

# Nylet Newsletter

**B40**



**Everything for the model yachtsman.  
Around 500 items in our price list!  
Fine Products ~ Quality First.  
Makers of sails to The National Maritime Museum  
Cornwall**



**93 years**

**109 years of sailmaking  
experience!**

**Vintage cotton sails  
Heritage sewn Dacron  
sails**

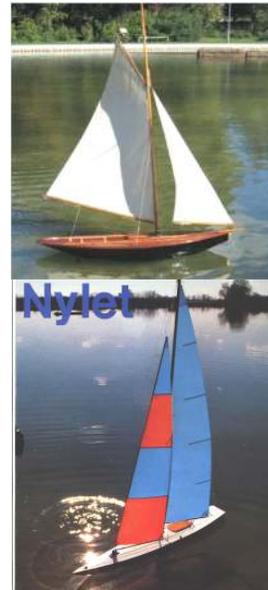
**Modern racing &  
cruising sails**

***Sail winners***

**Master Sailmakers  
The worlds longest established model  
sailmakers, since 1932  
World-wide mail order since 1958  
Sailing model yachts since 1918  
Sailing full size yachts since 1720**

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Nylet **THE sailmakers ~ 1932 ~ 93 years.**

**World-wide mail order. 109 years of sailmaking experience.**

**RACING SAILS (spinnakers also manufactured) Sails with the wind catching shape.**

Any size of sail made to your drawings or templates, finely made racing sails in film, scrim or white Dacron. Heritage sewn Dacron sails, also replacement kit sails made. Vintage cotton sails manufactured, also varnished Terylene suits for older yachts.

**Sails for the ONE METRE class - IOM (ISAF rule)**

There are 3 suits available under the rules, and are offered in the different materials from our range. Mylar film is some 8 grams lighter compared to a racing scrim suit but film cannot be expected to last as long; we are not able to make suits to a particular specified weight.

**SUITS for 36", M, R10R, and 6M in Dacron, film or scrim**

Please see detailed information contained in the price list in section F. The actual 'list' of sails we make is getting larger, but we stress we can also make any sail to your sizes. Prices are for suits made with either cord main luff, or single eyelets (or hook luff at extra cost). Don't forget to state your choice.

Because of the multiplicity of different designs of (particularly) Marbleheads our "standard" range may not be suitable, just send sizes for us to make a suit to your requirements.

**Some suits in our price list quote the mainsail luff height**, some newcomers are confused by this, its purely the leading edge measurement to determine which suit and its size. A suit comprises mainsail & jib.

Apart from the "standard" sails listed we will make any sail, and that includes spinnakers in lightweight ripstock Nylon, to your sizes. Sails made include the very latest designs. In some cases we just need a template or drawing, or dimensions. Or quote a design name, although sizes or at least a luff height (mainsail) would help identify the correct suit. If we require further information we will contact you.

Our records include many of the older designs of which we are able to cut to order such as Genie, China Boy, Cracker and Highlander. The new "EVENTIDE" sails, also sail suits for Vic Smeed's STARLET. My late Fathers hand-written sail cutting book includes designs from the 1940's and very early 1950's so we have access to many of the older sail plans. Sails also available for Tony Abel's classic, the Dolphin. Still a very popular design is Vic Smeed's Star Baby.

All jibs for racing class suits (and 'replacement' suit such as Fairwind etc.) are manufactured with integral jib luff wire. For prices see the Nylet price list.

**VINTAGE style cotton sails, perfect cut, finely finished**, for pond yachts, racing yachts, barges, cutters etc. Made in the same style as in my father's time in the 1930's and 40's.

**SAILCLOTH, in cut lengths**, see listings section G. Dacron, film, and cotton cloths are available.

All sailcloth is packed inside a strong tube and usually sent via post. Cotton cloth is usually sent folded and rolled in a postal tube.

On a personal note in 2025 I celebrate my 59th year of model sailmaking and taken with my late father's time manufacturing sails that totals some 109 years of sailmaking experience.

Enjoy your sailing! *Frank Parsons*

**Please note** that these days we no longer contact customers by post, so when ordering we must also have your phone number/s and email address.

**J.Parsons to Nylet. 193 years of manufacturing.**

**1772 Silk Mercers in Bond Street, London. 8 generations ~ 253 years of working with fine cloths & materials.**

**1620 - 405 Years of Artisans, of Tradition.**

**An example of our very early 18<sup>th</sup> century work is held in the British Museum, London.**

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**The worlds longest established Master Sailmakers, 93 years.  
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**IOM sail rig kits.** Consists of a suit of sails, alloy mast, booms, plus fittings pack and drawings. Please see website for prices.

Also sails with fine finger patches, see the Nylet website or our colour catalogue for all options. 36", M-class, R10R and one off rig kits also available to special order.

**Tough IOM Polythene sail rig bags - with carry handle & hanging point.** for stowage and transport; manufactured in tough clear polythene, with Velcro closer. These 3 compartment bags are a standard size.

**Rig & deck fittings, deck fitting packs, cordage, tools etc.** Wide range of fittings, pulleys, cordage, wires, screws etc.

**PJ sail winches for yachts.** Unit W01 suits R36 & One Metre size yachts. W02 unit suits M-class, Ten Rater, 6M & A-class yachts; price see price list.

**Aluminium alloy mast & boom tubing, also 7075 (stiffer) ali tubing.** Circular aluminium mast & boom material silver and also black anodied finish.

**IOM keel fins, box, and rudders in hard UD carbon-fibre.** Prices can be found in section B of price list.

Please see the Nylet website (some 35 pages) for full details on our products and prices which include synthetic and vintage type cotton sails, rig bags, masts, rigs kits & deck/rig fittings, sailwinches & accessories. 500 items in our price list. Our website is often updated weekly.



Photos: Left, Nylet IOM yacht with latest drop run deck configuration.  
Right, photo courtesy I.Forsberg, Finland, with his Nylet IOM THETIS.  
Below, left: Nylet IOM yacht with the early dropped run GRP deck.

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**THETIS**



## SOME TESTIMONIALS.

Thanks for your email and the excellent service. In fact the sails arrived today and they really look nice. Can't wait to try them this weekend.

Sails arrived last week. They are fantastic. First big test on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, all the best.

Hi Frank. I think the sails are beautiful. I can readily understand now why you were so pleased with them yourself. They will act as a spur to get on with the rest of the boat.

Just to let you know that the new sails work very well, thank you. I had 2 x1st, 2x2nds,2x3rds, and 1 fourth. So I came first overall after 7 races.

My friend has been telling me all about your amazingly fast postal service!

I fitted your top suit to my One Metre and the thing took off like a train - everyone wants to know where I got the sails!

The sails arrived today, all first class. Thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your prompt and efficient, friendly service.

The sails are wonderful, they fit like a glove!

Cotton sails for Katie arrived - they look great, much appreciated.

Starlet sails arrived today and am delighted with the quality.

Thanks again for your great products and service!

Just received my glorious suit! Magnificent! I raise a glass to you Sir,

Nylet fittings are on my Squiggle (sail number 90) built by Bill Curtis in Falmouth, on the green Chinese E Class boat and on the red & blue Chinese IOMs which until recently I owned. I have sold both these boats to Chinese guys in Shanghai so your fittings are now being used by 3 Chinese boats, plus me!

The Seawind sails have arrived, WOW. What a difference compared with the standard sails!

Your (cotton) sails are pieces of art in their own right!

Hong Kong  
Spain  
Somerset  
Surrey  
Hampshire  
Surrey.  
London.  
New Zealand.  
Mark, Surrey.  
Andy, Lancs.  
Bill, Northants.  
KW, Hong Kong.  
Roger, USA.

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Business hours and holiday closures please see website.

*Our Mail Order Service (commenced in 1958) is still doing the job.*

We celebrate **93 years** since we first commenced making full size sails (and model sails) in our Brighton sail loft in 1932.

**THE** complete sailmaking service including racing sails in scrim, film or Dacron, classic sails, period cotton sails, replacement kit sails, rigs, mast & deck fittings, aluminium & c.f. masts, carbon-fibre fins & rudders, sail winches, Nylet "how to" booklets, rig bags, etc.

The B20 colour 'how to' booklet deals with sailmaking. With copious photos and drawings its now enlarged, to 24 pages! The B9 explores restoring vintage yachts; the BB3 is the general 'how to' booklet, now with 28 pages.

1832 - the family firm J.Parsons - 5 generations - 193 years of service.

108 years of sailmaking experience, 2 generations.

Full size Sailmakers and Contractors to the Admiralty 1932-1965.

Main cover photo: Nylet IOM "THETIS"; also inset picture left, a THETIS in Finland.

Front page: inset photo (right), a 1928 gaffer with cotton sails made by my father F.Parsons snr. in the 1950's.

This page. Top right: a Gosling 36 inch yacht with Nylet sails. Photo courtesy the owner, Nick Goodman.

Right: centre, my grandfather, Frank Parsons, a keen yachtsman.

Below right, my gt gt grandfather Joseph Parsons (born 1812) the founder of the family firm.

Below left: Model of a Scillies Pilot Cutter with Nylet Heritage fully sewn and seamed sails in Dacron.

\* An example of our early 18th century work is kept in The British Museum, London.



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