



# ANGULO CHANGO GT

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This month the test team get their hands on a board from the eponymous brand of 2009 PWA World Wave Champion, Josh Angulo. Thanks to its late arrival at BOARDS Test HQ (it was impounded for a few weeks at customs, so it must be something special!) the Angulo Chango missed its flight to Tenerife and was instead put through its paces here in the UK during those epic storms last autumn.

ROCKER	Tail	35 cm
	Nose	32.6 cm
	Max	54 cm
	Planing	50.5 cm
	Tail	8 mm
	2cm	139 cm
Weight	6.4 kg	
Length	238 cm	
Volume	73 litres	
Fin	22.5 cm	

## WHAT IS IT?

A 73L single-fin waveboard.

## WHAT THE MANUFACTURERS SAY

"Our new Chango is based on our proven shapes of the past, yet we have stepped it up a notch bringing in a slight winger, a freed-up fishtail and a slightly shorter shape in order to keep up with the fast moving pace of the new age wavesailor. Whether you're a weekend warrior or an aspiring champ the Chango is the proven tool to get you to your maximum."

## AT A GLANCE

When the Parcelforce man tangoed the Chango onto our doorstep we were quite surprised by what was in front of us (and it wasn't because he was leading with the wrong foot). It's the longest 75L waveboard we've seen this season and also one of the slimmest, giving it a very gunny look. We were also surprised to see wingers – the only other boards we've seen these on during 2009 were Kauli Seadi and Ricardo Campello's custom quads. The hull features a bit of vee in the tail going forward into a slight double concave, and comes with a fairly stiff-bodied 22.5cm flexible-tip fin. Upstairs we find comfortable straps and nice pads.

## ON THE WATER

The Chango feels quite small in comparison to other 75L boards we've tested this season, making it an ideal smallest board for anyone over 80kg who's going to pair it with a larger waveboard, or for lighter riders needing a small one-waveboard quiver. The board planes relatively early despite the 8mm of tail rocker, probably due to its reasonably wide tail, and feels quick once up and going, giving riders the opportunity to score high, floaty jumps. It tracks upwind well and feels extremely comfortable when blasting through chop. It has heaps of grip in the bottom turn but is loose enough to be redirected just in case you've misjudged your timing, and is easy to pivot off the top.

## OVERALL

The Chango excels in a wave environment, rewarding the rider with rocket airs and awesome rides. It will happily take a 5.3m and easily pair up with the tiniest of rigs in your quiver. It doesn't have the low speed flow of a wider onshore board and is therefore more suited to cross-shore sailing. An excellent high wind option for either down-the-line riding or bump-and-jump style sailing.