

### **Oyster to fit Varifold as standard.**

It's almost four years ago that Oyster Marine, a world leader in the production of high quality semi-custom sailing yachts, first started trials of four blade Varifold propellers on the larger models in its range: soon after, the company announced that Varifold would be the standard propeller for use on all models above 62 feet.

Now, with thousands of sea miles of experience available to them, we are delighted that Oyster have decided to fit Varifolds as standard across their whole range, which starts with the 46. The first boat to feature Varifold is the superb new Oyster 575, which will be launched at the London and Düsseldorf Boat Shows.

Oyster, who do not make equipment decisions for their yachts lightly, appreciate the many advantages that come with Varifold and it is not surprising that many of their yachts, which were previously fitted with other propeller makes, have re-propped with Varifold. Unlike most folding propellers Varifold features four blades, bringing excellent thrust and balance benefits; in addition the blades themselves have proper shape designed into them, similar to that of fixed blades. The result is a propeller which has considerable thrust, in both ahead and astern, and, because of its exceptional balance is able to smoothly handle the power of large engines.

Oyster, in making their decision, join a growing number of companies who now fit Varifold including Baltic, Swan, Wally and Southern Wind.