

Interlake – The Simple Joy of Sailing!

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“Feels like a sailboat should.”

Durability of both boat and spars is unsurpassed. Many Forty-year-old boats are still competitive.

Who makes the best Interlake? Customflex. In fact, Customflex is the only builder the Interlake has ever had (not counting home built woodies). *Every fiberglass hull ever built has come out of the same mold.* You can't get more consistency than that! 419.875.5106 CUSTOMFLEX@yahoo.com

“Extremely Tactical” is the way multi class champion George Fisher describes Interlake racing. “The stiff mast makes a great equalizer.” says George. This fact also allows the skipper to tune into the great feel and responsiveness of the Interlake while concentrating on wind and tactics...not on tweaking the rig. Interlake racing is tight!

Interlake Sailing Class Association (ISCA) Mission Statement: *“To create an environment that promotes keen and friendly competition with an emphasis on teaching and assisting the entry level sailor.”* All Interlake owners are encouraged to join this organization that promotes fun and camaraderie while protecting the value of your investment. This includes daysailers/cruisers!

The Interlake is an ideal boat to teach sailing in. Interlakes are used in many learn-to-sail programs for kids of all ages. *Culver Military Academy* teaches sailing, tactics & teamwork in two types of sailboats. Those two elite types are the Laser and the Interlake (they have 20 Interlakes!)

Interlake events and fleets are family friendly. Local fleet activities include picnics, moonlight sails, teaching and racing. Husband/wife/kids/brothers/sisters is the most common gang found aboard. It's like playing the family feud!

Length: 18'	Main: 125 sq. ft.	Jib: 50 sq. ft.	Spinnaker: 200 sq. ft.
Beam: 6' 3"	Displacement: 650 lbs.		Draft (board up): 8"
Draft (board down) 4'7"	Day sailed comfortably by 1-5 adults.		Raced by 2-3

If you have any questions or would just like to chat please stop by the Grand Traverse YC or call:

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Interlake Sailing at its Finest!



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Fun – Fast – Friendly – Affordable

The Interlake is one of those "best kept secrets." Many sailors are not familiar with the design. It has to do with approach. The class has been strong since day one. There simply has never been a huge marketing blitz. The class just never wanted to be part of the International scene. The goal has always been to be a Midwest-regional class and to promote the family cruise plus high-level competition in a friendly atmosphere. Members not only value the feel and performance of the boat, as well as the competition, but also enjoy the festivities that surround these events. This philosophy has served the class well for seventy years. The class has remained active and healthy. Members have repeatedly placed well in the prestigious U.S.S.A. Champion of Champions Regatta, and served on U.S. Sailing's Executive Committee.

The Sandusky Sailing Club commissioned the Interlake in 1933. Francis Sweisguth, who had already designed the Star, was hired to develop a boat for the waters of Lake Erie and Sandusky Bay. The craft was to be tactical with a good turn of speed, raced by two to three people and also accommodate four or more adults for a comfortable day sail. It needed to be easily trailerable and easy to sail. The result was the Interlake. (It also single-hand very well).

When examining the Interlake the graceful similarities with the Star's lines are immediately noticeable. This accounts for the incredible feel. Further investigation reveals a sail plan that is simple to rig, simple to sail, and full of performance. In fact, today's hottest new designs (the expensive sport boats) have rigs remarkably similar to the Interlake's. Details such as: a large roachy main, smaller 110% jib, fractional rigging, and no backstay are similarities to both designs. This simple rigging not only produces turn key speed, but also makes trailering a breeze. The Interlake is also built to last. Forty plus year old boats still win the Nationals. They just keep going and going . . .

When sailing an Interlake you can expect a dry ride (in most conditions), good upwind ability, smooth planing off the wind, and good speed at deep sailing angles. Acceleration is good, better than with most similar dingy classes (such as the Lightning or Flying Scot), and maneuverability is exceptional. The helm is light and responsive, immediately telling the skipper what to do. If the skipper doesn't listen, the boat simply goes a little slower . . . it won't break anything or throw the crew in the drink (like a Laser might!). All the basic controls are there to adjust the sails to the conditions. Then just trim and go. The straight-ahead nature allows performance at peak level without a lot of tweaking. It is easy to make an Interlake go fast. This ease of speed also makes for extremely tactical racing. *THE PURE TACTICS OF RACING!*

The only way to truly understand that all of this is just part of the story is to take a ride. Yet the best part of the Interlake Sailing Class Association is not the boat, but the sailors. Sailors who cheerfully share their knowledge because they enjoy helping each other as well as close competition. Sailors who keep the good times going off the water as well. The Interlake and the company it keeps are, well, . . . irresistible.

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