



From 'Waking Dream' Catana 381 catamaran.

After researching four different propeller manufactures I purchased the 'Bruntons' 2 blade Varifold.

The four manufactures being considered were Flex-o-Fold, Gori, Max-Prop & Bruntons, they all proposed similar size props and to a lesser or greater degree they all conveyed to me that I would achieve good forward speed but were less positive about reverse.

During my 5 months of sailing in America, both reverse & forward speed & control of the boat proved to be excellent. Even in tight corners when docking, I was able to use the two engines effectively to spin the boat around on a sixpence, one engine in forward & one in reverse.

I could not say if the folding prop's were better or worse than the previous fixed props but, it was good to know they were folded away when sailing, helping to increase boat speed. More importantly the fear of rope snagging from the thousands of Lobster pots around Cape Cod faded away as well.

All in all a good investment. Not only was the Brunton's price £78 to £492.41 each less than their nearest rival the product was well engineered and never let me down.

Well done 'Bruntons' keep up the good work.

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