



Boards

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FANATIC NEWWAVE 76 TEAM EDITION – £1,390

Although retaining the same name as last year, the three smaller New Waves are entirely new shapes with shorter, wider outlines and fuller, softer rails supposedly allowing for tighter turns and more dependable grip. The fact that Klaas Voget stormed through the double elimination in Sylt on a production NewWave – eventually finishing in second place – goes to show the pedigree these boards have straight out of the mould. Klaas also says he uses them in almost any conditions, which promises awesome all-round appeal. The NewWave range includes a 69L, 76L, 83L, and a 91L, giving different weight riders the choice they need.

DESIGN: With a maximum width of 54.5cm, it was one of the narrowest boards on test. The NewWave has a standard quoted volume of 76L, quite a lot of tail rocker at 12mm, and an average length planing flat of 142.5cm. Both single and double concave were noted on the hull.

ON THE WATER: The NewWave is relatively quick to get planing, giving the rider plenty of scope for bunny-hopping the white water and hitting the steepest section of the wave on the way out to claim some rocket airs. The new outline makes it feel a little wider than last year, giving the rider less of a 'trad shape' sensation when out on the water. It's also very comfortable through chop and extremely dependable, making it a great bump-&-jump board for those looking for something to take out in high winds but not necessarily waves. But it would be criminal not to take

it into the waves, as this is where it really performs. The board's loose nature allows the initiation of extremely tight arcs, yet it still feels under control due to the smooth and dependable attributes.

FITTINGS: The Fanatic comes with a 21.5cm fin, with a very flexible tip. The straps are excellent, and were without doubt the most comfortable of all those on test. The deck is quite domed and the pads comfortable.

OVERALL: The NewWave would be a great board for anyone looking to purchase something of this size, especially for those that only want a one waveboard quiver. It scored highly with all of the testers for both riding and jumping, and is comfortable for blasting in between. Whatever your wavesailing ability this board will allow you to progress in any conditions you care to throw it at.