

WINDLASS DETAILS



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Making Sense of Windlass Choices

Lighter-duty anchor retrieval can be handled by smaller, less obtrusive windlasses (photos 1-3, and 5), but when it comes to situations where the boat's safety and the crew's well-being are at stake, a heavy-duty, horizontal axis windlass—like the Lofrans Falcon on the Ted Hood-designed Expedition 55 (photo 4) or the Ideal vertical capstan windlass mentioned in the main story—is a more sensible choice.

The trend toward compact windlasses with average pulling power is apparent in the Lewmar V-Series (photos 1 and 2) and the Aster series vertical windlasses from Quick (photos 3 and 5). What *PS* finds most striking is how boat manufacturers are molding foredecks to accommodate these windlasses, complicating an upgrade or retrofit, should the owner decide to go cruising where serious pulling power is required.



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