



## **Celebrating a Masterwork of Marine Design**

### **The Olson 30 Ultra Light Displacement Boat**

#### **The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Championship Regatta - July 17 to 20, 2008**

Built to plane ocean crests like a surfboard, the Olson 30 sailboat is the choice of the achievement-minded boat owner. Thirty years ago the Olson 30 was one of the first production boat to use the new ultra light displacement boat (ULDB) fiberglass construction technique. Revolutionary at the time, the building method has been the basis for modern racing boats since then. The Olson 30 National Championship Regatta for 2008 commemorates the 30-year anniversary of the milestone in boat design.

### **Wind Warrior**

Like any dedicated competitor intent on winning, the Olson 30 combines Spartan living conditions with a fit body. With a combination of light weight, strength, and clever design, it can skim past boats 10 or 20 feet longer. For its size, the Olson 30 is one of the fastest racing boats in light or heavy air. The Channel Islands High Point Series is a marathon involving all boats of the eight or nine yacht clubs in Ventura County, Calif., throughout all races of the entire season. In 2007, against aggressive sailors, the Olson fleet claimed first and second place

Serious competition leaves little room for comfort. The Olson 30 sacrifices interior amenities and below decks headroom for performance. The design is long and low in the water, accelerates fast, accommodates a large spinnaker, maneuvers well in tight places, and surfs the waves for speed.

### **Staying Power**

Also like any champion, the Olson 30 has prevailed over time. In 1978 George Olson founded Pacific Yachts in Santa Cruz, Calif., and adapted his innovative ideas first to the Olson 30. He produced 246 of the 30-foot sailboats. The boatyard emphasized craftsmanship, quality techniques and above-average construction standards. The builders thinly laminated resin over a balsa core with sealed joints and teak trim, became the benchmark of ULDB boat building in the 1980's.

Thirty years later the glasswork is still seaworthy. Among sailors who focus on performance, Olson 30 owners keep their boats in condition, adding to the longevity of the fleet. Although most of the new boats were sold on the West Coast, the boat's reputation created national and international demand. Today the Olson 30 fleet extends across the United States to the Great Lakes, the Chesapeake and the Northeast, and the Southeast, including Texas.

The racing sailboat that started as a new concept three decades ago is George Olson's legacy today.