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Sailmaking Support Systems, Inventors of Innovative VACU-WASH® System, Expands into Europe & Australia

VACU-WASH® System in High Demand, Penetrates Deep into Sails and Virtually Eliminates Mildew

Greenland, NH, July XX, 2013 – [Sailmaking Support Systems \(www.vacuwash.com\)](http://www.vacuwash.com) has just announced its expansion from North America into Europe and Australia to meet strong customer demand for its unique and innovative **VACU-WASH®** system. Mildew is a problem that every sailor encounters, especially since most of today's sails are made from laminated materials. The innovative VACU-WASH® system virtually eliminates mildew from sails by penetrating the multiple layers of film, as opposed to just their surfaces, effectively removing mildew from deep in the fibers. The result is much cleaner sails with a longer lifespan.

"Most sails are now made out of laminated materials, which replace woven polyester for a lighter and faster sail," says Jeff Andersen, President of Sailmaking Support Systems "The sails made with laminated materials have multiple layers glued together, and water gets in between the layers, leading to terrible mildew problems. To effectively clean these sails, we need to really penetrate every layer – not just the sail's surface – to thoroughly remove the mildew."

Andersen invented the VACU-WASH® system to combat the increasing problems with mold in sails made with laminated materials.

The VACU-WASH® process involves placing the sails in a vacuum chamber, removing the air and water from the voids between the sail's layers, slowly introducing a cleaning agent that penetrates every layer and subsequently rinsing the sail. Using the VACU-WASH® system, sails are cleaned in 3-4 days.

"There's nothing else like VACU-WASH® on the market," Andersen continued. "We specialize in removing mildew in sails without damaging the fabrics or adhesives in any way. Customers have been impressed with the great results from VACU-WASH®, and the demand has been steadily increasing over the years. We previously treated hundreds of sails per year, and now we're cleaning thousands."

"We're thrilled to expand to meet the growing needs of sailors worldwide," Andersen explained. "VACU-WASH® is now available in Europe and Australia and is clearly solving a problem that impacts so many sailors around the world."

Sailmaking Support Systems cleans thousands of square meters of sails each year. They have cleaned sails as small as 100 square feet and as large as 3,700 square feet.

They work with a wide variety of clients in the sailmaking industry, including Doyle Sailmakers, Quantum Sailmakers, UK Sailmakers and a host of other independent companies.

"We've been getting an overwhelmingly positive response from our clients, who can't believe how clean VACU-WASH® gets their sails," Andersen continued. "Our continued growth is a true testament to how well VACU-WASH® works."

"The entire experience was terrific. The sails which formerly were very discolored, came out almost like new. We just hoisted them this weekend and they are starting season two after the cleaning/coating looking great," said Robert V. Lally, who sails COSMO. "Durability and shape do not seem to have been impaired. Great service, great process, wonderful experience all around."

About Sailmaking Support Systems

Sailmaking Support Systems is committed to providing boat owners and the sailmaking industry with unique products and services that lend themselves to sail life enhancement and production efficiency. Sailmaking Support Systems has introduced the innovative [VACU-WASH®](http://www.vacuwash.com) system, which virtually eliminates mildew from deep in the sails, effectively cleaning multiple layers, as opposed to just the surfaces. The result is much cleaner sails with a longer lifespan.

To keep your sails in tip-top shape and avoid the spread of mildew and other air-borne fungicides, the Sailmaking Support Systems team recommends washing and maintaining sails annually. The skilled staff of Sailmaking Support Systems cleans thousands of square meters of sails each year, taking great pride in maintaining the integrity of the sails while removing mildew. Sailmaking Support Systems also offers a simple and inexpensive way of shipping sails in the U.S.

For more information about Sailmaking Support Systems and the VACU-WASH® system, please visit www.vacuwash.com



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