

SEVERNE BLADE 4.7

Price £

You'll like... The compactness and balance that makes you feel like you could achieve anything with this sail

You won't like... The price tag!

Why not try... Playing with the outhaul, we found this changed the feel of the sail considerably

FROM THE BEACH

This year's Blade has us very excited! From the word go we were impressed by the incredible balance and weight of a powerful wave sail. While the power is ever-present you can adjust this either way to increase or decrease it. Once set well the sail feels amazing: power is right in your hands and never moves, but with such a light sail you are able to throw it about, always keeping it balanced! Getting onto the plane happens without effort and moving into the straps is on par with bigger freeride sails. Sailing upwind with that little extra power in the back hand means you can pinch a little tighter and cover more ground with good effect.

SHOWING OFF

When it comes to jumping, the Blade floats better than most. The power never moves from your hands and if you need a bit more there is always something left to bring you back down with control. The response is quick and you know that when you want it to do something it will do it without delay. It goes without saying that a well-balanced power wave sail will be incredible in onshore waves and this is exactly how we found the Blade: light enough to throw yourself into a backside wave ride, yet holding just enough power to keep you on the wave and lining up for your next turn. Front side riding is a dream: the compactness of the sail meaning you can almost predict how much power you have from your bottom turn to the top, giving you plenty of time to adjust your weight and make the top turn as powerful as you can. The Blade's ability to switch on or off just when you needed to was unfound in any other sail too: a quality that every power wave sail should aspire to!

SUMMING UP

The Blade's light weight and controlled power combination impressed us a lot. So much so that our orders are in and we look forward to reliving the experience!