

Hobie Cat

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Dear TriFoiler Customers,

We have decided to supply a leeboard kit with each new TriFoiler. It is meant to make beaching and launching easier and thus safer. For the experienced TriFoiler sailor the leeboard may not be desirable, but it is recommended for the beginner.

The leeboard is nearly 3 feet long and weighs about 3.5 lbs. and will be bonded to the port side of the main hull ahead of the main beam. The foil will provide lateral resistance to the front of the boat when the foils are up. A line will lead back to the cockpit so that the leeboard can be retracted neatly up next to the main hull and just under the main beam during normal sailing. A bungi cord will pull the board down when the line is released and the board is free to swing back if the boat hits the beach.

The difficulty with the TriFoiler currently is that it does not sail well upwind with the foils retracted. In many cases this requires you to sail close to the beach with the foils down and jump out as soon as you can . With this improvement the leeboard can be deployed and the foils retracted from the cockpit in deep water and then you are free to concentrate on releasing the rudder so that you can sail the boat onto the beach if the wind is blowing off shore. It will still be desirable to back the boat on to the beach if the wind is blowing onshore.

The leeboard does not make beaching and launching fool proof. You must still understand the technique of beaching and launching., but the leeboard provides more options and it makes it easier and safer.

The leeboard will come in a kit that will include all the parts that you need and you can install the leeboard with simple tools. A fiberglass part will be bonded to the hull that provides a flat surface and a pivot for the foil to pivot on.

We are supplying this kit to you at no cost because we want you to enjoy your boat as much as possible.

Sincerely;

Greg Ketterman Ext. 203