

## First impressions of... the NEW Olympic board?

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Lucy Horwood and Nick Dempsey give us their opinions.



Lucy Horwood, 2005 European Formula Champion, says:

### **What are your first impressions?**

My first observation is that it is very heavy! I have sailed it in light winds and in about 18 knots. In the light winds with the daggerboard down it goes upwind but it is difficult to rail because of the weight. In the breezy stuff I rather liked it, it isn't as 'free feeling' like a Formula board but it is quite comfortable to sail in the back straps upwind and downwind. In moderate winds it requires a lot of pumping and it is very tiring!!

**Is it easy to sail and will it suit the general public as an all-purpose board?**