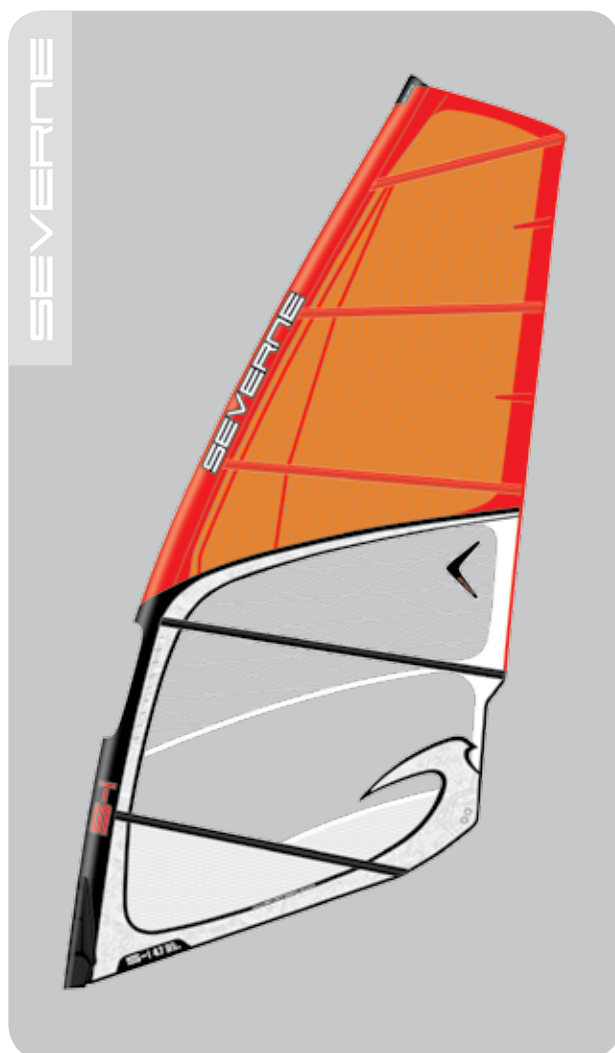


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## SEVERNE S-1 5.3 (2011)



STATS LUFF (CM) **424**  
 BOOM (CM) **172**  
 BATTENS **5** IDEAL MAST **400**  
 RDM IMCS **19**  
 EXTENSION RDM **24** (CM)

You'll like... super sharp and even lighter '25% lighter' in fact'  
 You won't like... trying to decide between the S-1 or Blade



### BACKGROUND

The S-1 is Severne's cutting edge flagship wave sail, using all the very latest materials and technology at their disposal. It is designed for manoeuvre orientated wave and freestyle sailing.

### AT A GLANCE

It is incredibly light and significantly lighter than any of the other sails on test, this is all down to the choice of materials used in the construction of the sail. It also has plenty of re-enforcement and a clear mono film window in the middle. It has a compact shape with short luff, boom length and high cut foot.

### RIGGING

The S-1 5.3 sets on a 400 mast with 24cms of extension. It has a fairly decent tuning range and can

be down-hauled for strong wind conditions, however to get the best out of it don't go too crazy, set the down-haul so the leech is just broken and then tune with the outhaul.

### ON THE WATER

The light weight of the S-1 makes it feel incredible in the hands. It has decent bottom end, getting you going early but without feeling massively grunty. It is extremely sharp and responsive with a fairly neutral and well-balanced pull. The natural wind range on the water is very good and the sail responds well to gusts and changes in the conditions without the need for retuning. The power can be very easily switched on or off, which makes the sail great for radical wave or freestyle use. Going into manoeuvres it generates good speed and there is plenty of pull to power out of moves or get you out of trouble.

### SUMMING UP

The S-1 is razor sharp and, coupled with its incredibly light weight, it was a favourite with our team and would suit any high level wave or freestyle rider.