

**Original Comment:**

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Ref Vertical battens on in-mast main sail.

Has anyone experience of replacing the furling main on a 38' Ocean with vertical battened sail and an enlarged roach? If so did it produce improved performance?

*Harry Salmon*

**Replies:**

I have replaced the main on my B40 with a maxiroach furling main. It has transformed my boat. I am thinking of getting a battened genoa as well. Would recommend the maxi roach main, have used it for 2 seasons no problems yet.

If you want to see it come to Sparkes boat will be back in the water in March

*Adam Greig (B40 Aquarius of Lymington)*

Thought about it all last year and ordered Maxiroach main and genoa at this year's boat show with similar results to Adam. The boat just feels more at ease and comfortable with less heel and more speed for a given wind strength. Have found no problems with furling the main but the genoa takes much more effort to roll away. But no jams or snarl-ups so far. I collected the sails from Ringwood and found Maxiroach extremely helpful. The biggest problem was removing the long battens from the car boot. Make sure there is no-one within striking distance of a live 30 odd foot long batten. And make sure your measurements are accurate by using a surveyor's tape or similar. Bright Spirit is on Plymouth Yacht Haven if any member would like to have a look.

*Barry Mills (B32 Bright Spirit)*