

CONTENDER

IT'S UNIQUE. The Contender is a new breed. Combining a light hull with a large sail area and trapeze gives the single-handed sailor a true high-performance boat. The Contender puts the emphasis on sailing skill and agility, not strength or weight of the skipper.

IT'S FAST AND FUN. Because the Contender is an advancement in the state-of-the-art single-handed dinghy, it leaves the rest behind. In winds fifteen knots and over, the Contender planes to windward. On a reach it will plane in a seven knot breeze. The trapeze technique is surprisingly easy to master and is much more comfortable than ordinary hiking methods.

IT'S INEXPENSIVE. The cost of the Contender is low, compared to other high-performance boats. New boats are under \$4000 ready to sail, and used boats are available for around \$1000. Class rules prohibit the use of adjustable shrouds, rotating masts, and other gadgets in order to hold the costs down.



Fiberglass hulls produced by licensed professional builders are most common, but it is possible to build your own.

IT'S INTERNATIONAL. After I.Y.R.U. status was granted in 1968, the Contender has grown in popularity and is currently raced in over twenty-five countries, with the largest number of boats in the U.S., Britain, New Zealand, and Australia. Well-established fleets currently race in California, Texas, Maryland, and Florida.

IT'S GOOD PEOPLE. Contender sailors are fun to be with. There is a wide range of age and interests, and a willingness to share information about this exciting single-hander. The Class Association publishes a quarterly newsletter which is sent to all members, and promotes the Contender with advertisements and a video tape.

**THE CONTENDER IS THE IDEAL BOAT
FOR THOSE WHO ENJOY ATHLETIC
COMPETITION AND THE
THRILL OF SAILING. TRY IT—
YOU'LL LIKE IT!**

CONTENDER

Length: 16'

Beam: 4'8"

Draft:

CB up 4"

CB dn 4'4"

Weight:

Hull 183 lbs.

All up 230 lbs.

Sail Area: 120 s.f.



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