

What's New

MALBEC 18

It's always exciting when a new production trailersailer comes along—especially one that seems to offer a load of nice features.

In conversations with Ken Lange, former owner of International Marine (West Wight Potter), we learned about a new boat he's helping to launch domestically—the Malbec 18—a sporty pocket cruiser with accommodations for a family of four.

As fans of hard-chined boats, we quite like the aesthetics. The Malbec reminds us of something like a sportier Potter 19, which would also explain why Ken likes the design so much. It seems like it has the potential to be an excellent all-round boat: shallow-draft for easy trailering, good accommodations for a family, and some focus on performance.

The Malbec was designed by Heraldo Norbert Ruesch in Argentina and is being marketed here by Ventura Sport Boats in Marina Del Rey, California. www.venturasportboats.com or phone 646-533-7166. They will also have a booth at the Oakland boat show

We look forward to reviewing the boat when we can get our hands on one.

LUCI LIGHT 2.0

The folks at MPOWERD have released an updated version of their inflatable solar-powered Luci Lights—the Luci Light 2.0.

This new version is even brighter with four modes and an adjustable base strap. From using it on our bicycles at night to our tent to our anchor light—we use these lights for everything! \$19.95 Call SCA at 800-979-1930. •SCA•



Specs

Length over all.....18'
 length waterline.....16'
 Beam.....7' 2"
 Draft.....10".....3' 6"
 Cabin height.....4' 6"
 Mast length.....23'
 Mast height.....26'

Boat weight..... 1500 Lbs.
 Centerboard weight...90 Lbs
 Ballast.....450 Lbs

Main sail.....102 SqFt
 Jib.....55 SqFt
 Genoa.....98 SqFt
 Spinnaker.....120 SqFt