

# GEAR GUIDE-BREATHE EASY

Canadian Yachting and its editors are starting to profile and review hardware. All of us who sail regularly know the comfort and failings of our own foul weather gear. CY has managed to get its hands on a few new items that are gracing the Canadian market this year. All the clothing we have reviewed is available in Canada at leading marine stores across the country.



Slowly, but surely, Salus Marine is making waves and its presence known every where. Rumors report that Canadian sailing team members are getting huge payoffs for their jackets on trade when they travel abroad. Salus is a sponsor of the Canadian Yachting Association's high performance coaches and the national team.

The jacket we looked at blends the ease of movement for the arms in a unique one-piece design. What we loved, too, was the side zipper that allowed easy on and off when a quick change to a smock or splash top was needed.

A tight fit it does nothing to constrict any movement in any direction. Its design speaks to its designers DNA, obviously a sailor who has smartly incorporated a unique "ergonomically" designed larger pocket with a an easy to open zipper positioned diagonally on the side. Kudos Salus!



Now we don't want to get too excited, but for those of us who have a problem with being too hot, the new Gul Breathable Smock is a neat addition to your kit bag. Like its big brother, it too, has a fleece-lined collar, those neat, dry, double-seal cuffs and a double adjustable neoprene waist. Neck seals have always been a pain, but this smock has a real comfortable neck seal. This "jacket" also features a large cargo pocket and a hand warmer, perfect for ice breaking and fall sailing.



Complementing their upper wear are smartly designed pant combinations. The Auckland line pant is made of breathable material and has built in flexible shoulder panels and elastic back panels ensuring ease of movement whether you are grinding or hanging. Its fleece-lined chest and hand warmer pockets are bonus for those marginal days when you don't want full gear. This clothing has reinforcements on the knee and calf where you need them and has wide ankle tabs which are great when you have put your boots on first.

Gul has brought traditional red, navy and silver colour combinations for this new smart set of gear.