

# OLIMPIC SAILS BACK ON TOP (AGAIN!)

The following is a report from Coach Rulo, Javier Borojovich from Argentina, after sail tests in Malaysia:

## **Speed test with the new Olympic sail cross cut design:**

During my recent optimist clinic in Malaysia I had the opportunity to do a sail test with some of the best optimist sailors on the globe. (three top-ten at the last worlds, the New Zealand champion and the vice-champion at the 2009 Europeans).

We did 8 days of sailing with the new cross cut sail from Olympic Sails. This new design was called “custom design” for the clinic but for me, they should name this sail “Toro” or “Ferrari” because it is the most powerful optimist sail at moment. *(This is the new Olympic “ALL BLACK”)*

We sailed in all the conditions (3 to 22 knots of wind) and the sail was used by sailors between 36 kg to 51 kg.

## **Test results:**

### **Light winds (3-8 knots) and flat ocean:**

- a) Upwind: The speed was same as the other models and brands.
- b) Downwind and reaching: The sailors had clearly more speed down wind

### **Medium winds ( 9-15 knots):**

- a) Upwind: when the chop increase the sailors using the new custom model had more power to go through the waves therefore more speed and pointing.
- b) Downwind: also the speed was fantastic

### **Strong winds (16 to 20+ knots):**

- a) Upwind: It is an easy sail to de-power by playing with outhaul, vang, luff tension sail ties and sprit. The sailors over 42 kg had amazing performance.
- b) Downwind: Still the most powerful and fastest sail downwind.

## **Conclusions:**

- This new model from Olympic Sails is a very powerful sail. Easy to use and adapt because has a balance shape (other sails with similar cut are much more difficult to use because they are very flat in the bottom part)
- The quality is perfect, same as the usual high-standards of Olympic Sails. The new sail cloth that they use in this model seems to help with this shape. We did not test the durability of this new cloth but we expect to be as good as the other Olympic models.
  - If your weight is more than 43 kg we are sure this new model will help you to sail faster.

-If your weight is between 38 and 42 kg and you have experience in big breeze you will benefit from this sail too, but if you are struggling in strong winds or your body weight is less than 38kg we recommend you to go for one the other models, radial or cross-cut.

Stay tuned for our next clinic! Good Winds!

Rulo

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## Where can I buy Olympic Sails?

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“We are proud to represent and sell Olympic sails as they have ALWAYS been at the forefront of design technology” reports Spencer Wiberley. “They put more into R&D and work with all the top world coaches soliciting feedback, constantly refining and tweaking their product. They are the most copied sails in history. Fad sails come and go, but eventually they have flaws that are exposed. When you give sails to the top kids...they are gonna win and it just keeps mushrooming along and many sailors follow blindly and go with what appears to be fast. The thing about Olympic Optimist sails is their consistent top performance and legacy of winning. I firmly believe they have been the fastest sails for most sailors for decades.”



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