

ABSTRACT

**SYSTEM COMPRISING A TETHERED SAIL AND A FIXED STATION HAVING MEANS FOR
FOLDING THE SAIL AT THE FIXED STATION**

The invention relates to a traction system for a watercraft, comprising a sail (1) and a fixed station (22) that includes a mast (23) and a winch which is connected to the sail (1) by a traction cable (3), the system further comprising a bottom part (21) that is supported by the traction cable (3), and fold lines (16, 17, 18), each of which has an end that is attached to a leading edge (7) of the sail (1), and another end that is supported by the bottom part (21). The fixed station (22) includes a base (41) that accommodates the bottom element (21) when the sail (1) is retracted by the winch; and means for grasping each fold line (16-18) and pulling same towards the mast (23) so as to retract the leading edge (7) against the mast (23) and fold the sail once the winch has retracted same close to the station.

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