

# Sculpture on the foredeck

We have been admiring, and using, the very clever folding cleat made by **Nomen** lately and, quite apart from the sheer beauty of it, have found it to be strong and functional, a rare and satisfying combination of qualities.

The need for a folding cleat has become apparent to anyone who has snagged a sheet or stubbed a toe on a fixed cleat. When you don't need a cleat, which is most of the time once you are away from the dock, they simply get in the way. With the horns of the Nomen cleat folded down, the cleat becomes a sleek, curved, polished aluminum curve. There is nothing that protrudes, nothing to catch a line.

The horns fold up and down with a soft click. Before trying it out we

found that moving the horns up and down produced a fascination with the process that had people vying to "try it out," and it went the rounds of the desks here at the *BWS* office.

Strength tests on the eight-inch (200 mm) size cleat evidenced that 3/4-inch nylon line broke before the cleat showed any sign of strain. After the line broke, the cleat opened and closed perfectly, with no sign of stress or warping.

Nomen cleats are available in 200, 250, 300 and 400-mm sizes, and we are eager to put a pair of them on the foredeck. The Nomen cleats get the *BWS* seal of approval. Full information on the Nomen cleat is available at [www.nomenproducts.de](http://www.nomenproducts.de).

