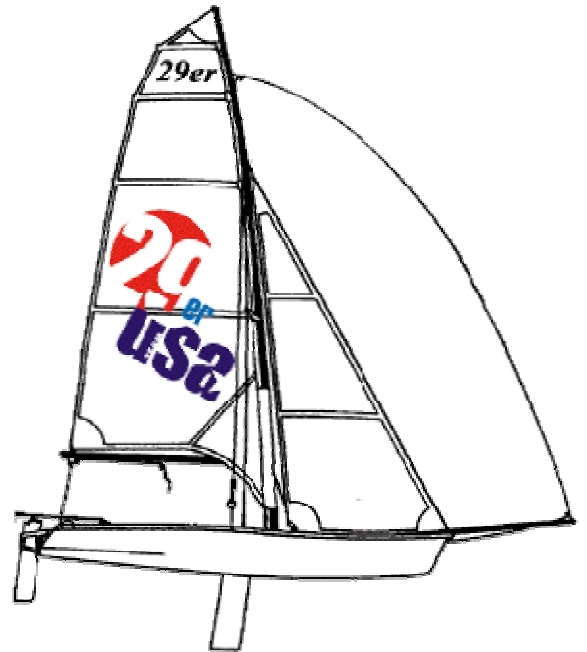


29ers - A High Performance Skiff For Ordinary Mortals

The **29er** is a true high performance skiff - a two man, single trapeze, asymmetric spinnaker boat. **29ers** are built on five continents, to exceedingly strict one design standards, and under strict control of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF). This assures that the boats provide sailing ability as the performance criterium. The boats are rugged, well equipped and fully competitive straight out of the box. Failures are rare, sails are durable, and the expense of running the boat is modest. There is no one design boat currently available which can touch this kind of performance.



The **29er** was designed by Australian skiff legend Julian Bethwaite, with a team of internationally recognized dinghy sailors. Julian re-wrote the design book for the Sydney Harbour 18 ft. skiffs (the "Aussie 18's"), while picking up three world titles. He then designed the Olympic 49er followed by the very successful 29er. Constructed from hi-tech composite foam sandwich, the hull is ultra-lightweight with a self-draining cockpit. The rig is pure skiff, fully battened Mylar sails with a self-tacking jib, supported on a composite-tipped mast that gives the ultimate in gust response and acceleration. Add on an asymmetric spinnaker and you'll discover the 29er is pure dynamite downwind. Other design features include a mainsail cuff to increase sail efficiency, a ram vang, safety foot/grab rails and an enclosed transom.

Although the design was originally targeted to youth sailors as a feeder class to the Olympic **49er**, the **29er** is a super class on its own merits. The optimal combined crew weight is considered to be 270 lbs to 320 lbs, but is by no means limited to that span. Being a gorilla does not help you win races. Being a monkey might. Old folks/young kids, boys/girls – everyone competes equally. There are quite a few mixed teams, all boy teams, and all girl teams. You can find all kinds of crew combinations slugging it out in the front of the fleet, as well as in the back of the fleet.

For more information, check out the international **29er** website at www.29er.org

Specifications

Main & Jib	13.19 sq. m	141.97 sq. ft
Spinnaker	16.83 sq. m	181.15 sq. ft
Length overall	4.40 meters	14 ft. 5 ins.
Beam	1.70 m	5 ft. 7 ins.
Total crew weight	120-140 kg.	265-310 lbs.
Boat fully rigged w/sails	90 kg.	198 lbs.
Construction	Glass reinforced polyester	