

# *Sizzling performance - cool design!*

*Built in Canada and five other countries!*



The new, Julian Bethwaite designed, **29er** skiff was launched worldwide in 1999 as THE exciting new Youth boat for the 21st century. Building is now taking place in Australia, Argentina, England, South Africa and New Zealand and Performance Sailcraft builds for North America, the Caribbean and Bermuda. International acceptance of the boat was assured when the ISAF granted the **29er** Recognized Status at the November 1999 Annual meeting.

## *Why another Youth boat?*

At the October 1996 ISAF annual meeting, the world body of Yachting selected, after a series of trials, a totally new and exciting type of boat - the **49er** - as the new Olympic Class for the 2000 Olympics in

Sydney, Australia. That boat, designed by Julian Bethwaite, has brought skiff sailing, for generations the premier sport in Australia, to the rest of the sailing world. At that moment in time, there was no trainer for this boat and the newest ISAF World Youth boat was over 20 years old!

## *Not just a Youth boat*

It didn't take Julian and father, Frank, long to respond. With a target crew weight between 120 and 145 kilos, a Mk I prototype was testing by late 1997. By the end of April 1998 testing of the fourth prototype was concluded and the **29er** went into the final tooling phase. The world youth now has its newest and, by far, its most exciting boat - a true skiff trainer for its Olympic big brother. The rest of us have one of the most exciting boats we will ever sail.

## *Sizzling Performance*

*“This boat will be to sailing what snowboarding was to skiing”* Ian Bruce

Following the Sydney launch of the **29er** in July 1998, Rob Mundle, the highly respected yachting journalist, wrote in Australia's prestigious National newspaper, The Australian:

*“A revolution in Youth sailing has burst onto the International scene thanks to the amazing talents of the gurus of high performance sailing, Australia's Bethwaite family. The revolution should bring to the sport a worldwide influx of young people - a generation in search of new challenges and loads of excitement. It will come thanks to a superb new sailboat - the **29er** - designed with a single purpose. It is a boat that will bridge a chasm which has existed in sailing for almost three decades. That chasm has come about through the sport's tendency to ignore market trends - specifically the demands of modern youth for adrenaline pumping action.”*

## Well engineered, and proven, construction.

There is nothing exotic about the construction of the **29er** - no epoxy, no Kevlar, no space age materials - just a standard, proven and tested, fully cored, polyester and fiberglass building method. This has been done because the boat is used in circumstances where both cost and ease of maintenance and repair are primary considerations. The boat could be built far lighter but the designer chose to “overbuild” the boat in such key areas as gunwhales, cockpit floor, mast step and the mast itself - the lower mast, for example, is the same section as the far more powerful **49er**! Sails, the most expensive part of the boat, use a reinforced Mylar that is actually stronger than that of the **49er**. This is very important because it is not unusual for a crew member to fall into the sail on a capsize. We expect an almost indefinite life from the mainsail. The centerboard and rudder are both unique, aluminum extrusions that come from a single extruder and are virtually indestructible. The days of broken trailing edges, sanding and refairing are over!

## Strictly One-Design

The **29er** was conceived, and will be maintained, as a one-design in the strictest of traditions. The boat and all of its sails and equipment come from single source suppliers in order to reduce and maintain an accessible cost for the boat. It is delivered with **all equipment supplied** - what you get is what you see - and that is what you sail with. There are no racing “options” and each boat is already fully equipped with all the “go-fasts” required. All that’s needed is a trapeze belt and, if you don’t have your own favorite, we can supply that as well.

## Standard boat

All boats are produced with a light Pearl Grey deck and a hull in Birch White, Slate Grey, Aztec Yellow, Sapphire Blue or Pool Jade. Other hull colors can be had as an option, provided they are available, but at an additional US \$250.00. Ask for color chart.

## Price

Price will usually be quoted with shipping and crating (if necessary) extra. As a result the prices vary right across North America. Contact us and we will have your nearest Regional Sales Organizer contact you immediately with pricing and delivery information.



## Specifications

Sail area: Main and jib	13.19 sq. metres	141.97 sq. ft
Spinnaker	16.83 sq. metres	181.15 sq. ft
Length overall	4.40 metres	14 ft. 5 ins.
Beam	1.70 metres	5 ft. 7 ins.
Construction	Glass reinforced polyester	
Target crew weight	120 kg - 145 kg.	265 lbs - 320 lbs.
Boat fully rigged w/sails	90 kg	198 lbs

## Visit the websites

**[29er.com](http://29er.com) - North American website**

**[29er.org](http://29er.org) - Class International Website**

**[49er-sailing.com](http://49er-sailing.com) - International 49er Website**

Skiff sailing is definitely different! Learn all about it on the sites above. The **29er** manuals are still being written but visit the **49er** Website, go into the *Manual* section and select *Handling*. Virtually everything in there applies to the **29er** and it gives a great head start on learning to sail the **29er**.

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