

A long-standing relationship....

Harken and Winchworks Palma have a long-standing relationship.

We take a look at how this started and the man behind the business.

Winchworks was established in 2011 to meet the growing demands of the Superyacht industry, and the complexity of modern winches.

Based in Palma de Mallorca, the hub of the sailing world, winch works operate worldwide, often in Antigua, New Zealand and all over Europe.



Offering a number of services to the Superyacht industry, these services include.

- Winch and Parts Sales
- Winch Servicing, Repairs and Installations
- One and Five Year Required Inspections
- Load and Testing
- Deck Hardware Surveys and Installations

The man Behind Winch Works.

Jason Beaver, founder of Winchworks learnt to sail on Kogarah Bay to the south of Sydney, Jason moved into keelboats at an early age, completing his first Sydney to Hobart race at 16.

He first got interested in winches whilst still at school & undertook “work experience” at the Barlow winch factory in Sydney in the mid-’80s.

Having completed 12 Sydney - Hobarts, 5 Fastnet races & 15 Transatlantic crossings, Jason was always in charge of the winches & deck gear on the boats he was sailing & skippering.

After 10yrs of skippering various boats, Jason took a sabbatical from 2008-10 travelling Australia in a 4WD, kitesurfing with his wife, Amanda and Dog.

On returning to Europe in 2010, the Superyacht scene had really come to life & Jason started racing with the 62m schooner Athos. One of the challenges at that stage, was just learning to sail these big boats & how to handle them safely. 3mins for a spinnaker hoist was painful, as well as dangerous with a 300 kg sail swinging about all over the place! As the winches were being made faster, & more powerful, it quickly became apparent that reactive winch maintenance was a thing of the past & the idea of Winch Works was born.

Winchworks now service upwards of 250 winches a year & Jason continues to race with the J-class Svea, helping keep Winch Works at the leading edge of winch technology & load management.

Winch Works supplies complete winch packages, with both hydraulic and electric systems, plus windlass, anchoring and docking system packages.

They became part of the Harken ProCare Team in early 2020.

"Jason's experience and knowledge are a true asset to the Harken ProCare Team. We know we can always rely on Jason to get the job done and to help reinforce what is at the heart of ProCare. Proactive, Professional care for our Superyacht customers. Its always a pleasure working alongside Jason!"

Mark Gardner
ProCare Manager

"We've been supplying Superyachts with winches and deck equipment to match their High-Performance requirements for nearly 10 years, in both Palma de Mallorca and Globally."

Working closely with Harken ProCare has only strengthened our existing knowledge base, with a direct line to Harkens Technical database & engineers.

This is a huge value added into our work which ultimately benefits our clients. Reliability & performance are big motivations for us, so is knowing that Peter Harken could be looking over our shoulder at any time, like the photo above taken around midnight at the J class worlds in Newport, RI".

Jason Beaver
Owner Winch Works SL

While writing this we sent a copy to our fearless leader Peter Harken. We asked Peter if he had some wise words to add in regards to our relationship and the history of Harken and Winchworks working together over the years.

Below are his comments, we think this says it all.

"Look at old Peter Harken pointing at Jason's work on the bench telling him how to do it. Look how hard Jason is laughing keeping the old bugger in happy land!"

Peter Harken
Owner Harken Inc.

