

## SOUTHERN SPARS JOINS FORCES WITH MAGMA STRUCTURES ON DYNARIG

The World's Leading Spar Maker to Manufacture Alternative Solution for Superyachts

**Portsmouth, United Kingdom (June 22, 2020)** - Southern Spars, a North Technology Group company, is proud to announce they have joined forces with Magma Structures to deliver a new generation of DynaRigs. The DynaRig concept has proven itself as an effective alternative to conventional rigs for superyacht owners who are looking to reduce crew numbers and optimize sailing time. This is a new chapter for the innovative rig solution and aims at making the efficient, safe, and high-performance rig more accessible. To date, the DynaRig system has been installed on two superyachts, the *Maltese Falcon* and *Black Pearl*, with the team at Magma also behind the largest freestanding rig in the world on the *Sailing Yacht A*.

Damon Roberts Director Magma Structures comments; "We know the DynaRig concept is excellent for sailing superyachts, as proven by the first rig built for Tom Perkin's *Maltese Falcon*. Magma Structures is delighted to have Southern Spars on board to further the technical and commercial development of the product. The recent successes of *Black Pearl* and ongoing performance of *Maltese Falcon* have energized interest in the market and I am confident, Southern Spars, whose core business is mast-making will develop the next generation of DynaRigs."

Sam Watson CEO of Southern Spars comments; "We are delighted to join forces with Magma Structures. Their unique experience in designing, delivering, and maintaining DynaRigs combined with the NTG analysis, engineering, and manufacturing capabilities will enable Southern Spars to drive the continuous improvement of the DynaRig concept. None of this would have been possible without the innovative spirit of Magma Structures, led by Damon, and naval architect Gerard Dijkstra. The entire Southern Spars group is honored to be working with the Magma team to offer an additional solution to meet the unique needs of the largest yachts in the world."

As the industry leader, Southern Spars has an unrivaled reputation and track record for delivering conventional stayed rigs to the superyacht and Grand Prix markets. Harnessing simulation data from the powerful North Design Suite, Southern Spars is uniquely able to assess overall sailing performance for best-informed engineering decisions. The North Design Suite has now been expanded to include DynaRig yachts to the same level of detail and accuracy as all NTG projects. With enhanced design capability, the experience of Magma Structures, and the composite manufacturing expertise of Southern Spars, DynaRig by Southern Spars will now allow owners and yacht designers a new level of creative freedom for the next generation of sailing Superyachts.

*Please visit [southernspars.com](https://southernspars.com) for more information on Southern Spars.*

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**About Southern Spars:**

Southern Spars is a division of the North Technology Group, the world leader in sail-making technology. Southern Spars specialises in the design and construction of carbon fibre spars and components, rigging and rig servicing. As the industry pioneer, Southern Spars built its first carbon spar in 1990. Since then the company has pursued a passion for delivering world class superyacht and racing spars, carbon rigging and service.

**About North Technology Group:**

North Technology Group originated with worldwide sailmaking leader North Sails in 1957. Founded by Lowell North in a garage in San Diego, USA, NTG has grown into a diverse family of companies serving marine and manufacturing markets worldwide. Each company was built on the principle of delivering advanced performance through superior technology and a commitment to quality craftsmanship and customer service. Other NTG companies include; Edgewater Power Boats, North Cutting Systems, North Thin Ply Technology, and Southern Spars, the industry leader in composite spar and rigging.

**About Magma Structures:**

Magma Structures is a global leader in composite technology, providing world-class structural engineering expertise and flexible manufacturing resources and processes to deliver high-performance solutions for unique and challenging requirements.

**About DynaRig:**

DynaRig is a safe, high-performance sailing system, delivering ease of handling, reliability and efficiency, even when sailing at 18 knots. The DynaRig addresses key challenges from escalated loads and unprecedented scale, making it especially suitable for two and three masted performance cruising yachts from 60m to 110m in length.