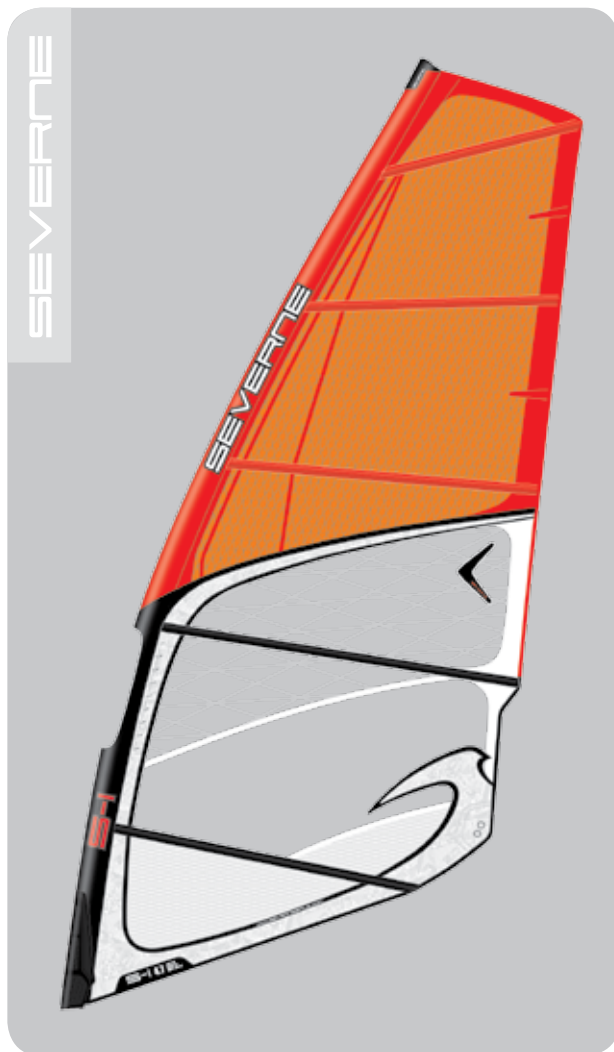


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S-1 5.0



DESIGN

Severne S-1 is by far, on the scales, the lightest wave sail on the market.

Extremely light but strong with e⁵ that they use extensively. The cut away on the leach reduces the boom length and the luff length this year.



ON THE WATER

From the launch, the lightweight of this Severne S-1 is totally impressive. We have absolutely nothing in the hands and we believe we are on a 4.7, so much lighter in particular on the extremities, allows to undergo the minimum of control leverage. Consequently, the sensation of freedom of movement is doubled while this sail already maneuverable. It is a sail rather flat and particularly sensitive to the boom tension. It is necessary to watch not to put too much tension in the wishbone at the risk of having a very flat sail, and at the same time not leave too much depth to keep the tension. It is not the first one to plane, but according to its regulation, the sail can indeed still get going. Whatever happens, her minimum weight helps to take off fast. Rather stable, she is always pleasant to ride

and remains balanced well without particular back hand pressure, the same at the top of the wind range. Neither particularly flexible, nor stiff either, we feel that there is little tension in the profile to hold the sail but it does not feel negative at all. It is during riding and tricks that we appreciate it most. The handling is exceptional, neutral in the surf and reacts immediately from the slightest stimulation while keeping a staunch homogeneity.

VERDICT

The S-1 crosses another boundary in extreme lightweight this year. It is really a big difference for all, but especially for the light riders. It is a homogeneous and successful sail, adapted to wave riding and to the modern boards. The S-1 is for the largest variety of conditions.

SUMMARY

- + Incredibly light, ultra-handling, ability to react, big wind range of use, homogeneity
- Less fast and less powerful