



Elan 434 Impression  
Volvo D2-55  
55hp/3000rpm/2.19:1 Saildrive  
APS-H5-470mm LH

Hello,

I bought an Autoprop for my sailboat last year at the Boat Show in Southampton. We have an affectionate name for the Autoprop and use this name often when describing what the Autoprop means to us. Our "Golden Tooth" has already proved itself in fuel savings and power.

The Autoprop saved us from getting smashed on the rocks when we were hit by a sudden storm (Croatian Bora). Winds went from 5Kn to 35Kn in 30 seconds! We were 10meters from the shore and at anchor! The only way to save us was to power into the wind. Our anchor was holding us in place and we had no choice but to try and swing around it. We gunned the engines and practically surfed around our chain for 3 turns until it finally wedged loose. The waves were almost 2 meters high and I could feel the force driving us forward as I hung on to the jib stay trying to haul up the anchor. It is a feeling that makes the hair on my neck stand up every time I think about it! And I KNOW there is no way we could have got our boat to do that with the standard prop we originally had!  
So, thanks Autoprop!

And thanks again for making such an awesome piece of kit! It wasn't cheap but it was absolutely worth it!

Best Regards,

Alex and Philip Fleig

