

UMSC FLEET REPLACEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Jan. 11, 2007

Our first objective was to establish a criteria for possible replacement fleet boat selection. The following was discussed.

Essential criteria

Monohull
Double-handed
Reasonably Durable / Rugged
Suitable for Beginners
Suitable for Experts
Reasonable Level of Performance for Advanced Sailors
Centerboard or Daggerboard
Available to Purchase New in North America
Reasonable Cost
about 15 Feet LOA, No More than 400 Lbs Fitted
Able to Handle Two Full-size Adults
Self Rescuing (Rightable by Two People)
Established on the Market
Easy to Rig, Sail, and Maintain
Jib and Mail Sail Plan.

Not essential but will be a plus when considering

Fit in Boathouse
Ability to Add a Spin/trap
Active Racing Class Somewhere Within a 6 to 10 Hour Drive
Swing up Centerboard and Rudder
Dry or Dryish Cockpit
Self-bailing Cockpit
Portsmouth Rating Close to a Laser So Head-to-head Racing Without Handicapping
College Racing Compatible
Comfortable
Easy Righting from Turtle
Able to Sail Single Hand Sail

Our second objective was to identify boats that may fulfill our previous criteria. The following boats were suggested from a master list of centerboard classes.

ALBACORE	LASER 2000	VANGUARD15
CATALINA 14.2	LASER II	BANSHEE
HUNTER 170, 146	MUTINEER	LARK
JY15	SNIPE	HARPOON.

Committee members each have a list of boats to research, provide contacts, and additional information on the boats.

The time table discussed is as follows

Current, establish potential boat choices suppliers, specs, cost, etc.

Get members input via e-mail.

Next meeting to reevaluate and discuss what each member has brought back, and to review members input.

In Spring of '07 we hope to set up trial sails,

Through June and early July actual test sails.

By the Fall of '07 we hope to purchase

In the Spring of '08 we will have delivery of our new fleet.

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