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NOVOSAIL have devised a brand new concept for cleaning and finishing sails of all types of construction, including laminates. Gone are the days of laundering the life out of your precious investment with Novosail's innovative technology.

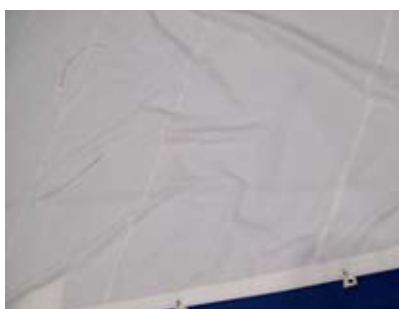
The sails are treated and protected against climatic and environmental conditions, at the same time extending the life of the sail with the patented and unique Novosail system. This cleaning technology for standard sail fabrics or high tech laminates follows two years' of development with an independent international textile technology institute. A core base of more than 150 different sails of all sizes was tested extensively, including regatta and long distance cruising and one design sails before the network of cleaning plants was set up. The first plant was successfully set up in Palma in 2005 and has now completed more than 100,000 square metres of sails for delighted customers.



The process itself involves a thorough check over before the sail is spread out and fed into the HS9000 machine horizontally. Should areas require additional soaking and pre-washing for bad staining, this is carried out before it is fed into the machine. The protective coatings are applied to ensure protection from mildew and other external factors, at the same time renewing the sail's water repellence and adding stiffening to polyester sails.



The final stage of the process involves a low heat fixing of the coatings and thorough drying of the sail. The before and after comparison is astonishing!



Duncan Hart, Managing Director of the new Novosail plant in Hedge End said, *“We are delighted with the progress of Novosail in the UK; we have been working alongside leading sailmakers and owners alike. The entire process is water-based and has been developed to minimise the negative impact on the environment and fits with our company eco policy.”*

He added, *“We are always trying to help the boating community and as such are a firm supporter of Sail4Cancer; we make a donation to this very worthwhile charity for every sail that comes through the door, whether from a sailmaker or a private individual.”*



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