

Fireball 15162

A 2019 Winder Fireball new for the World Championships in Canada, fitted out by James Dawes from Pinnell and Bax.

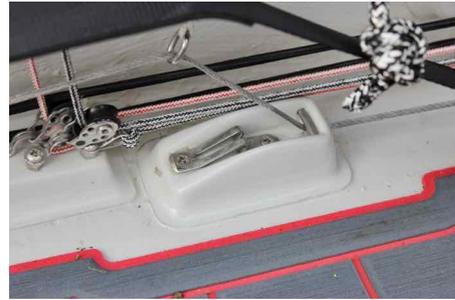


15162 has gone all out with the optional extras, the most noticeable being the Sea-dek custom flooring however other more subtle upgrades have also been added on!

The strut, with a 12:1 pull back back allowing easy adjustment on the fly, is positioned as low as possible on the mast. Where a high strut changes the bend characteristics, a low strut would allow your mast to bend as it would with chock. It also allows the jib to pass over easily, increasing its longevity. It has the added benefit that you don't need to remember the pull and release a puller between upwind and downwind, reducing the chance of mast inversion. We have been experimenting with calibration across the washboard for this meaning settings can be easily identified, especially when raking on the water.



There is a windward sheeting system on the boat allowing the boom to be pulled slightly to windward. This means that the leech of the sail can be kept as close to the centreline in light winds without hooking the leech. The handles are easily accessible by both crew and helm through the thwart and it is a 'self tacking' system that auto releases when tension comes off the sheet through a tack. To ensure the system stays square there is an adjustable splice, this also means the amount of windward sheeting can be changed. Dave Winder has done a great job of moulding everything into the boat making it look clean and tidy whilst running smoothly.



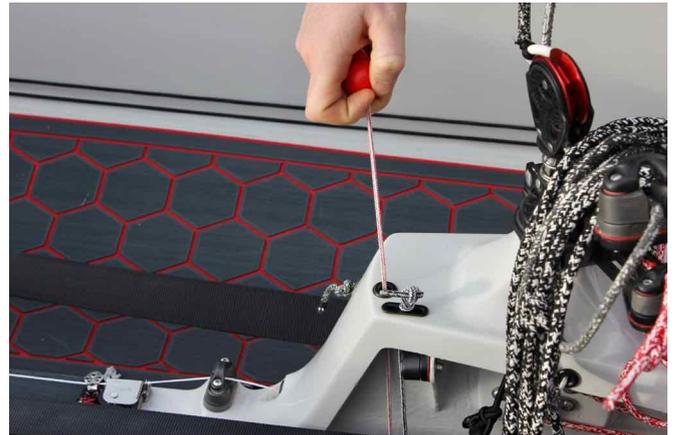
Combined with an adjustable strut, the 'knot system' on the shrouds and a fine tune rig tension led back to the helm has made raking whilst sailing possible. A Ronstan turnbuckle system has made keeping the shroud length equal easy as the knots bed in.





Other controls have been made more accessible starting with the flattener being moved from the boom to the washboard. On the other side of the compass, the pole down has been moved from the centreboard case.

The bags are closed through the outside of the washboard, however they can either be opened by the crew or by the helm from a linked in opener under the mainsheet and kicker jammer. The jib cunningham has also been moved back here.



The centreboard control has taken up bringing it to outside of the boat so that again it can be easily found and adjusted by both helm and crew without having to reach inboard or forward.

