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### **NEW EASY-TO-INSTALL, AFFORDABLE CARBON FIBER SPRIT KIT MAKES DOWNWIND SAILING MORE FUN!**

Racers and cruisers alike often experience the hassles associated with traditional symmetric spinnaker sail set-ups. The tangle-prone guy, twing, foreguy, topper and sheet can make a cluttered mess. Organizing sufficient crew to handle the spin pole can be a headache. In the event of an accidental jibe, a careening spin pole can threaten crew safety. However, by making an asymmetric sail set up easy-to-install and affordable, the new Forte Carbon Sprit Kit can make downwind sailing more fun.

Compared to a traditional symmetric spinnaker set-up, an asymmetric sail set-up requires only a tack line and sheet, which simplifies sailing from the cockpit and requires fewer crew to handle. And, by eliminating a dangling spin pole, crew safety and confidence increase.

According to founder and President Anthony DeLima, "Sailors ought to have more fun sailing downwind. With the Sprit Kit, sailors can enjoy all the benefits of asymmetric downwind sailing at an affordable price. Versus the expensive, labor-intensive side mount method of sprit installation, the Sprit Kit pole is installed on deck, so handy sailors can easily install it themselves. Also, because of Forte's efficient, bullet-proof manufacturing technique, the carbon fiber sprit pole itself is reasonably priced, to help our customers save cash."

Created to retrofit boats 20 to 50 feet, the Sprit Kit includes an engineered carbon fiber sprit built to withstand loads, and a choice of easy-to-mount deck hardware and sail attachment hardware. The Sprit Kit comes in small, medium, large and extra large, to accommodate boats of varying displacement (i.e., up to 9,000 lbs, 18,000 lbs, 36,000 lbs, and over 36,000 lbs, respectively).

The Sprit Kit includes hardware to support the pole, at its outboard bow end and its inboard end, in one of two ways: (1) for a stationary sprit: one saddle & one inboard end deck fitting, and (2) for a retractable sprit: two saddles. The machine-contoured "Starboard" saddle comes with a removable stainless strap, two threaded rods, and stainless knobs. The saddle is sized to fit sprit size and the bottom edge can be cut

to fit deck contour. The inboard end deck fitting consists of a Schaefer Marine Quick Connect deck plate, a machined-composite end fitting, and a machined-plastic outboard end cap with through-hole for a tack line.

Depending on what kind or how many different asymmetric sails are flown ~ asymmetrical, gennaker, code 0 ~ the Sprit Kit includes sufficient mounted loupes for attachment.

Sprit Kit prices start at \$1,495 and can be ordered by calling 860-464-5221 or by visiting <http://fortecarbon.com>.

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