do not roll-up parallel to the boom. As the manufacturer indicates you can use your original sail, what minimalises the costs. If you want a high performance

sail it is logical to order a new sail. The most performing sail will be a fully batten one. The conclusion of Michel Malinowsky: I clearly see this system on cruising sailboats were the crew does not want to go to the mast for reefing and/or leave the cockpit. This simple system seems to me well adapted for a 10 meter boat.

**Interest :** \*\*\*  
**Handling :** \*\*\*\*  
**Installation :** \*\*\*  
**Quality / price :** \*\*\*\*  
**Distribution:** \*\*  
**Distrib. by:** ACMO France  
**Price:** Euro 1100  
 (15 – 40 Ft sailing boats)

The advantage of the EASYROLL is that you can use the original mainsail (Even a fully battened one)

\* = Sufficient      \*\* = Average      \*\*\* = Good      \*\*\*\* = Very good