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SXI8

SPECIFICATIONS

L.O.A. 18' (5.49 M)
Beam..... 8' (2.44 M)
Beam with wings 12'6" (3.80 M)
Min. class weight 455 lbs (206 KG)
Draft (boards down) 2'6" (76.20 CM)
Mast length..... 29'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (9.00 M)
Mast sailing height 31'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (9.66 M)
Total sail area 240 sq ft (22.33 sq M)
Maximum load..... 800 lbs (363 KG)
Maximum wing load 450 lbs (204 KG)

WARNING

MAST CONTACT WITH A LOW OVERHEAD POWER LINE CAN CAUSE DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY. USE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN RAISING OR LOWERING ANY SAIL-BOAT MAST. LOOK UP!

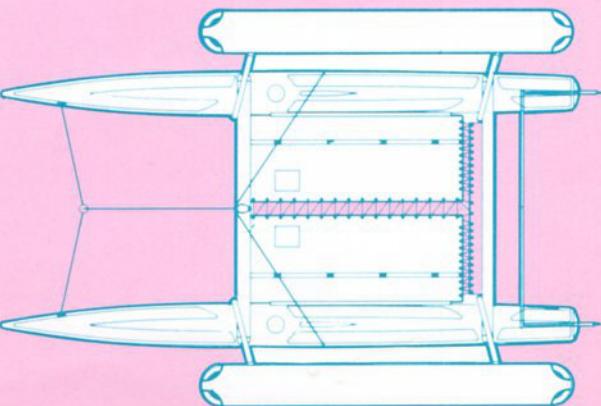
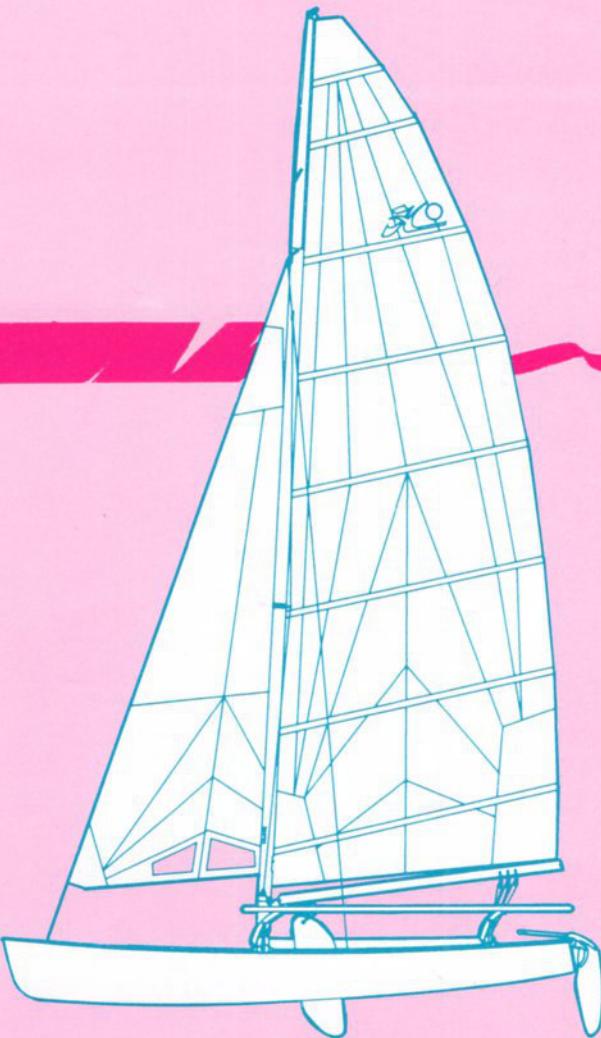


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KEY FEATURES AND SPECIFICATIONS

MAST

- **Taller mast*** allows for more sail area and a higher aspect rig that provides more power and more speed.
- **Tapered Comptip™ mast tip** offers less weight aloft which reduces pitching motion and allows the sail to depower at the top during gusts.
- **Mast rotation control system** maximizes sail control and is used to enhance sail shape.
- **Adjustable spreader rake angle and diamond wire tension** add extra strength and tuning range to the mast and allow it to be light enough for full performance.
- **Internal main halyard system** keeps wind resistance at a minimum.
- **Improved mast halyard hook and ring** make it easy and foolproof to raise and lower the sails.
- **Extra tang** equipped on each mast for use when rigging a spinnaker.

SAILS

- **Larger, higher aspect ratio sail set** provides more power for higher speeds and better performance in light air.
- **Vertical cut design** for both main and jib incorporate the latest in sail design technology.
- **Pretuned batten set** gives race ready shape without additional tuning.
- **Mylar®/Dacron® laminate sail material** provides strength with minimum weight and minimum stretch for long sail life.
- **Jib leech design uses small battens** to eliminate flutter that still allow for roller furling.
- **Internal jib halyard system** keeps windage at a minimum.

TRAMPOLINE

- Available with Hobie's exclusive new **vinyl mesh tramp** material.

WINGS

- **SX-18 wings** are an altogether **new wing design** drawn from the Hobie 21 wing design program. Wings add **four feet of additional boat width** for power, and make sailing drier and more comfortable.
- **New wing casting system** provides wings that are stiffer and stronger.
- **Extra wing seat length** lets you get the weight far back for screaming power reaches.
- **Exclusive, patented design** allows wings to fold up easily for trailering at highway legal boat width.
- Wing tramps available in Hobie's new **vinyl mesh tramp** material.

SPINNAKER

- Add a new dimension to your sailing excitement. Optional factory supplied spinnaker and pole increase off-the-wind performance. Class legal.

CLASS RACING

- Racing is sanctioned by the International Hobie Class Association. A racing schedule is published in the **HOTLINE Magazine**, available at your local Hobie Cat dealer.