



press release

When simplicity is the key

At the Genoa Boat Show, Opac will present an innovative, manually operated soft-top, the only one of its kind on the market. In just one action, the roof can be opened and closed, which previously required a number of different and often complex operations

Rivalta di Torino, 25 September 2020 - Opac, a Turin-based company at the forefront of yacht roofing design and construction, will present two of its key products at the Genoa Boat Show: the **Easy Top**, an innovative soft-top with manual handling, and the **Multifunctional hard-top**, a dual-handling slatted hard-top which will be on display in its semi-transparent version.

Easy Top is a fabric roof designed to provide an effective solution to problems that can arise with manual handling. "Starting from the dual desire to expand our product range and create innovative solutions, we have developed a more effective manual handling system than that offered by the market so far," explains Luca Sacco, President and Managing Director of the company. "So we came up with the idea of adopting a **single-handle** system, which is usually used on car roofs. We have created a product that I am convinced will meet with market approval because it combines two features that have always been integral to all products, namely practicality and ease of use."

The great **new feature** of this soft-top is an innovative handle that allows the roof to be opened and closed with a simple twist. The roof can also be locked in any intermediate position, allowing the desired degree of opening. This opening system, which has been patented, is unique in the market. The manual handling uses a series of levers which, during the opening movement aft, lift the fabric of the roof outwards, increasing the usable height and therefore the habitability below. The opening of the roof is always controlled and the levers are always stable in every position.

The **Multifunctional hard-top** is a roof consisting of aluminium-framed slats with tempered glass panelling to allow natural light to filter through and illuminate the area below even when it is closed. The hard-top can be made in different sizes depending on the specific needs of the boat's designers, and is therefore adaptable to any covering. Opening is operated by means of a dual handling system: the first, in the form of a fan, allows the slats to be lifted upwards; the second consists of a translation aft of the slats themselves which are "packed" in a rest position, leaving the deck below open. The top can be opened completely or only partially, depending on the owner's needs. Rotation, opening and closing operations take very little time.

Opac will be present at the Genoa Boat Show in Pavilion B Upper at Stand TU16.

Opac (www.opacgroup.com) is a company specialising in the study, design and construction of automotive prototypes and soft- and hard-top roofs both for cars and the nautical sector.

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