



NORTH ICE 5.3

STATS LUFF (CM) **436** BOOM (CM) **173** BATTENS **5**
REC MAST 400 EXTENSION REQ **36**
IMPORTER BOARDS AND MORE SURF CENTRE

You'll like... The smooth control mixed with easy maneuvering making it a very hard sail to beat.
You won't like... The slightly soft feel. A change to those who are used to the crisp twitchy feel of previous ice's. (Not us!! We loved it!)
Why not try... Before changing down give it some more down and outhaul. The wind range of the Ice is brilliant!

FROM THE BEACH

Looking at the sail it appears to have a lot of shape. The VTS is as usual very accurate so the sail is very easy to rig. The battens finish a long way past the mast making rotation appear very hard but we actually never had a problem. The foil of the sail has been cleverly designed to keep it feeling one of the most neutral on test but still very soft and stable at the same time. Because the battens finish so far past the mast the luff stretches to give the sail a forgiving feel. Fingertip sailing is very easy and maneuvering the sail is also great fun. When the wind picks up it is easy to flatten the sail off and stay in control.

SHOWING OFF

Its ease of use, made it effortless to get the Ice into any position. Feeling slightly soft yet sensitive jumping had endless control. Pull comes from smack bang in the middle of

the harness lines so if you need a bit more power be sure to pull hard! When it came to riding a wave the Ice reacted exactly how a wave sail should. Plenty of life but staying balanced and light at the same time. The North is easy to over sheet into your bottom turn and because of the neutral feel you never come back up a wave and off the top over powered. Riding backside where you need to throw the sail around a lot the Ice again makes light work of it. The sail backwinds easily and stays stable with the wind coming from the opposite side then throwing the mast forward brings the power back where you want it straight away. The Ice is also a brilliant sail for freestyle.

SUMMING UP

The 5.3 Ice is a great all round wave sail. We found it sailed with stable and neutral power but collected plenty for early planning.

HISTORY OF THE ICE

We have always tried to give it its own identity and feel. light in the hands but still with a good range of power. *Nik Baker*

TIPS FROM THE TOP

On a RDM, downhaul to the max and a little outhaul provides enough power for jumping as well as drive in the turns. *Nik Baker*



Twin clew eyelets on the ice.



Padded tack fairing