

WIND MAG March 2011 – Special Test 2011
 FREERACE, FREERIDE/FREEWAVE, WAVE

SEVERNE GATOR 5.7 (2011)



A POWERED "FEATHER-WEIGHT" SAIL

DESIGN

Panel geometry has been refined to optimize durability, stress and the field of vision of the rider. All sizes have been reinforced with HD Dyneema X-Ply at the foot and clew.

From 5.5 to 6.0 there are now 5 rather than 6 battens to lighten the rig and make easier in all manoeuvres.

ON WATER

Last year's design was already very light, it's further reduced this year at 3.7kg. It's the lightest sail in the test, and you feel it IMMEDIATELY when sailing. Quite like if you had nothing in your hands...!!! To get planing, it's the quickest and the most efficient by far. If pumping is needed to get over white water or escape from a big wave, the answer is immediate, with a lot of ease. The reactivity of the rig allows for very lively feeling in everything you are doing, planing, bump&jump moves, jumps, waveriding...etc



During moves you have nothing else to do than taking care of the wave and your turns. Totally free, the GATOR encourages you into launching new moves. When gybing it's the same feeling, as power is totally off during the move. Maybe the sail would be better with a little less shape for extreme freestyle moves on flat water, as it could give a little more precision. However, it's also that shape that gives you power and top end speed for freeriding.

VERDICT

There are 14 sizes within Gator range to be used for all situations and on all boards at every location possible. It's very simple sail to use, extremely fast, easy, and playful with a fabulous light weight feeling in every situation. Whatever your level it will prolong your session, even more if you're within the learning or improving phase of level. No other sail will be as easy to water start or to learn other new moves with such feather lightness...

- + : lightness / manoeuvrability / power / speed
- : just some loss of precision for extreme freestyle moves.