

## **PRESS KIT**

### ***Wichard: Company profile***



City: **Pornichet**

Activity: **Fitting equipment  
manufacturer**

Manager: **Jean-Claude Ibos**



#### ***Presentation of the Project's Partner Company:***

Founded in 1919 in Thiers, Wichard is a stamping forge company. Initially positioned on the subcontracting markets (medical, automotive, security...), it turned to nautical sport in the 70s in order to diversify its activities. Nowadays, the company has transformed to become a group with multiple business lines.

The Wichard group is now specialized in designing, manufacturing and distributing products intended to the nautical sports and industry markets. With a strong importance given to performance and safety, the Wichard group now offers a large range of products from its six well-reputed brands (carbon and aluminum masts, marine and industrial fitting equipment, sail folding systems, parts made from a client's plans for the industry). The extent of its portfolio of products makes Wichard a key player in the original equipment, distribution and industry markets.

#### ***Involvement in the project***

Wichard accompanies Chantiers de l'Atlantique in the clarification, the designing and the production of the systems allowing to maneuver Solid Sail and its rigging. It represents:

- Mainsail rails and travelers,
- Pulleys integrated to the balestron to return the maneuvers from the sails to the actuators,
- jib furler,
- jib sheet rails and travelers,
- fitting equipment allowing the connection between mooring fabric (panels loop, fabric shackles for mainsheet, synchronization strap anchor) and the threaders in order to guide the cordage,
- various standard fittings.













