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New Boats At The Southampton Show

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The unique K1 mini yacht has a lifting keel with bulb weighing 60kg yet its all-up weight is little more than a conventional single-handed dinghy. The hull is constructed using the latest resin infusion techniques to minimise weight and the carbon spars are ultra light and responsive.



The K1 will be produced and marketed by K1 Sailing, an experienced team comprising the designer Paul Handley, builder Synthesize Yachts and the sales team at Vandercraft.

Paul Handley has designed successful keelboats and dinghies including the RS K6 and Mustang 30 keelboats and the very popular RS Feva and Tera dinghies, both ISAF recognised international classes.

The slender hull has little resistance when heeled so is quick and tacks through a very low angle. The jib is set on a self-tacking jib pole and the cockpit is deep and comfortable when sitting on the deck edge.

The introductory price is 4950 GBP inc VAT and sails for the production boat available from January 2010.

Length - 4.57m (15ft)
Beam - 1.22m (4ft)
Hull weight - 45kg
Keel weight - 60kg
Sailing weight - 125kg
Sail area - 11sqm
Carbon spars - Selden
Mylar sails - Hyde
Designer - Paul Handley

The K1 prototype is on display now at the Southampton Boat Show, Vandercraft Stand - B066

Test sails will be available from December and further information is available at www.K1sailing.com