

The New 29' Family Speedster



Sailing Comfort with Speed to Burn

The New J/88 hits the sweet spot in J Boats' new generation of performance sprit boats. This mid-size 29' (8.8m) family speedster is fast, fun, and stable with the security and comfort of a sit-in cockpit, inboard diesel, weekending interior and onboard head. New boats should fill a need. J/88 is introduced by popular demand – by small keelboat sailors looking for the next step up in speed and comfort; and big boat sailors looking to downsize to a more fun, affordable, and manageable boat that can even be single-handed.

Like its speedster siblings (J/70 and J/111), J/88 is all about the joy of sailing - the exhilarating feel of a boat that responds instantly to slight changes in trim and course. The joy of sailing a well-balanced boat to windward in breeze and then hoisting an A-sail and flying over the waves, with only a few fingers lightly holding the tiller. When the wind dies to a whisper, the J/88, with its high aspect, non-overlapping sail plan (no genoas), has the sail power and low hull resistance to ghost along while others resort to motoring.

Handling the J/88 is a breeze. The mainsail and furling jib can be deployed in minutes. All halyards and sheets lead to the cockpit, and the primary winches are within reach of the driver - so solo tacking is an option without needing a jib boom or other device that reduces sail area and adds expense. When daysailing, friends can relax in the comfortable T-shaped cockpit, as you nimbly sail through the anchorage and single-handedly grab the mooring pennant. After sailing, simply raise the tiller and expand the cockpit seating to eight.





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Built to Last & Easy to Own

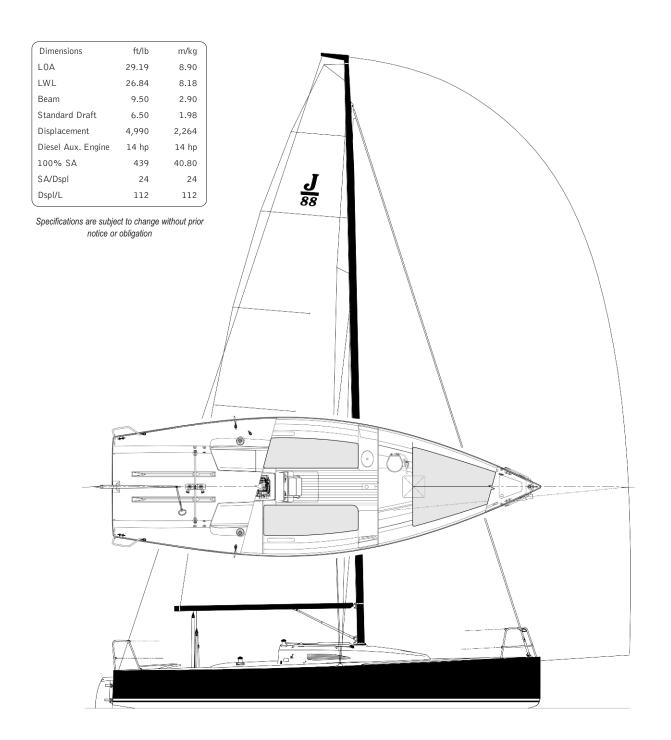
Performance and sailing comfort result from stability, and the J/88 is optimized where it counts to provide a smooth, stable ride. The Hall Spars two spreader, carbon mast is cured in a high pressure auto-clave to optimize strength/weight ratios, and is half the weight of an equivalent aluminum mast. The 6.5' high-aspect, L-shaped keel has a low VCG lead bulb with stainless structure that is encapsulated in a molded, pre-faired composite foil. The balanced, efficient hull form provides exceptional directional stability and control.

J/88 is the toughest J ever built under 30 feet. The structure and composite laminates are engineered to ISO 12215 structural standards. The all-composite hull, deck and structural grid are infusion molded in a temperature controlled environment. Biaxial and unidirectional fabrics are laid dry into precision crafted molds and then resin-infused under vacuum bag to maximize the laminate's material properties while minimizing emissions. The result is an extremely strong structure that can take a pounding for years.

Belowdecks, J/88 features an overnighting layout with two full length settee berths, and a private head forward of the main bulkhead with sail stowage and optional V-berth. There's comfortable seating for four in the main cabin with a mini-galley and nav area, and an Igloo cooler near the companionway. The engine is conveniently accessed on three sides. A cockpit seat locker to port allows dual access (above and belowdecks) to a large storage area, and additional storage is aft to starboard and below the settees.







With the J/88 you'll spend more time sailing and less time maintaining. There's no teak to varnish, no complicated systems to master, and when it comes time to haul the boat for the season, you have the do-it-yourself option of lowering the deck-stepped mast and even hoisting the boat out on its single-point lifting bar onto the trailer, and driving home. Your TCO (total cost of ownership) becomes even more manageable without having to rely on boatyards to handle all the needs of maintaining, launching and storing your boat.

There's nothing quite like sailing a boat that accelerates in the slightest of puffs, and yet stands strong when the breeze pipes in. A boat that is forgiving to trim and steer, and yet responsive to fine tuning. Better performing boats make better sailors because they provide the immediate feedback needed to improve one's own skills – every time sailing. J/88 is about bringing performance sailing to all ages and abilities, and delivering an incredible sailing experience, whether evening sailing with friends, soloing on a passage, or competing for silver in a J/88 fleet.



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