



press release

**OPAC,  
LEADING COMPANY IN THE NAUTICAL TOPS,  
PRESENTS INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS AND IDEAS  
AT METSTRADE**

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These are some of the major innovations that the Turin company will present at the Dutch fair*

**Rivalta di Torino, 4 November 2019** - Four new proposals will be presented by Opac, a leading company in the sector of nautical tops, at Metstrade in Amsterdam, the greater world fair for the operators of the sector of accessories for recreational boating, that will be held from 19 to 21 November.

Four new products will be presented in the Dutch capital, all intended for the market of large yachts: **a dual motion laminar top, glazed slats, a manual soft-top**, and a **sun screening kit**.

The dual drive **laminar top** is the most sophisticated and innovative top in the OPAC range. Designed to allow the upper decks of the yacht to enjoy greater and variable brightness, it is a rigid top consisting of a set of independent aluminium slats, each one hinged on translating elements. A motorized mechanism allows to adjust the inclination of the slats, from a fully closed position to an inclination of about 70°, so as to optimize the flow of air and sunlight. It is also possible, again with a motorized control, to move all open slats astern, so as to leave the deck below open to the sky. All the movements of the slats are made possible by a mechanism designed and patented by OPAC.

Thanks to a new profile designed by Opac, all versions of lamellar roofs of the company can be equipped with **transparent slats**, made with a safety glass cover. The design of this profile is optimized to allow maximum glazed surface, maintaining the same standards of stiffness and tightness of the version with aluminium slats.

Requested by the market for vessels where it is important to reduce overall dimensions and weights, Opac offers a **manual control soft-top**. Directly derived from the most advanced and proven version of the soft-tops produced by Opac, the new version retains the "canvas up" kinematics, which raises the canvas during the opening movement. It features an innovative handle that integrates several functions: the movement of the bow beam, the tensioning of the canvas in closed position, and the possibility to lock the top in all the intermediate positions between fully open and fully closed.

All Opac hard and soft tops can be realized in different sizes, depending on the specific requirements of the designers of the yacht, and are therefore adaptable to any type of cover.

Opac finally proposes a new line of products, **sun screening poles and canvases**, designed for comfort on board the yachts. Thanks to the experience gained in the design and construction of soft-tops, Opac wishes to leverage its technological know-how by providing comprehensive products in terms of mechanical structure and look of the materials of the cover.



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The cover can be made of materials having a different degree of absorption of the UV rays and with a wide range of colours. The structure consists of a set of highly resistant poles made of carbon fiber (available diameters 40mm and 60mm). The poles can be painted according to the request of the shipyard or of the shipowner or with *carbon look*. Every pole is removable from its housing with a simple operation (bayonet mount). The housing is of three types: flush with the deck (the type of cap which covers the unused housing allows an installation perfectly flush with the deck floor); on ship's side (a pair of folding elements allows to install the pole without drilling holes in the deck, while a magnetic lock system maintains the supports in position with reduced space occupation also during navigation); with candlestick system (a pair of elements rigidly fixed to a candlestick allows to install the pole outside the area accessible by the occupants of the boat, with benefits in terms of available space).

"The nautical market is constantly evolving - explains Luca Sacco, President and CEO of Opac -. Next to our traditional, proven proposals, it is always necessary to add new products, able to meet the technical and industrial needs of the shipyards and to satisfy the tastes of the shipowners, who are our end customers. All the products in our range are already made to measure and that allows us to propose original solutions, adaptable to all contexts. The manual control soft-top represents a perfect example of this attitude: it may seem like a step backwards compared to the one with automatic control, but it actually meets the specific needs of the shipyards in terms of reduction of weight and volume. Innovating in this case means being able to realize in the most effective way the requests of the customers, sometimes even anticipating them".

Opac will attend Amsterdam **Metstrade**, at the SuperYacht Pavilion, with its booth (11,409), where the entire production for the naval sector will be presented.

**Opac** ([www.opacgroup.com](http://www.opacgroup.com)) is a qualified industrial organization specializing in the study, design and construction of automotive prototypes (from design development models to performing technical prototypes for exhibition events), as well as hard-tops and soft-tops for both automotive and nautical sectors. The company also produces car bodies, even in special versions. The **Nautical Division** designs and manufactures hard-tops, soft-tops and awnings for pleasure crafts.

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