

Larry Tuttle

By Jim Holder



One of the most sought after objectives in sailboat racing is speed, and a good place to start in this pursuit is the foils. The centerboard and rudder, the guiding and power forces below the surface, are equally as important as the sails which provide the power from above the surface. Understanding the dynamics of design and manufacture of foils is a true science, and one of the most knowledgeable in this science is a very quiet and unassuming man named Larry Tuttle. Larry has been involved in sailing for most of his 35 years. While his sailing accomplishments are many, his interest and talents have led him to also become involved in the construction of boats, centerboards and rudders. He is well known as one of the top builders of 505's and sailboards used for world class competition.

Crewing, Larry took a 1st in the 1976 North American 505 championships, and 2nd in the 505 Worlds in 1977. As a skipper, he took 6th in the 505 1981 Worlds and 5th in the Contender 1986 Worlds. The Contender is a one-man trapeze boat.

In the late 70's Larry worked on the East coast with Mark Lindsey, a well

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known builder. He came west in 1981 and after a couple of ventures opened his own shop, Waterat, in Santa Cruz, California. Larry gained national recognition in 1984, building many of the boards and rudders for the U.S. Olympic team. In the 1988 Olympics, his foils were on the Gold and Bronze medal winners men's 470 class, and on all three medal winners of the Flying Dutchman. Women's 470 gold medal winner Allison Jolly's boat was rigged by Larry. Larry's foils have been used by every Catalina 15 North American Champion for the past 5 years.

His most recent accomplishment was building and rigging an Ultimate 30 (hull weight 800 lbs.) for Russell Long. His addition to the crew (as well as builder) helped Long pick up the first place prize in Milwaukee, WI for winning the regatta - \$75,000.00.

It's very obvious that Larry doesn't need to do a lot of advertising, his reputation precedes him. And like all true sailors, he is very quick to be helpful and pass along constructive information. He is the type of guy you just have to like

immediately. As I mentioned earlier, Larry is a very quiet person, but my grandmother always told me, "Still waters run deep." I hope you get the chance to meet him someday.

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The 2nd Annual All Catalina/Capri National Associations Seminar will be held March 3 & 4, 1989 at Seal Beach Yacht Club, Long Beach, CA. Association Officers and Fleet Captains: Plan to attend! If you weren't there last year, you really missed something! If you haven't already received information regarding this, contact Doris Goodale, C-30 Executive Secretary for details.

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