



# Why the McLaughlin is so fast, durable and a great value!

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## The "NEW" World Standard



# McLAUGHLIN OPTIMIST

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# INTRODUCING *THE NEW WORLD STANDARD*: **McLAUGHLIN OPTIMIST**

## **Wall-to-Wall Nonskid** (nearly!)

- in response from the top sailors for a better roll-tack launching and landing pad we have increased the non-skid leaving 1.5” to help prevent premature bailer wear.

## **State-of-the-Art Vacuum Bag Process**

- allowing further aft balance point and optimized bow weight. This facilitates the ability of the sailor to lift the bow through waves.

## **Precision Appendage Alignment**

- assured through the use of our new tooling and assembly jigs. This provides the closest tolerances in the industry for mast, rudder and daggerboard alignment.

## **Bullet Proof Hull to Deck Joint**

- We use Methacrylate Adhesive in the bow and mid-ship frame joints because it protects the hull in a collision and will not fracture. It’s just one of the many extras that make McLaughlin the best value available.

## **Maximized Composite Construction**

- McLaughlin pioneered the use of biaxial cloth in the Optimist because we knew it was the key ingredient for speed and durability. Ours is manufactured especially for our Optimist. It’s more expensive and harder to work with, but we have always used it in every boat we build.

## **Ironclad Chines and Edges**

- achieved through a unique construction process and testing of each and every boat.

## **OPTIMAX® Mast Collar and Sleeve to Mclaughlin Specs**

- is now standard on every boat we make. In response to McLaughlin’s search for a stronger, less friction collar that wouldn’t harm the mast, OPTIMAX® redesigned and retooled theirs to accommodate our needs.

## **Mast Step Set w/ Epoxy and Custom Fasteners**

- This was instituted before the 2002 Worlds and we have experienced absolutely no mast step failures since. Our mast step attachment is the strongest available!

## **HARKEN® and OPTIPARTS® Hardware**

- are still the mainstay of the very best in top quality fittings for the Mclaughlin Optimist.

## **“High-Float” Airbags and Lengthened Straps**

- combined with maximum outboard strap attachment displaces more water floating the Mclaughlin higher than any other Optimist in event of capsize. Less bailing for quicker capsize recovery!

## **Improved Daggerboard Slot**

- has been resized for thicker “new rule” blades, real Teflon® lined trunk