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### **Enhanced version of Carbo<sup>®</sup> Ratchamatic<sup>®</sup> block released**



PEWAUKEE, WI – Harken is pleased to announce the release of an enhanced version of its popular 57 mm Carbo<sup>®</sup> Ratchamatic<sup>®</sup> block, the Carbo Ratchamatic HTE.

The Carbo Ratchamatic is a load-sensing ratchet block that rolls freely in both directions under low loads and automatically engages the ratchet as loads increase. Shifting between ratchet and light-air modes is seamless. Unloaded main and jib sheets run out freely during mark roundings and asymmetrical spinnakers free instantly during jibes.

This new Carbo Ratchamatic HTE (High-Threshold Engage) 57 mm block features a spring that is 20% stiffer to delay the point where the ratchet engages, allowing the block to run free more of the time. This was done in response to requests from sailors who wanted their spinnaker sheets to stay free running longer before the ratchet function engages, allowing for crisper jibes.

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