

Kemp Sails

Cruising Sails

Coastal range

If you want no-nonsense, straightforward cruising sails without all the 'bells and whistles', our Coastal range is the perfect choice. We incorporate all the features you're ever likely to need for coastal cruising - and, should you take part in the occasional club race, you'll be surprised at the difference a new suit of sails can make. Although they don't have all the 'go-fast' features and higher-tech fabrics of some of our more expensive sail ranges, the shape built in by our computer-aided-design will ensure first-rate performance. Combine that with our careful selection of cloth according to the load pattern in the sail - plus our top-quality finishing - and you can be sure of efficient, easy-to-use and durable sails at a highly competitive price.

Before your sails are started, of course, we need accurate measurements - because no matter how carefully a sail is cut, it's no good if it doesn't fit the boat. That's why we'll measure your boat when possible. If it isn't, and we're working from figures you've supplied, we'll cross-check them against a sail plan to try and eliminate any possibility of error. We also ask you to provide us with measurements from your boat, not your old sails. Other important factors include genoa track positions, so we can ensure the correct sheeting angle. In short, we take every care to ensure that your new sails fit, perform and last.

Full details of your sails' specification will be shown on your quotation - and the features and extras for each of the sail ranges are listed on the inside of the measurement form. But here's an outline of what the Coastal range includes:

MAINSAILS: Two reefs, sail numbers, logo (where appropriate), luff and foot sliders or bolt rope, leech line, glassfibre battens in elasticated pockets, telltales at each batten, hydraulically pressed rings, separate luff, leech and foot tapes, and sail bag.

GENOAS: Either a pre-stretched luff rope with bronze piston hanks in brass grommets, or a headfoil luff tape. Cross-cut or radial design depending on load pattern. Sail numbers (if required), separate leech, luff and foot tapes, hydraulically pressed rings, telltales and sail bag.

ROLLER GENOAS: Luff tape to suit headfoil. Ultra-violet protective strips in a choice of colours. Soft webbing head and tack tapes. Other features as for standard genoas.

CRUISING CHUTES: Radial head or cross-cut design. Dacron luff tape, nylon leech and foot tapes (all colour-coded). Hydraulically pressed rings. Triple stitched, anti-sag seams using UV-protected polyester thread. Launching bag.

SPINNAKERS: Radial head, tri-radial or star-cut designs. Colour-coded corners, leech tapes and foot tapes. Head and clew labels. Sail numbers (if required). Triple stitched, anti-sag seams. Choice of front or side-launching bags.





Performance Cruising

At Kemp, we realise that just because you cruise, it doesn't mean you've no interest in performance. After all, who enjoys being overtaken? Equally, many cruising sailors also take part in club racing, and want sails with a built-in performance edge which will reward their competitive instincts.

That's why we've introduced our Performance Cruising range. When you race - or cruise further afield - you're subjecting your sails to higher loads for longer periods than coastal sailors, and this calls for a different approach from the sailmaker. We use higher-tenacity yarns in certain areas for lower stretch and extra shape stability - plus, on the mainsails, features like metal clew sliders, heavy-duty rings, and extra chafe reinforcement. Getting the best from your boat also means keeping an eye on sail trim, which is made easier with camber stripes and extra telltales. And to give you maximum scope for shape adjustment according to the wind strength and point of sailing we include, on the mainsails, tapered battens, a luff cunningham, leech line cleats at each reef point and a leech flattener, together with reef 'spectacles' (rings on webbing straps) at the luff for easy attachment to the tack horns. Another feature you may wish to consider is a loose foot for optimum control of sail shape.

As for the choice of fabrics, much depends on the panel layout. We won't recommend a fabric unless it's the right one for the sail design which we believe is best suited to your boat and proposed use. Sometimes you have a choice - a more simply-built sail for which a standard Dacron or polyester is perfectly suitable, or a more complex panel layout which calls for specialised materials. In the latter case - particularly where laminated cloths are involved - we recommend our Performance Cruising Plus. These sails share the same features as our Performance Cruising range, but give you the option of a more sophisticated sail for the ultimate in long-lasting performance.

Cruisemaster Range

As boats increase in size, so do the demands on your sails. We know, because we're equipping an ever-increasing number of long-distance cruising yachtsmen, whose sails see more use in a year than most do in 10 seasons. With our Cruisemaster range, it's more important than ever to discuss your specific requirements with us, because individual needs vary enormously with different types of rig, boat size and sailing area.

Despite these variables, we always incorporate certain features in our larger sails for offshore use - like two rows of three-step stitching in UV-resistant thread, extra anti-chafe patches, aluminium leech line cleats, reinforced batten pockets, and hand-sewn luff sliders on mainsails. As with the sails in our Performance Cruising Plus range, there's a choice of fabrics including laminates (woven threads bonded to a Mylar film). With their high strength-to-weight ratios, inherent shape stability and longevity if looked after, these fabrics - once seen solely in racing circles - can offer

