

## A CLOSER LOOK

### It's What's On the Inside

**O**f the four roller furlers we tested that do not have swivels at the top of the foil section, three rely on bushings instead of bearings to offset thrust and axial loads. We found that this added some friction, but in the size range tested, yanking the furling line was easy enough.

**1.** The Reefurl employs plastic tube segments in the foils to handle axial loads.

**2.** Plastic washers counter thrust loads at the Reefurl drum.

**3.** The CDI Flexible Furler's foil, a heavy-duty plastic extrusion, acts as an effective bushing. It was the only one in this field to use Torlon ball bearings.

