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Newsteo develops the first communicating block for Karver.

Newsteo, specialized in wireless data transmission, has developed for Karver a radio communication system adapted for sailor blocks. This system enables navigators to improve in real time adjustments and to minimize also risks of damage by supervising loads applied on each rope.

For this wireless block, Newsteo Company has optimized each details of its technology:

- The product autonomy was improved in order to use a more compact battery compatible with the size of the system
- The electronic has been adapted to the integrated load sensor
- The mechanical design has been elaborated according to the Karver block for a high waterproof quality
- The radio range is adapted for every sailboat, enabling to transmit data from blocks to monitoring computers
- The RF Monitor software was personalized to integrate the NMEA protocol, largely used in the sailor world.

A first prototype of the wireless block was on display at the nautical trade show of Paris on December 2007. It will be soon inserted in the Karver catalog after a trial period. Currently, Karver equips sailboats of the America Cup, the Volvo Ocean Race and many Open 60' Class mono and multihulls, with blocks, furlers, and custom hardware.

Through this project, Newsteo has proved one more time, its capacity to adapt its wireless technology according to customers' requirements.

About Newsteo:

Founded in 2005, Newsteo is an innovative company based in the south of France.

Newsteo designs, develops and commercializes a wide range of patented products and associated services, in several wireless domains: bone conduction vocal communication, telemetry and traceability.

Newsteo won in 2005 and 2006 of the National contest for Companies in innovative technologies fields (organised by the French Ministry of Research), and is supported by Oseo. The Crédit Agricole bank, through its venture capital company Sofipaca, has also invested in the company in 2007.

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