

Laser<sup>®</sup>



# Laser Sailors... all in the same boat!

And what a boat it is. There's never been another quite like it in the history of sailing and its arrival transformed the sport. The Laser's unique design is still, by traditional standards, a paradox; to look at, it is the ultimate in simplicity, to sail it is pure sophistication. There is simply nothing like it.

The Laser is often perceived as a racer. It's certainly that... more people race in Lasers worldwide than in any other boat, but it's much more than that. The reason it appeals to racers is the very reason it's the ultimate boat for both beginners and fun sailors. Sailing is you, the boat and the wind – nothing else. "Feel" is

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## Laser



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### Specifications

Length overall	13 ft 10½ in.	4.23 m.
Length waterline	12 ft 6 in.	3.81 m.
Beam	4 ft 6 in.	1.37 m.
Hull weight	130 lbs	59 kg.
Sail area	76 sq. ft	7.06 sq. m.
Mast height	20 ft 1 in.	6.12 m.

Laser design: Bruce Kirby

everything and nothing else comes close to the feel of a Laser. It tells you instantly whether you're right or wrong – it practically teaches you to sail. That feel will be there the first time you leave the dock and you'll never forget it. In an age of computers and spaceships, youngsters will never be turned off sailing if they start in a real thoroughbred.

The Laser, however, is not a stepping stone. It spans the gap between instruction and competition and there is no need to look around for another boat. As your expertise grows so will the excitement and the challenge.

When you're ready to compete, whether it's a small local regatta, or a sanctioned race, you'll find you're *in the same boat* as every other sailor in the competition. It's skipper against skipper in equal boats, no racing versions... no costly options.

### The Laser Radial Rig

The Radial rig was designed for use as a heavy weather sail or by lightweight sailors so they could be competitive in serious racing. The mast is very flexible and the sail is specially cut to allow you to retain control in heavy winds. The result is a rig which is extremely fast, yet easy to handle. The Radial rig is completely interchangeable with the standard Laser rig. You can switch rigs and get two boats for the price of one.



Laser II Championships.

## Laser II Sailors... doubling up on fun!

The Laser II sailboat is a little longer and a little wider than the Laser with a slightly heavier hull and an over-size, bendy rig. Otherwise its characteristics are very similar. Light and incredibly responsive, the Laser II was designed as a double-handed trainer and a "cottage" boat with two sails, a main and a jib. But with the addition of a spinnaker and trapeze, it's a high performance machine.

### Laser II



### Specifications

Length overall	14 ft 5 in.	4.39 m.
Beam	4 ft 8 in.	1.42 m.
Hull weight	160 lbs	72 kg.
Sail area	124 sq. ft	11.52 sq. m.
Spinnaker	110 sq. ft	10.2 sq. m.
Mast height	19 ft 2 in.	5.85 m.

Laser II design: Frank Bethwaite and Ian Bruce



Laser and Laser II boats at the Mid-Winter Championships.

## Laser and Laser II... a Class act

If you've never sailed or raced before, you may not be familiar with the Canadian Yachting Association or the United States Yacht Racing Union. They are the official sailing authorities in North America, and they have sanctioned the Laser and Laser II as official training boats. This means that more people than ever learn and compete in our dinghies, making it easy to find companionship and competition. On almost any weekend there are, literally, thousands of men, women, boys and girls competing at well-organized regattas that are



Photo: Fiona Kidd

as much fun off the water as on. In addition, both the Laser and the Laser II are International Class boats, meaning they are approved for international status and competition by the International Yacht Racing Union. All new owners have an immediate entrée to a world-wide community of sailors with their free one year membership to the International Laser Class Association or the Laser II International Class Association.

#### **Are they safe?**

In a word "yes"! Besides being unsinkable, they have simple rigging systems so that you can move from side to side without hassle. In the event of a capsize, the Laser and the Laser II are easily righted and, once upright, the cockpit is free of water. Both dinghies are

ruggedly built boats that will always get you back to shore under your own sail.

#### **An 18 year old reputation**

Small boats come and go on the marine market. No one wants to invest in a boat only to find in a year or two that the manufacturer is out of the business, the boat is uncompetitive or that parts are unavailable. When you buy a Laser or a Laser II you can be assured of a quality product, manufactured by a reputable company that commands an exceptionally high resale value. Both boats are sold "ready to sail" and are backed by a network of knowledgeable dealers throughout North America.

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