

KZ RACEFURLERS

S/Y CHRISCO

CUSTOM TOP DOWN FURLING UNIT



KZ MARINE GROUP

During 30m Chrisco's 2014/2015 visit to New Zealand, KZ Marine Group was given the opportunity to manufacture a custom top down unit to suit an existing under deck furler for the yacht and her new North Sails' Code Zero sail.

Chrisco and her skipper Captain Uwe Roch were first introduced to KZ Marine Group through the yacht's sailmaker North Sails. The yacht was in need of a top down integrator for its existing code zero sail, utilising the yachts hydraulic under deck furler and existing head swivel (non KZ). On going out for a test sail, the existing head swivel worked very poorly despite the addition of the new integrator and the decision was made by the owner to commission a new head swivel, Code Zero sail and modifications to the integrator by KZ Racefurlers to suit the new sail.

With the yacht having to work with the hydraulic furling system built in the bow of the boat, KZ Marine Group then worked to create a new 12T SWL head swivel and customised top down integrator for the yacht that would complement the hydraulic furler. "We worked very closely with both the yacht and North Sails to ensure that we could achieve a bespoke solution that would work perfectly from the very first sail trial," says Keryn McMaster, Brand Manager at KZ Marine Group. North Sails supplied KZ Marine Group with test versions of the new sail so that the new integrator and head swivel could be fully customised to this specific sail. The end result was a sail and furling system that worked together perfectly from first use, leaving the owner and skipper very happy with the overall solution.

"I had heard of KZ Marine Group before, but never had the chance to work with them," says Roch. "From the first interaction they were very easy to deal with, and worked hard to create a custom product for Chrisco in the short time frame available. I would definitely recommend KZ Marine Group to other yachts, we are very pleased with their system and how the boat now performs when using its Top Down Code sail."