

A Classy, Glassy Sailboat for Under \$200 a Foot

Performance Sailcraft, Inc., began full-time boat building five years ago. Their Laser, designed and built by Olympic sailors, was such a walloping success that the firm began issuing franchises to firms all over the world. (They all use identical molds.) Now PSI has designed the Tasar which is bigger and possibly, depending on your needs, better. The Laser is 13 feet 10.5 inches long, with a 350-pound flotation capability. It has a reinforced fiberglass hull, a white dacron

sail, an anodized aluminum mast and stainless steel and plastic fittings. Built for one person or two, if both are light and compact, it is easy to steer, unsinkable and easy to right. It sells for around \$1,050. The Tasar, 14 feet 10 inches, has a 450-pound flotation capability. It has a cockpit for two, a rotating wing mast, a daggerboard that can be angled and 123 square feet of mainsail and jib. It costs around \$2,500. Both are available at boatyards across the US.

