

SKEETA – Float like a Butterfly sting like a Bee



Dynamic development of a new market

Foiling dinghies have become well established in the last 15 years, since the advent of flying Moth. The foiling catamarans in the America's Cup provided additional impetus from 2013 onwards. Foiling - this unique sailing experience was previously reserved for only a few, mostly pro-sailors. Sailing skills, technical and financial requirements were high - usually too high. This situation is currently changing. Significantly and faster than generally assumed.

Scow-Shape rediscovered

Today the Scow shape is experiencing an unexpected comeback, not only in small boats. The hull of the SKEETA is based on the proven Australian Moth class Scow shapes. It has been optimised step by step to meet the requirements for foiling.

No snapshot

The SKEETA is the latest foiling dinghy of the 3rd generation, designed, built, tested and made ready for production by an Australian duo that has been designing Moths with or without foils for many years. An exchange of ideas and opinions with QUANTBOATS took place during the last years. Quite a few wishes and requirements on the part of QUANTBOATS could be taken into account. SKEETA fits perfectly with our philosophy today.

Fun throughout the entire wind range

Like all our boats, the SKEETA is characterized by good-natured behaviour and excellent all-round characteristics. There is no need to forego performance - on the contrary. This includes perfect foiling behaviour in the lower to medium wind range as well as comfortable, controlled and fast sailing in very light or very strong winds. Then you sail the boat preferably without foils. The T-foils can be quickly removed from the verticals or mounted with a push-button system.

Versatility, comfort and safety

SKEETA places great emphasis on versatility. The scow-shape makes the boat more stable. Not to compare with foiling Skiffs. Crashes barely know the boat. If it happens, they are well cushioned by the ample volume in the bow. Thanks to the flat hull the freeboard is tiny. Getting back into the stable floating boat, once you are capsized is almost effortless. This boat clearly is suitable for beginners, foiling training and leisure and fun. The "flying height", for example, is infinitely variable and can be adjusted at any time while sailing. Novices fly the boat over the surfaces as low as possible. This way you will take the first steps in your foiling career successfully. Surprised by stormy winds, vertical lift on the mainfoil can be reduced to zero to safely return in conventional sailing mode to a sheltered place.

Foils by „Glide Free“ : Reducing complexity to the max.

The Skeeta foiling system is a culmination of over 20 years of development with freely pivoting foils. The core design uses the Glide Free patented, articulated lifting foil with floating pushrod. This system provides low drag and prevents crashes and tripping which is experienced in most other foiling systems. At the heart of the control system is a retractable bow wand, which provides unparalleled control and versatility.

Further benefits of the Glide Free system are, that the foils can be easily clipped on or off, so it is no longer necessary to tip the boat on over when rigging. There is also no longer any need to control the rudder angle of attack while sailing. The wand and main foil take care of this automatically.

Vivacious temperament

In Australian colloquial language, "SKEETA" refers to a Mosquito species - the deadliest of all. The rather nice and peaceful appearance of the scow can also be deceptive. You wouldn't give it to the boat at first sight, but performance wise the SKEETA comes much closer to foiling Skiff-Moths than you might think. Even more demanding sailors and those who want to race, can get happy with the SKEETA.



Reality check passed

The aim was not only to create the easy-to-use and versatile foiler, but also a device that avoids a number of the well-known handling problems with Skiffs before, during and after sailing.

Preparations such as step up the rigg, mounting wings, hoisting sails as well as getting the boat in and out of the water are done quickly and easy going. The layout is user-oriented. Tidy and reduced to the absolute minimum. The hull is simple, robust and unsinkable! Capsizing and failed manoeuvres the boat copes easily.

The SKEETA is thus the foiling "singlehander", which can be handled by a solo sailor alone, much easier than what we are used to date, and without external help. On land, as on the water and across the entire wind range.

Technical specifications

Design and manufacturer

Design: James and David French, Melbourne, AUS

Manufacturer: Skeeta Foiling Craft, Melbourne, AUS

Foil-System : Glide Free Design, AUS

Responsible for Europe : QUANTBOATS AG, 6005 Lucerne, Switzerland

Measurements

- Length 3.35m, tripod/rudder gantry 300mm
- Width 1.35m/2.25m
- Total weight: 47kg
- Mast length/sail area 5.5m/8m², 6m/9.5m² (option)
- T-Foil in carbon, 1200mm, orange glossy. Mounting with push button
- Rudderfoil in Carbon, 890mm, orange glossy. Mounting with push button
- Vertical profiles (rudder and daggerboard), aluminium black anodised

Design/Functions

- Hull in glass/carbon composite construction
- Two-part carbon rigg with mast groove and halyard
- Boom, aluminium, black anodized
- Rudder box in alu/glass (black)
- Wand for foil control in carbon, flight altitude during sailing adjustable from zero lift to max. flight-height given by length of vertical profile (daggerboard)

Scope of delivery - ready to sail

- Boat, blades&foils, complete rigg and sail (8m²) as described above
- Delivered in solid corrugated cardboard box, contains all parts, incl. boat
- Padded bag for the boat, with zipper in grey/green
- Trolley in stainless steel, 370mm wheels
- All standing and running rigging
- Manual (preparing boat, settings, foiling techniques)

Sailaway prices in CHF and Euro incl. shipping costs (excl. Handing over fee, VAT, boat decoration)

(ex yard Switzerland, change of prices due to currency rates and shipping costs)

- CHF 17'675.-
- EUR 15'345.-

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