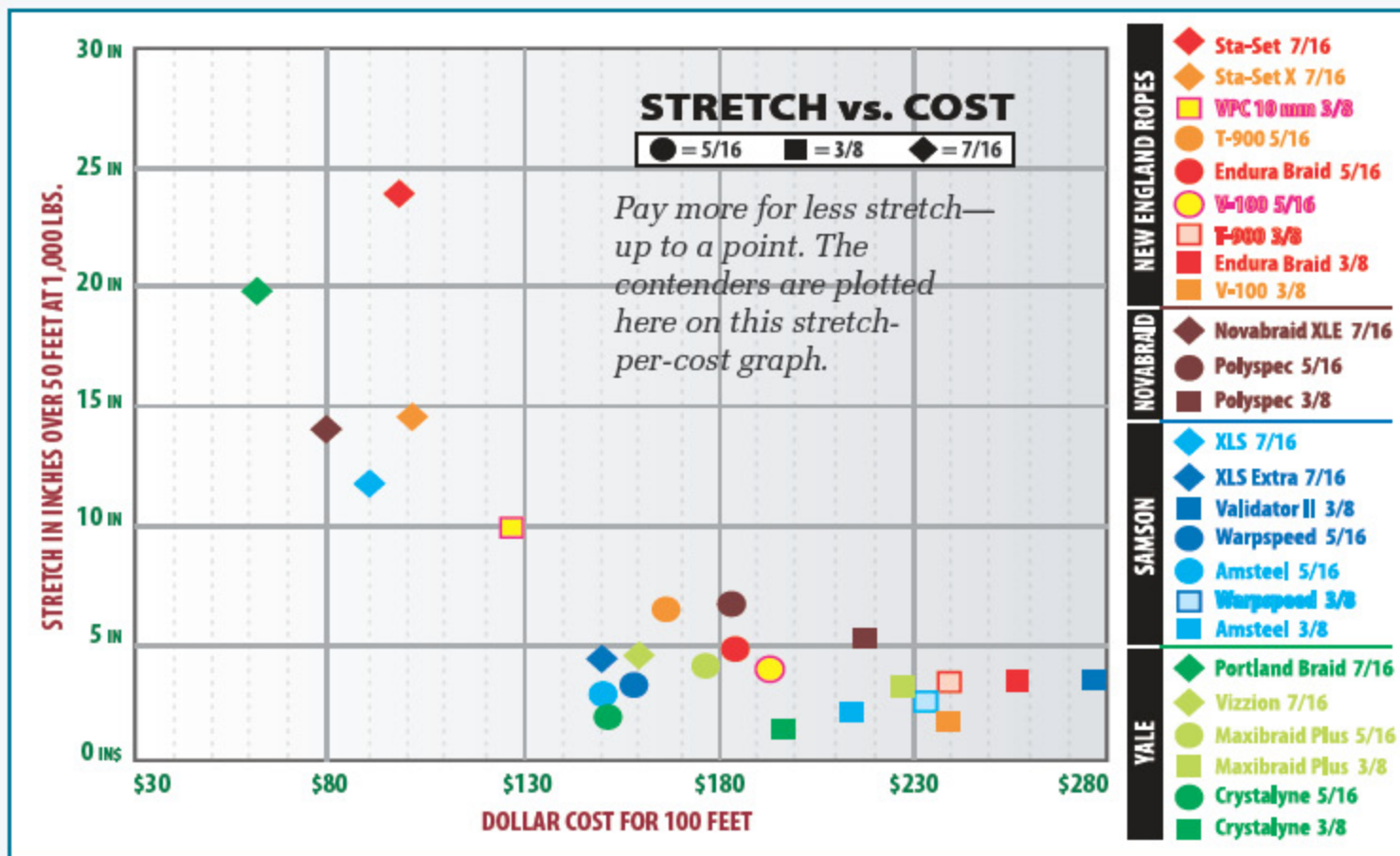


Stretching Dollars



While less stretch is desirable, “stretchy” double-braid nylon remains an affordable halyard choice. Prices in this graph are based on PS research prior to publication. Sources are listed on the table on pages 12 and 13. Better prices may be available.

THE ROPES. The ropes can be divided into four different classes, based on their construction.

LEVEL 1: Double-braid polyester, relatively stretchy intro-level ropes with a long track record.

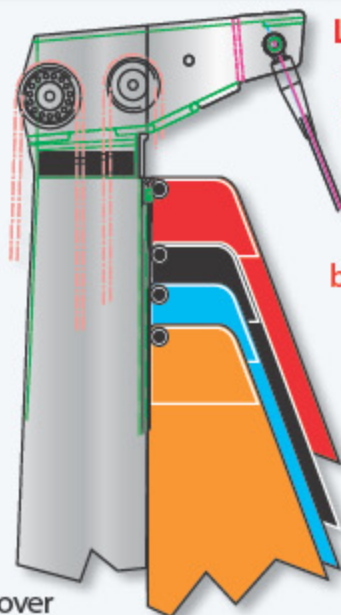
- **New England Ropes (NER):** Sta-Set
- **Samson:** XLS
- **Novabraid:** Novabraid XLE
- **Yale:** Portland Braid

LEVEL 2: Parallel-fiber polyester core, with a braided polyester cover.

- **NER:** Sta-Set X

LEVEL 3: Economical, bulked high-tech core with polyester cover

- **NER:** VPC—Vectran/polyolefin core, braided polyester cover
- **Samson:** XLS Extra—Dyneema/polyolefin core, braided polyester cover
- **Yale:** Vizzion—Vectran/polyolefin braided core, braided polyester cover



LEVEL 4: Specialty high-performance line

- **Novabraid: Polyspec**—Spectra core, braided Polyester cover
- **NER: T-900**—Blended Dyneema/Technora core, braided polyester cover
- **NER: V-100**—12-strand Vectran core, braided polyester cover
- **NER: Endurabraid**—12-strand Dyneema core, braided polyester cover
- **Samson: Amsteel**—12-strand single-braid UHMPE
- **Samson: Warpspeed**—12-strand Dyneema core, braided polyester cover
- **Samson: Validator II**—Vectran core, braided polyester cover
- **Yale: Maxibraid Plus**—12-strand UHMPE core, braided polyester cover
- **Yale: Crystalyne**—12-strand Vectran core, braided polyester cover