



HOLDING FAST

THE ROCNA MARINE ANCHOR, RELEASED GLOBALLY, IS DESCRIBED BY ITS NEW ZEALANDER DESIGNER, PETER SMITH, AS A “NEW GENERATION ULTRA HIGH HOLD” DESIGN.

Peter, the founding partner of New Zealand’s Cavalier Yachts back in the 70’s, has returned to New Zealand after 20 years of professional sailing, yacht deliveries, and boat-building all over the world, including 10 years running his own yard in Colchester, England, where his current boat *Kiwi Roa* was built. On the four year cruise from England to New Zealand, *Kiwi Roa* often dragged her anchor in soft mud anchorages such as the English East Coast, the Chesapeake/Delaware Bay area on America’s East Coast and Auckland’s Islington Bay. Even though she carried a 110lb CQR, an 88lb Delta and 110lb Bruce, there was always that feeling of insecurity.

Peter had clear ideas for a new design. A 50kg prototype was built, tested, refined and then used aboard *Kiwi Roa* on a 10-month circumnavigation of New Zealand. In hundreds of ‘sets’, in conditions that included 70 knots, in Stewart Island, while other boats were having anchor trouble, *Kiwi Roa* did not move.

The Rocna has proved so successful that it is selling itself by word of mouth to serious cruisers, and production has been raised to commercial levels so other mariners may experience that extra security, something Peter’s wife Jo says many first mates will relate to.

The Rocna does not waste energy with extra lead and cast iron

weights, always attaining its setting attitude with its unique design, regardless of how it hits the bottom, meaning weight is more efficiently used in extra blade area and structural strength. Peter considers the Rocna to be “... the ultimate solution to your vessel’s anchoring needs. It digs straight in, offers incredible holding-power, and will not trip out on load reversal. This represents the ultimate in safety, security, & dependability.”

Available in sizes from 4kg (9lbs) to 110kg (243lbs) to suit most vessels, Rocna anchors are very reasonably priced in comparison to other top-quality anchors. Peter cautions against being tempted by the very low price tags on some lesser quality anchors, often imitations of previously otherwise successful designs, and frequently made in Asia. “An anchor is not just a chunk of metal, and quality of construction and materials is critical. Some boaters think nothing of spending \$10,000 on electronics... but budget when it comes to one of the most vital pieces of hardware on any vessel. Your anchor is the bottom line!”

The Rocna is already in use worldwide, by some very well-known sailors – such as American Steve Dashew, who has a custom built Rocna 115 on his new motoryacht *Wind Horse*. The new anchor has also proven itself in some of the world’s harshest environments, including the south of New Zealand, Argentina and Chile. ■



The Rocna is distributed from New Zealand to all locations excepting those in North America. Suncoast Marine in Canada is responsible for North American manufacture and sales. Orders may be placed directly with the manufacturer in either case.

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The principle features of a Rocna anchor include:

Instant setting: buries in less than 1m on most bottoms, including grass

Ultra-high holding power: testing indicates up to twice the stopping power of equivalent weight plow and claw types in soft sand or mud

Roll-stable: remains embedded and retains attitude if dragged beyond its yield, and will not roll-out during load reversal

Rugged strength attained through design, the use of high strength alloy steels, hot dip galvanizing, and a lack of moving parts

The shank has a slotted attachment hole that the head of a shackle can fit through so only one shackle is needed. There is a hole on the shank for attaching a tandem anchor and one in the blade for attaching a buoyed retrieval line

No gimmicks such as a full length slotted shank or demountable parts. The Rocna is designed to be as tough and reliable as possible

The anchor looks great, is designed to self-launch, and locks home on most bow rollers

Available in sizes from 4kg to 110kg, for boats from small runabouts to vessels up to 50 tons

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