



Pro Furl 2008

Southern Ocean sailing and Antarctic tourism is alive and well, and sailing yachts are still playing a major role in expeditions to the frozen south and the extremes that the southern ocean throws out.

2007 / 2008 is a special year, it is the International Polar year and that has seen an increase in expeditions going to the south, on yachts, research vessels and general tourism, more people now know that it possible, and safe to go where few have ever gone before.

Xplore Expeditions is headed by Stephen Wilkins who has been visiting the frozen south and southern oceans for the last 8 years, time on the water in the south teaches you a lot about what works and what doesn't.

Year after year yachts like Xplore keep returning and continue to use gear and equipment that is tough, reliable and easy to use and maintain.

Furling gear for headsails is such an important part of the equipment that's needed to sail shorthanded and simply in these icy conditions that selecting the right type for the application cant be taken lightly.

With over 300,000nm of sailing experience in 25 years, I have used so many different makes and types of furlers on a wide variety of yachts of all sizes, the fact is that some just furling systems just don't make the grade.

When you look at all the different yachts from all over the world that visit Antarctica and the southern ocean there is a common theme which is there on the fore decks of at least 70% of the yachts here, PRO FURL.

Our lives and our clients depend on the right equipment and that is certainly why Xplore Expeditions choose Pro Furl furlers for the new yacht.

For day cruising, circumnavigation or the punishment of the southern oceans I can highly recommend ProFurl's durability and ease of use, what ever size yacht you sail.

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