

SEAWIND
1160 XL

DEALER NOTICE

New Model Announcement



A new model **SEAWIND 1160** has been developed at our production facility in Saigon, with all tooling already completed and the first few boats already in full production. The new model **SEAWIND 1160 XL** will be launched in **March 2025** and she is looking stunning with her new lines and modern styling....

The SW1160 has won numerous International Design and Boat of the Year Awards, vindicated by hundreds of 1160's sold & sailing all over the world. With many hundreds of ocean crossings and a good number of world circumnavigations to its credit, the 1160 has been a huge success for Seawind and is loved by all who have sailed & cruised in it.

With the new SW1160XL, we have continued the concept & design features that have been so successful and so loved. The new model still retains all the features of the previous 1160, but we have given it a total design makeover to take it to the next level, with complete new tooling throughout. This new boat is going to be an amazing offshore performance boat whilst still retaining it's role as the perfect weekend sailor & entertainer. I feel very confident that we'll see another hundred plus boats of this new model joining the older style 1160s and 1160 Lites in every corner of the globe.

What are the changes we have made?

Overall, we have incorporated over 30 design changes from the current SW1160 Lite to the new SW1160XL. Some of these are major ones which have made significant improvements in relation to style, performance, safety and ergonomics. Some are relatively minor but addressing small issues that we feel needed improvement, enhancing the overall product experience for our customers following years of qualified feedback.

What I believe now is that this new model 1160XL is a major step up from what was already one of the best 38ft performance catamarans ever designed for serious offshore sailing.


A list of the upgrades made in comparison to a 2024 Seawind 1160 Lite

<p>DESIGN & STRUCTURE</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Re-designed to meet ISO rules Category A Offshore. EU Certification 2. Structural laminate optimized to reduce weight 3. Revised sail plan, increasing the size of both main & jib 4. Increased length and beam overall Now 11.83 mtrs / 38ft 10"- increase of 180mm / 10 inches Beam now 6.6 mtrs and increase of 120mm
<p>EXTERIOR</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Extra 60 mm hull beam: The effect of this is huge. More buoyancy resulting in an increased underwing clearance. Greater interior volume & space 6. Changed underwater shape for increased performance. This was done in conjunction with renowned Australian marine architect Stuart Bloomfield 7. Wider transom & transom flare. This will increase off wind sailing performance 8. Reverse Bows: These look great but will have huge benefits. More powerful bows and greatly increased bow buoyancy 9. Raised foredeck. This has many benefits exterior & interior 10. Front beam raised by 250mm creating less opportunity for wave contact. Front beam in carbon 11. Modern new Seawind profile : The new profile is our latest styling that will align the 1160XL with the new 1170 & 1370, both now Boat of the Year winners 12. Flat deck from transom to bow making access going forward much easier & safer 13. Hull Deck walkways are 60mm wider 14. Molded toe rail in line with the latest CE requirements 15. New side window shape in keeping with models 1170 & 1370 16. Bow Seats now standard 17. Side access gate allowing easy boarding by less agile people 18. Four wire lifelines – 800mm high as standard. This provides enhanced offshore safety & security 19. Extended transom step for easier boarding from the dock 20. Larger outboard nacelles to house up to twin 50hp high thrust outboards. Yamaha 25hp high thrust outboards are standard 21. Saloon windows (both forward opening & side windows) are more upright to provide better visibility & increased interior volume 22. Helm windows are lifting windows for opening & closing 23. Changed roof design to allow increased solar panel capacity 24. Rain water catcher incorporated into roof design 25. Increased forward locker depth & volume for increased storage 26. Re-design of helm seats. Now full width for 2 large adults
<p>INTERIOR</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 27. Huge increase in interior volume with wider hulls and increased freeboard 28. Wider (60mm) walkways in both hulls 29. Hull floors (port & starboard) now one level throughout (previously sunken floors in forward cabins) 30. Forward beds: Huge increase in height above the beds 31. Wider cabin doors 32. Aft starboard bed now a proper double bed. Length 1.93mtr Width 1.30mtr 33. Hull head height 1.93mtr; Saloon head height 1.95mtr



The history of the **SEAWIND 1160** and why I felt this model should continue rather than be replaced

Generation 1: The **SEAWIND 1160** launched in 2004



In 2004, Seawind launched its very first Seawind 1160 from their factory in Sydney, Australia.. Following the success of the Seawind 1000 (Australia's highest production run sailing yacht over 30 foot), the 1160 was instrumental in driving modern multihull designs in a new direction, with her award-winning use of space in a 38 foot catamaran, her sleek lines and innovative design features.

The trifold door in particular pioneered a move for creating a larger indoor/outdoor living space, perfect for the warmer climates we now see as commonplace, some 20 years later.





Very quickly, the Seawind 1160 became a very popular boat amongst what was then a much smaller multihull market, with monohulls still dominating the scene, especially in the US, but with growth soon to come. Improved stability, comfort and liveability, the catamaran market has never looked back with the largest growth sector over the last 20 years in boat manufacturing. There are countless 1160s that have crossed oceans around the world, with a number of circumnavigations recorded also.

Generation 2: The *SEAWIND 1160 LITE*, launched 2014

In 2012, Seawind moved to Vietnam following the global financial crash of the late 2000s. In that time, the market had shifted and there was a need to simplify the boat. By 2014, the Seawind 1000 was no longer in production, however there were so many great features that our customers loved from that tried and tested model. The beauty of the SW1000 was her simplicity. Simple to operate, simple to maintain, simple to own. With that we sought to simplify the specification of the 1160 to reduce the costs and ensure that Seawind had a robust but capable market entry catamaran again, albeit at a larger 38ft size. This brought the introduction of outboards to the 1160 in the form of the 1160 Lite. Dramatically reducing drag under sail, reducing weight and costs along with reducing maintenance, the outboard engine ticked so many boxes for ease of sailing and continues to be a huge success with the 1160 Lite. Including the 23 SW1190 Sports produced, our Seawind team have produced another 111 hulls since switching to the Seawind 1160 Lite generation in 2014.



Generation 3: The SEAWIND 1160 XL, launching March 2025

Evolving the successful and award-winning design of the Seawind 1160 and 1160 Lite, the latest generation Seawind 1160 is a brand new development project. Through years of continuous improvement and product updates, the 1160XL encompasses the latest technology in construction, engineering and equipment supply. Meeting the modern cruising sailor's demands, the Seawind 1160XL is both a perfect coastal cruiser whilst also being even more blue water capable than her predecessors. Initial production for 2025 is focused on the standard 1160XL model, however 2026 will bring about the Seawind 1190 Sport replacement in the new hull form as the 1190XL Sport. This boat will have daggerboards, dagger style rudders, a larger sail plan and reduced construction weight. Targeted are the shallow draft sailor, regatta boat or just someone wanting to take it that bit faster in the water without giving up all the comforts found on a modern Seawind. Finally, in 2026, Seawind will also release the 1160XLE (electric) and 1160XLE Sport. This will be a hybrid electric boat currently in development, but not yet ready for public release.

The Seawind 1160 over the years has proven to be an extremely successful boat for Seawind but importantly also for our owners. Whilst aesthetics and equipment change over time, the fundamentals of good yacht design, such as ergonomics, safety and good sailing performance remain constant. Getting these right in the initial design of the 1160 is why this model has continued to be so successful over time. Now, in 2025, with a series of design updates and a more modern set of lines, I'm excited to unveil our latest version of what has been one of our most successful models.

You can see a video walk through of the first 1160XL here:



Best Regards,



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