McLAUGHLIN OPTIMIST

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The "NEW" World Standard

maximized composite engineering

Harken® and Optiparts® hardware

precision appendage alignment

OPTIMAX® mast collar and sleeve to McLaughlin specs

wall-to-wall nonskid

mast step set w/ epoxy and custom fasteners

ironclad chines and edges

improved daggerboard trunk

state of the art vacuum bag process

"highfloat" airbags and lengthened straps

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INTRODUCING THE NEW WORLD STANDARD:
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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.

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

“HighFloat” 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!

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.

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. The result… see the 2002 and 2004 World Opti Champs and lookout future!