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The perfect Match - Björn Rump buys the

established Company SAILTEC

SAILTEC – known for more than 35 years by yacht owners and well-known shipyards

beyond the borders of Germany for high-quality and technical yacht equipment and

competent advice, did not have to look long for a successor who, in the spirit of

company founders Christian Gnass and Uwe Kosmehl, leads the company SAILTEC

into the future.

"After talking to some people in the industry and our open-minded search for a

successor, our former employee Björn Rump presented us his business plan for the

future of SAILTEC. Björn worked for us as Technical Sales Manager from 2003 to

2008. We really liked the plan and we are convinced it will be successful." said Uwe

Kosmehl as former Managing Director. "Our team was also enthusiastic, because

everyone knows each other from the old days."

Björn Rump, 47 years young, started his career in the marine industry as a sailmaker

in 1990. Björn made his apprenticeship at the famous company Reckmann. After his

time at SAILTEC he moved to OCEANAIR Marine Ltd., which was taken over by the

DOMETIC Group three years ago. Most recently he was the OEM Technical Sales



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Manager for well-known boatyards like Hanse, Bavaria, X-Yachts, Nautor's Swan,

Baltic Yachts, Corsair Marine and Grand Banks. During his time at OCEANAIR his

work areas also included super- and mega-yacht projects in Germany, Turkey and the

Netherlands.

"It has been an amazing decade for me working together with Andy FitzGerald, Chips

Howarth and all other great colleagues at OCEANAIR. This work gave me the tools

and knowledge for my new endeavor. Running my own company with a great team is

not only challenging but exciting and invigorating. With fresh ideas I will strengthen

SAILTEC and give it a new Impulse. I am very much looking forward to this new chapter

in life.," says the new owner Björn Rump.

As one of the first tasks, Björn Rump considers adding some new brands to the

portfolio and he will push the digitization within SAILTEC.

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manufacturing companies in all economic sectors have been developed in a mature delivery program.