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KARVER AND ALPHALOCK SIGN AN AGREEMENT TO DEVELOP ERIC HALL'S INNOVATIONS

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Karver and Alphalock announce an agreement covering the acquisition of the Alphalock business and the development of its locking solutions for sailing. The agreement combines Karver's experience in deck hardware with the innovations designed in the United States by Eric Hall.

A strategic move for Karver

This transaction is part of Karver's strategy to strengthen and complete its halyard lock range with the addition of reliable, innovative "bullet" locks and automatic mainsail locks. It also strengthens the complementarity with Antal solutions.

Eric Hall, a leading figure in sailing

An engineer and entrepreneur, Eric Hall has devoted his career to advancing marine equipment. After working on aerospace composites at Grumman, he applied this expertise to the Intrepid program for the 1970 America's Cup. In 1980, he founded Hall Spars, which became a global benchmark for carbon masts for racing and large yachts.

In 2024, Eric Hall was inducted into the National Sailing Hall of Fame, the American institution that honors the people who have shaped the history of sailing. This recognition highlights in particular his technical contribution to the industry.



Eric Hall, founder of Alphalock and Hall Spars, 2024 National Sailing Hall of Fame inductee

Simple, reliable magnetic technology

With Alphalock, Eric Hall tackled an essential problem on board:
locking and releasing a halyard simply and reliably. His patented technology uses magnetic assistance to control the movement of the lock. In the modular range, the mechanism has only

one moving part, with no spring and no trip line. Fewer parts make the system simpler, easier to maintain and easier for the crew to handle.

The same architecture can be adapted to many uses: in-mast or external systems, headsail halyards, reefing, tack points and other rigging or deck applications. Karver intends to gradually integrate these solutions into its lock range and continue developing them for racing, cruising and large yachts.



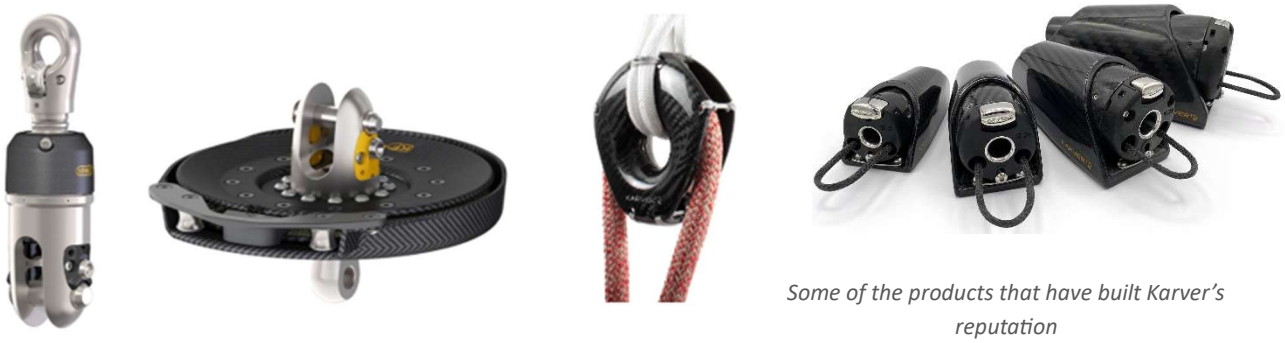
One moving part, magnetic assistance: the Alphalock principle

Karver's ambitions

Through this acquisition, Karver aims to:

- Expand its existing lock range: internal locks (KMH), external locks (KHL), swivel locks (KFH), reef locks (KHR) and mainsail locks (KMS);
- Adapt these products to Antal products, including its range of mast tracks and cars;
- Accelerate the development of innovative technical solutions incorporating magnetic technology under the "Powered by Alphalock" signature;
- Offer boatyards, sail lofts and integrators a complete, consistent and proven range, from offshore racing to superyachts.

Powered by Alphalock®
Advanced Locking Technology



Some of the products that have built Karver's reputation

Continuity for customers and partners

Alphalock products will be gradually integrated into the Karver catalog. Continuity of supply, technical support and sales support will be ensured, with the aim of a smooth transition for all customers and partners.

Leadership comments

> *“Eric founded Hall Spars and helped make it a global benchmark for carbon masts. With Alphalock, he has taken the same approach: starting from a real need on board to create a simpler, more versatile and easy-to-use solution. We are delighted to take this technology to a new level with him.”* — **Tanguy de Larminat, COO of Karver**

> **Eric Hall, founder of Alphalock, adds:** *“I have followed Karver since its creation and have always admired the combination of modern design, elegance and strong innovation that characterizes its products. I am delighted to see the Alphalock business taken over by Karver, a company with the vision, expertise and credibility needed to ensure its future development.”*

Terms of the agreement

The agreement provides the rights needed to use Alphalock’s patents and know-how, as well as the transfer of technical knowledge, product documentation and commercial relationships. Karver and Alphalock will work together to ensure continuity for the brand’s long-standing customers and partners.

About Karver

Karver is a French company that has been designing and selling deck and rigging hardware for 25 years. A benchmark in offshore racing, its solutions equip Ultim, IMOCA and Class40 boats as well as many other classes. Karver is also found aboard many superyachts and has a long history with cruising multihulls. Performance, innovation and design are at the heart of its DNA. www.karver-systems.com

About Alphalock

Developed in the United States by Eric Hall, Alphalock offers locking systems for halyards and other rigging applications. www.alphalocksystems.com

Karver will present this new partnership at METSTRADE in Amsterdam, November 17–19, 2026.

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