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Hello,, would love some help please! :)

Posted by nwindgirl - 2010/01/28 19:51

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Hello,,  
im new at windsurfing and i absolutely love it. i'm willing to buy a new board. i just would love to know if it is suitable for me.

i have found a 2005 Mistral Screamer windsurf BOARD  
length 269cm/ 8'10"  
width 65cm/25, 6"  
volume 117 liters  
Shape: Bruce Wylie

I'm 16, and i use a 5.5m sail, 6.5m too. i weight 43 Kg and i learn fast. Is this board suitable for me?  
please reply asap.

thank you :)

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Re:Hello,, would love some help please! :)

Posted by nwindgirl - 2010/01/28 20:48

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oh and i'd also like to add im 5 feet 3 inches tall.. :)

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Re:Hello,, would love some help please! :)

Posted by Duncan - 2010/01/28 21:30

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hi, it really depends on how much experience you have, where you want to sail, and what type of windsurfing you want to get into.

for example, i've been windsurfing since May 09, and can quick tack, carve gybe and waterstart. I'm using a 105l board. It suits me well as I can get out in most conditions on it.

Basically the more bouyancy you have (in litres) the easier it is to windsurf on. (big generalisation)

You can generally uphaul on 100 litre+ boards in flat water tho it is not easy till 120+

In waves it is a lot harder to uphaul so on a 100l board you need to be waterstarting.

Basically what i'm trying to say is if you can give us some info on your experience we'd be able to help you more.

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Re:Hello,, would love some help please! :)

Posted by nwindgirl - 2010/01/29 06:28

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hi, thank you for your reply :D

well, i want to learn as much as i can on that board, and i windsurf on the Red Sea. (not so wavy but not flat either)

I can quick tack and waterstart too. i'm also now learning how to carve jibe better..

don't you think the board is a bit too big? or is it allright..

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Re:Hello,, would love some help please! :)

Posted by Duncan - 2010/01/29 21:14

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sounds about right if you are on carve gybes, it depends what you want to do, freestyle, freeride, wave, speed or slalom?

freestyle boards tend to be from 80-110 litres

freeride tend to be 90-150 litres

wave tend to be 60-90 litres

speed boards ( i'm not sure) but from what i have summised are 40-90 litres

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slalom boards (as above) from 60-100 litres  
some big generalisations there,

the smaller the board the more manoeuvrable it can be so tricks and turns are easier  
smaller boards can not use larger sails, so my 79l board is recommended up to a 5.3m sail. there are exceptions to everything i have said.

wish i was in the red sea, no wetsuit, just boardies and a harness... enough of my daydreaming

from what i know the screamer is a freeride board, so fairly versatile, good for some speed and carve gybes, chop hopping and maybe a bit of looping too, what do you want to get into?

here are some video links to help you make your mind up:

First is freestyle, bit of Andy Chambers for you, top bloke, met him in greece.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8j8c6p5YcY8>

second is wave, for this a bit of levi siver, never met him but would like to

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2-uOtOEtMI>

third is slalom, just some PWA footage, would love to race but i'm only 10stone

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtBGkW4KILE>

fourth is speed, crazy people, who go really fast, and then crash, and break stuff

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OcyifOVKP8w>

freeride is a good progression stage but if you can already water start then if you want you could move onto one of the other disciplines, tho you don't have to, a lot of people stick with the freeride, and it is a lot of fun and allows you to sail in arguably the widest range of wind conditions.

I'm openly biased towards the wave and freestyle side of things.

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**Re:Hello,, would love some help please! :)**

Posted by nwindgirl - 2010/01/30 13:10

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haha, its true windsurfing on the Red Sea is great :D

and i would like to thank you LOADS. All the info you gave me was really helpful, and now i understand windsurfing boards better. Through the links you gave me, i'll choose the style i want to get into :D  
and i'm hopefully buying the board!

Thanks again :D

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**Re:Hello,, would love some help please! :)**

Posted by willr03 - 2010/01/30 14:51

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If youre only 43kg and can waterstart, then you could get away with a much smaller board than 120l, depending on what you want to do a freestyle board would be a good all rounder.