

**Nautical Contracting's bo-teak operation!**

Auckland-based Nautical Contracting now imports raw teak logs to mill them specifically to suit individual client specifications.

Managing director Adrian Brothers says: "This gives us total control over the process, for example selecting planks from the same log for consistency. The teak we import is of excellent quality. The attention to detail we are able to give it is one of the benefits of being a relatively small operator. In the US and Europe, there are some enormous teak decking companies. Compared to them, we are something of a boutique operation!"



The massive logs are quarter sawn and then cut to decking planks in the lengths, widths and thicknesses required.

Nautical Contracting's full teak decking service includes design, installation, teak alternatives, and teak supplies such as bedding compounds and caulking products. They have recently become an official agent for US-based **Teak Decking Systems (TDS)**, and now offer the full line of TDS teak products. The firm also undertakes refit work and provides nautical labour for their clients' general boatbuilding requirements.

With a manufacturing facility in South Auckland, Nautical Contracting is about to open a new teak shop and showroom at Unit 2, 8-14 Madden St, Auckland Viaduct. Visit Nautical Contracting at [www.teakdecks.co.nz](http://www.teakdecks.co.nz) or contact Adrian Brothers on 021 903 529. nzmarine

**Southern Spars ready to move**



Construction is well underway at Southern Spars' dedicated West Auckland premises. The building, in a new subdivision in Rosebank Road, Avondale, will house Southern Spars' headquarters and all New Zealand-based manufacturing.

The new facility is set on a 1.5 ha site and comprises an

8000 sq m warehouse with a 12 m stud and 1250 sq m of offices. The company has taken a 12-year lease on the property.

General manager David Glen says: "Being based in New Zealand keeps us true to the company's heritage and we can continue to foster our excellent supplier relationships."

The move centralises Southern Spars' New Zealand manufacturing operations under one roof. Consideration of longer term requirements has played an important role in the factory design which accommodates the growing demand for larger and more technically-advanced superyacht and grand prix race rigs. Southern expects to be operating solely from the new site by 1 January, 2011.



**Navico launches new B&G Zeus multi-function navigation system with dedicated sailing features**

B&G has released its new Zeus multi-function displays and broadband radar. Bringing the benefits of B&G race performance to cruising sailors in an easy-to-use format, Zeus has



been designed as a fully-integrated, high-performance navigation system with bright, sunlight viewable displays and features unique and dedicated sailing functions.

Navico's Auckland-based R&D team, in conjunction with Romsey, UK product managers, has been instrumental in developing the sailing applications for Zeus with the new product on schedule for delivery in December 2010.

Available in 20.3 cm (8") and 30.5 cm (12") LED-backlit displays, the new high-specification B&G Z8 and Z12 displays feature sailing-specific options such as GRIB weather file display and animation, chart overlays displaying sailing laylines, and WindPlot and TimePlot histograms.

B&G Zeus incorporates Navionics coastal cartography as standard, with the ability to add Navionics Platinum+ with high-resolution aerial photography and Turboview 3D imagery. The powerful Zeus system integrates seamlessly with data from B&G H3000 instruments, GPS, radar and AIS. Also award-winning broadband radar technology has been integrated with the new B&G system, along with the new B&G ZG50 High Speed 5Hz GPS antenna.

The Zeus units are easy to install and use, straight out of the box. With the rotary controller and alphanumeric keypad, the control of menus and functions is simple and intuitive. Integration with a range of other approved Ethernet, SimNet and NMEA2000 devices is also possible. nzmarine