



Dear Mr Sheppard

I would be happy to assist your project.

Although I have had the Autoprop for just a few months, I am absolutely delighted with it. It is so smooth, powerful and quiet, and fuel economy is strikingly improved. I have had Gori folding props since I bought my first cruising yacht in 1984, another Dehler, a 28 footer. I thought the prop was very good.

This current boat was bought used after much research, rather than the new design. I preferred the Van de Stadt version that is designed for short (or singlehanded) sailing despite the relatively large size of boat. The Gori was worn, rough, noisy and prone to vibrate, with too much prop-walk for my liking.

The Autoprop has surpassed my expectations, being way better than the well functioning Gori on my older boat. Little time was required to become familiar with the handling, and I feel much more confident in tight close quarter manouvering.

My wife and I sail short handed, only occasionally racing White Sails, mainly cruising from home base in Howth, Dublin, to Baltimore, West Cork every summer, and day sailing all year when time and weather coincide. Moonpath is a shallow draft Scheel keel version, ideal for shallow bays. She is used as a support boat for the Optimist racing fleet frequently, the accompanying photograph being typical of mother and daughter (actually son's) boat, 901.

If you wish more information, please let me know.

Regards

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