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NVEQUIPMENT:
“PROPER WINTER PROTECTION EXTENDS THE LIFE OF YOUR BOAT.”

In winter, a bimini stiffened by frost or a cockpit enclosure weighed down by snow is a clear reminder of how critical textile protection is to a boat's overall condition. As the inventor of serial-production biminis and cockpit enclosures for recreational boats, and a French specialist in outdoor marine protection since 1977, NVequipment continues to support boat owners and marine professionals during one of the most decisive phases of the year: winterization.

Winter does not only affect the hull. It first impacts the most exposed areas: the cockpit, woodwork, electronics, upholstery and deck hardware. A canvas that has lost tension, damaged windows or fatigued fastenings allows moisture to penetrate, accelerating hidden deterioration. A cover designed from the original deck plan, adapted to the boat's actual configuration and properly installed significantly reduces these risks.

Why replacing your canvas matters

Outdoor marine covers are subject to continuous wear from UV exposure, salt, temperature fluctuations and repeated handling. Although NVequipment canvases typically offer a service life of 8 to 15 years, they may eventually lose their structural integrity, allow water intrusion or no longer perform their protective function. At that point, replacement becomes the most reliable solution.

Replacing a canvas is not simply about comfort. It helps preserve the boat's market value, reduces spring maintenance and prevents damage caused by winter humidity. A sound canvas protects, stabilizes and secures.

French manufacturing combining craftsmanship, engineering and industrial reliability

NVequipment manufactures all its protections in France, at its facilities in Vendée. The company combines the precision of skilled marine canvas makers with digital cutting technologies and tightly controlled production processes, reinforced by systematic quality inspections. Materials are sourced from leading marine suppliers, including Sunbrella+ technical fabrics, known for their exceptional UV resistance, dimensional stability and long-term performance in harsh marine environments. Stainless steel components are selected according to strict mechanical criteria to ensure strength, durability and long-term reliability.

This integrated industrial model, blending craftsmanship with engineering expertise and in-house manufacturing, underpins NVEquipment's position as a European leader in outdoor marine protection: consistent quality, precise fit, material excellence, on-time delivery and dependable after-sales support.

Refit solutions: identify, restore, extend

NVEquipment has become a reference in the refit market thanks to a unique deck-plan database developed and expanded over more than forty years. This resource enables the remanufacturing of protections installed ten, fifteen or even twenty years ago, even when the boat has changed owners, is no longer in production or originates from a shipyard that has since closed.

The process relies on precise identification: clear photos, side views, fastening details, frame geometry and cockpit layout. This method ensures perfect compatibility and eliminates fitting errors.

The RENEWNV approach: producing better, extending product life

Sustainability is a core issue for NVEquipment. Through its RENEWNV initiative, the company has implemented a structured, company-wide approach aimed at improving production practices and reducing environmental impact. This includes product life-cycle assessments, the development of eco-designed marine fabrics, reuse and recycling of fabric offcuts, reduced waste, lower energy consumption and decarbonized mobility across operations.

Canvas renewal fully aligns with this philosophy: restore, extend and avoid unnecessary replacement.

A practical service for owners and a strategic asset for professionals

During refit or winter storage periods, sailmakers, shipyards, equipment suppliers and maintenance providers see a strong demand for protective solutions: upgrades, layout modifications and securing boats prior to storage. Offering canvas replacement allows professionals to address a key factor that directly influences a boat's condition at the start of the season.

A properly fitted canvas protects the entire cockpit, limits mold development under winter covers, safeguards onboard electronics and stabilizes structures. For professionals, it is a service clients expect and a source of trust. For owners, it ensures a clean, healthy winter lay-up with no unpleasant surprises.

Winterizing means planning ahead. Protecting means preserving.

NVEquipment has supported this approach since 1977, with protections designed and manufactured in France, built to last and backed by a genuine commitment to sustainability.

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Market outlook and strategic vision

NVequipment addresses a clear shift in market expectations: improved thermal comfort, fast modularity, lighter and quieter structures, ease of handling and reduced environmental impact. Protection is no longer an add-on; it has become an integral component of boat design.

Boatbuilders are looking for ready-to-install solutions compatible with production schedules. With in-house engineering and manufacturing capabilities, NVequipment plays a central role in this value chain. Its testing protocols cover a wide range of climates and real-world navigation profiles, ensuring performance at sea rather than only under laboratory conditions.

Through the use of recycled fabrics, repairable components, extended product lifespans and controlled French manufacturing, NVequipment contributes to a more responsible marine industry. Its ISO 9001 certification, membership in the French Fab and Entreprise du Patrimoine Vivant designation reflect a long-term commitment to quality and sustainability.

About NVequipment

Founded in 1977 in Vendée, France, NVequipment designs and manufactures high-quality marine protection systems for OEMs and the refit market. ISO 9001 certified, a member of the French Fab and recognized as an Entreprise du Patrimoine Vivant, the company distributes its products worldwide.

Key facts

- Independent French company
- 160 employees
- Approximately 20,000 products manufactured annually
- Over 8,000 active product references
- Distribution in more than 50 countries through + 600 dealers

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