

SEVEN SHINY NEW LIDOS For Orange Coast College

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For years and years, the Orange Coast College School of Sailing and Seamanship has used Lido 14s in their Beginning, Intermediate and Family sailing programs. When the school first began offering non-credit/fee based sailing courses in 1980, they started collecting used and donated Lidos and eventually built a fleet of about fifteen boats. After twenty years in the sailing program, OCC's fleet of "Classic" Lidos started to look pretty tired. So in early 2002 they sold their Lidos to another sailing school and ordered seventeen brand new "6000 Series" Lidos.



The sailing school has grown to one of the largest public boating education programs in the nation and teaches sailing to about 5,000 people of all ages each year. The school is open seven days a week, January through November, so the Lidos are used approximately 300 days each year. As you can imagine, they lead a pretty hard life. In



December of 2008, OCC retired seven Lidos and ordered seven new ones.

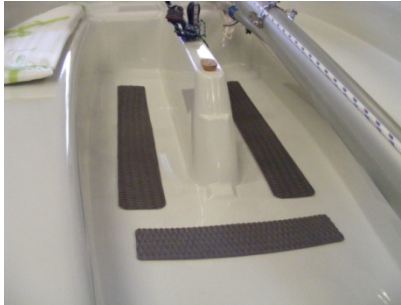
To be sure the boats will stand up as well as possible to the daily strains typical of sailing schools, we have worked closely with the staff to make their Lidos as bullet proof as possible. We strengthen the hull, deck, centerboard trunk, and the corners of the seats. We provide sturdier masts, booms, pintles, and gudgeons. The bow is protected from crash landings with an incredible bow bumper. Non-skid is installed in the cockpit sole. The mainsail is equipped with foam floatation at the head, and the boom is raised several inches so the students don't have to duck their heads during tacks and jibes. We also color code all of the lines so the instructors can say, "Pull the blue outhaul line" and get results without panicking the students. All of this makes these special Club Model Lidos a little heavier than the standard boat, but it makes them perfect for sailing schools.

In their brochure, the OCC Sailing School gives this little bit of advice: "Even if keelboats seem tempting to you, plan on taking at least two Lido classes before moving on to the Shields. Dinghy sailing is the best way to get the basics down pat, and will give you a

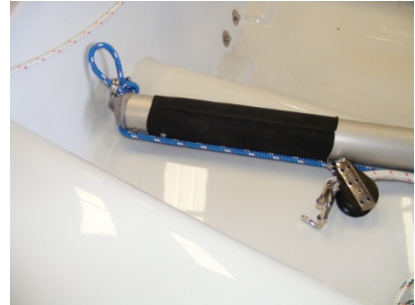
sensitivity to the wind – and to the dynamics of sailboats – which will make you a far better big boat sailor.” We think that is very good advice! And we are proud that this dynamic sailing school as chosen to continue using Lido 14s.



Bow & stem bumpers



Non-skid on cockpit sole



Shrink tube to protect boom



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