

# NYLET LTD.

MODEL SAILMAKERS

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PARK ROAD  
FORDINGBRIDGE  
HAMPSHIRE, ENGLAND

Dear Sir,

We thank you for your enquiry of  
We have pleasure in enclosing patterns of our stock range  
of sailcloths. Prices of sails are as follows.

Yours faithfully,

NYLET LTD.

## MODEL RACING YACHT SAILS

Perfect cut and finish, to your measurements or sail plan.  
Complete with hooks, eyelets, headboard and battens.

White Terylene	A class	10 rater	M	36"	MM
Top suit	67/-	53/-	40/6	37/6	35/-
2nd suit	63/-	49/6	38/6	35/-	33/-
3rd suit	58/6	46/-	36/6	33/-	-
White Nylon balloon spin- naker	28/6	26/6	24/-	22/-	20/-

COLOURED SAILS as above prices plus 5%

RACING NUMBERS, adhesive backed, at 6d per letter  
affixed to sail at 9d per letter

POSTAGE PAID in U.K.

TERMS: CASH WITH ORDER.

Nylet Terylene sails in the mid 1960's.

Here it is, a bit of a blast from the past; the Nylet sail list dating from 1967. A top suit Marblehead in white was 40 shillings and sixpence, in other words £2.02! It doesn't seem much but then a loaf of bread if my memory serves me right was 10d (4p) and Fathers manager was earning about £12 a week. Female sewing machinists joining the firm were paid about £3.

Terylene in those days had previously been available from other sources only in varnished Terylene, a very open weave material and stiffly finished with a varnish coating and really not ideal for its intended use. We were the very first to use hot rolled Terylene (very similar to the Dacron we use today) was an excellent cloth and produced a fine sail and made up well. It was only last year that I made a replacement suit for a gentleman who had purchased the original suit in the early 70's and though due for renewal still did the job required of them.

We are now in the 1990's, prices are very different and so are the techniques we use; however, the same high standards still apply and we like to maintain the same courtesy towards our customers that were applied by my great grandfather when he conducted his business over 100 years ago.

Time marches on, its now 2022 and still going strong! I wrote the above late in the 20th century; it is now even more interesting to look back at sail prices from 50 plus years ago.

Just to add to the earlier history of 'stuff' from Nylet the tubing price list below dates to 1977. Please scroll down for another page.

*Frank Parsons*

NYLET  
MAST and BOOM TUBING

Clean aluminium alloy 20 gauge. Any length up to 12 feet.

Price per foot (30.5 cms)

5/8" outside diameter	£0.33
1/2" " "	0.37
3/8" " "	0.20

Silver anodised aluminium alloy tube 20 gauge

	87"	78.5"(2m)	72"	68"	52"	36"	Shorter lengths per inch.
5/8" diam.	£2.85	£2.60	£2.42	£2.30	£1.87	-	4p
1/2" diam.	£3.10	£2.86	£2.65	£2.55	-	-	4½p
3/8" diam.	-	£1.75	£1.65	£1.55	-	£1.05	3¼p

Extruded aerofoil section aluminium alloy mast with slot for mainsail luff cord. Silver anodised.

87" x ¾" x ½"	Weight 10½oz (295 gm)	£6.70 each
ditto	clean finish	£6.26 each

All prices at works. Carriage extra.

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NYLET RACING SAILS IN TERYLENE SAILCLOTH

3oz and 3½oz white, or 3½oz coloured Terylene .

	A - class	10-rater	M-class	36"
Mainsail and jib, per suit	£9.23	7.92	6.95	6.46
3oz white Dacron	£9.93	8.50	7.50	6.99
Nylon spinnakers	£4.00	2.95	2.45	2.20
Mainsail with double pocket luff, add per suit				£1.25
Jib with coloured panels, add per suit				£1.70
Mainsails with cord luff, no extra charge but state size of cord.				

Mainsails with more than 4 battens, or with full width battens, are charged extra.

SPECIAL SAILS made to order.

Racing numbers, adhesive backed, 8p per figure or letter .

Adhesive backed numbering material 12" x 6" 30p. Post free with sails.

All sails are post paid in the U.K.

CASH with order (Except where credit terms have been agreed).

NYLET racing sails are used the World over.

FIRST in the British RM Championship 1974 and 1975

FIRST in the Icicle Trophy 1975

1st, 2nd and 3rd in the NYLET RM Trophy 1975

1st in the RM class and 1st, 2nd, 3rd in the 10-rater class at the Foxcotte Lake 'SAIL IN' Sept. 1975

First FIVE places in the Wellworthy Cup (RM) at Setley 1975

Jan. 2020

The Nylet price list above dates to the autumn of 1975 and is expressed in pounds (shillings have disappeared when Britain decimalised). All enquiries were sent to customers with a colour strip showing the availability of Terylene cloth colours. Those were in the days when Terylene (Dacron) was loomed in a variety of colours and weights for full size sails. Now with synthetic exotics such as Kevlar etc. Dacron is not much used in full size sailing and we are lucky that white Dacron is still available in 3.5oz white. There are heavier weights in colours but 4.5oz (and heavier) cloths do not make suitable model sails which are simply too small to carry the weight and stiffness.

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FP/EM/S

6th. July 1967

Dear Sir,

We thank you for your enquiry of the 3rd July and have pleasure in enclosing details of our Model Racing Yacht Sails together with samples of sailcloth.

For the suit of sails for your Bristol Pilot Cutter we quote as follows.

Mainsail, jib, foresail and topsail as your sketch, in Terylene to your choice from the samples enclosed. Complete with eyelets/hooks.

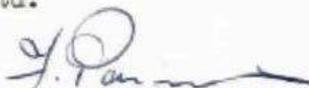
for the sum of £3. 2. 6d

Post paid.

Cash with order.

Yours faithfully,

NYLET Ltd.



Jan. 2022

A nice little story. The letter above was kindly sent from a customer to me recently while enquiring about a suit of new cotton sails for this very same gaff Cutter; he had discovered our letter at the back of his filing cabinet. It seems the original Nylet sails made for the model had only lasted 55 years! Note the price on our quotation of £3/2/6d. The letter was signed by my father and the sails all those years ago were made by me for our customer's father (my customer then being a teenager).

My thanks to David for taking the trouble to scan that letter and forward a copy to me, very much appreciated indeed.

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**Over one hundred years of combined sailmaking experience.**

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