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SIMMER ICON 4.7

STATS LUFF (CM) 413 BOOM (CM) 157 BATTENS 5

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You'll like... Its strong construction: perfect for the die-hard wave sailor!

You won't like... Switching from a soft sail to the Icon, with a different feel it may take a bit of getting used to!

Why not try... Spending time on rigging to make sure you get the full performance out of this sail.

FROM THE BEACH

The Icon has a good, strong construction, making it one of the longer lasting sails on test. It sets with little pre-shape in the battens, with medium downhaul and neutral power. Outhaul can make a huge difference, so don't be afraid to adjust it to your style of sailing, once you do the ride is smooth and stable. It takes some wind to get going, but progression onto the plane is smooth. The Simmer has a very good top end, staying in control when huge gusts want to push and pull you about. The medium to neutral pull helps you to keep fully sheeted in, ensuring the board stays in control.

SHOWING OFF

The Icon's build quality gives you confidence in waves, it's responsive reply to any movement means wave riding and corrections can happen without any problems. Dropping

down a face and cranking into your bottom turn the sail feels light, making it easy to hold power and time your top turn to perfection. Throwing the sail forward off the lip is easy when backside riding and a neutral feel enables corrections if it looks like you may take a fall! In the air the sail stays stable and although neutral in the hands the sail isn't twitchy, which helps if a gust hits while you're about to perform some kind of radical manoeuvre! The Icon does feel a little stiff with a relatively tight leech, this means it is less forgiving when landing from a jump, but if you have good technique this is not a problem.

SUMMING UP

With smooth, neutral power, a little weight but great responsiveness, the Icon suits most styles of sailor: so long as you rig it right!

HISTORY OF THE ICON

"2010 is the Icon's fourth reincarnation: it has developed into a highly tunable, super versatile wave weapon." *Farrel O'Shea*

TIPS FROM THE TOP

"Be warned: an under downhailed sail feels heavy and has a tendency to pitch you forwards!" *Tomas Persson*



Titanium eyelet with aramid reinforcement



Heavy duty tack furling and rigging strap