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Gear: Ino-Padeye from France's Ino-Rope

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Low-Profile Padeye



Developed in conjunction with Switzerland's VMG Yacht Design, the Ino-Padeye from France's Ino-Rope offers an award-winning combination of aesthetics and functionality. Machined in high-strength anodized aluminum, the padeyes are specifically configured to accommodate high-performance ropes, like Dyneema, with minimal chafe. This makes them an ideal connector for textile shackles, loops and lacing lines of the kind used in mast foot blocks, multihull trampolines, 3D sheeting systems and staying applications. Available in three sizes to accommodate loads of 1,700 to 6,600lb, Ino-Padeyes are also easy to install. All you do is drill a single hole and screw the unit in. Thanks to the reversible backing nut supplied with each padeye, each Ino-Padeye can also accommodate a wide range of decking widths. [\\$NA, Ino-Rope, inorope.com](#)

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Olaf Harken, who along with his brother, Peter, created the now legendary sailing hardware company Harken in Pewaukee Wisconsin, has died. He was 80-years-old and is survived by his wife of 47 years, Ruth, three daughters, four granddaughters and one grandson. When Olaf and ...[read more](#)



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Experience: Wild Ride

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