

Introduction to the owner's manual.

This manual has been compiled to help you to operate your craft with safety and pleasure. It contains details of the craft; the equipment supplied or fitted its systems and information on their operation. Please read it carefully, and familiarize yourself with the craft before using it.

* This owner's manual is not a course on boating safety or seamanship. If this is your first craft, or if you are changing to a type of craft you are not familiar with, for your own comfort and safety, please ensure that you obtain handling and operating experience before "assuming command" of the craft.

* Your dealer or national sailing federation or yacht club will be pleased to advise you of local sea schools, or competent instructors.

* Ensure that the anticipated wind and sea conditions will correspond to the design category of your craft, and that you and your crew are able to handle the craft in these conditions.

* Even when your boat is categorized for them, the sea and wind conditions corresponding to the design categories A, B and C range from severe storm conditions for category A, to strong conditions for the top of category C, open to the hazards of a freak wave or gust. These are therefore dangerous conditions, where only a competent, fit and trained crew using a well maintained craft can satisfactorily operate.

* **"BEWARE OF OFFSHORE WINDS AND CURRENTS - IF IN DOUBT SEEK PROFESSIONAL LOCAL KNOWLEDGE - SUCH AS THE COASTGUARD"**

* This owner's manual is not a detailed maintenance or trouble-shooting guide. In the case of difficulty, refer to a local approved service station or the place you purchased the boat from.

Basic maintenance instructions are provided in this booklet; use it for the craft's maintenance.

* Always use trained and competent people for maintenance, fixing or modifications. Modifications that may affect the safety characteristics of the craft shall be assessed, executed and documented by competent people. The manufacturer cannot be held responsible for modifications that they have not approved.

* In some countries, a driving licence or authorization is required, or specific regulations are in force.

* Always maintain your craft properly and make allowance for the deterioration that will occur in time and as a result of heavy use or misuse of the craft.

* Any craft, no matter how strong it may be, can be severely damaged if not used properly.

* This is not compatible with safe boating. Always adjust the speed and direction of the craft to sea conditions.

* The craft should have onboard the appropriate safety equipment (lifejackets, harness, etc.) according to the type of craft, weather conditions, etc. This equipment is mandatory in some countries.

* The crew should be familiar with the use of all safety equipment and emergency manoeuvring (man overboard recovery, towing, etc.), sailing schools and clubs regularly organize drill sessions.

* All persons should wear a suitable buoyancy aid (life jacket/personal floatation device) when onboard. Note that, in some countries, it is a legal requirement to wear a buoyancy aid that complies with their national regulations at all times.

PLEASE KEEP THIS MANUAL IN A SECURE PLACE, AND HAND IT OVER TO THE NEW OWNER WHEN YOU SELL THE CRAFT.