

J[®]
108

Performance Cruising with 4' Draft
35' of Sailing Comfort, Speed and Ease





Photography by Billy Black

Shoal Draft Performance

For passionate sailors who appreciate sailing freedom and sea-kindly performance, the J/108 opens up an exciting new world. Why settle for mediocre performance to access the world's many beautiful shallow water inlets, harbors and cruising grounds, when you "can have your cake and eat it too" with the J/108? Here's a design that offers all one could want in a shoal water capable, 35' cruising yacht - a full interior, standing headroom, simplified sail handling, large comfortable cockpit, and legendary J performance. With only 4' draft, the J/108 draws the same as a J/24 and can take you many more places in style and comfort.

Design Pedigree

The J/108 builds on the success of the award winning J/95 and has evolved from the combined experience of the J Boats design team, the J network of builders and dealers, and 370+ J/109 owners who have daysailed, cruised and raced their boats around the globe. Sharing the sea-kindly hull shape of her predecessor, J/108 benefits from the latest developments in keel, rudder and rig design, and simplified sail handling systems. The J/95, the first of J Boats' new shoal performance series, was the USA sailboat industry's first combined winner of *Sailing World's* Overall Boat of the Year and *Cruising World's* Overall Boat of the Year.

J/108 Cruising Technology

Underlying J/108's leap in shoal-draft sailing is a fixed keel with integral pivoting centerboard. Add to this the twin rudder steering, an efficient hull shape, and manageable sailplan, and the result is a cruising yacht that delivers a smooth ride while retaining the stability needed for offshore passages. Like the J/95, the J/108 excels upwind in shoal draft mode, and with a simple adjustment of the centerboard control line, can be converted to deep draft. Finger-tip, wheel steering with near hockey stop turning power in any wind provides both exceptional balance and confidence when maneuvering in tight quarters or rough conditions.

Easy Does It

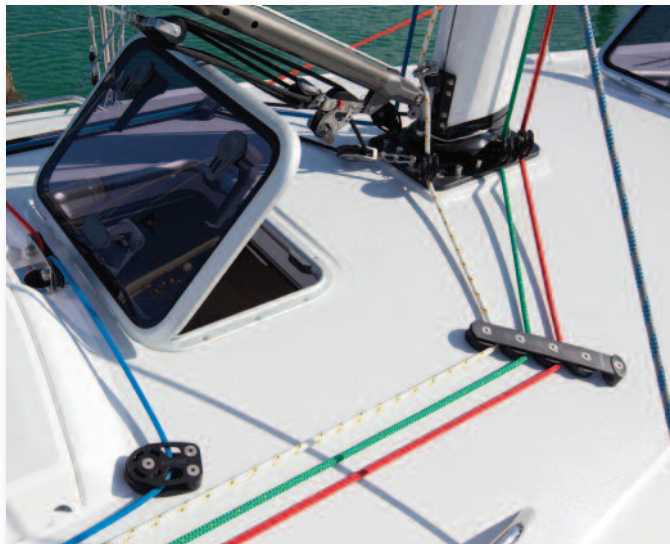
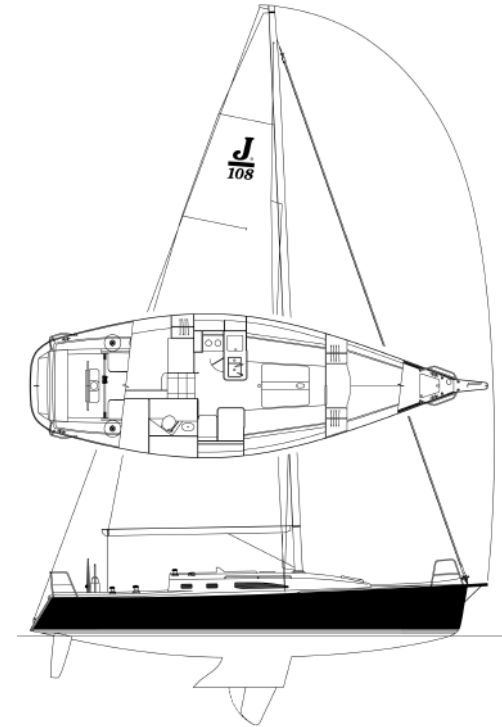
One person is all it takes to sail the J/108 to 95% of its potential. The key is a deck layout that minimizes crew work. The helm-led mainsheet system (to two winches) allows one to steer and trim the mainsail at the same time from either side of the cockpit; whether harbor sailing under mainsail alone or optimizing sail trim for offshore passage-making. To step on the gas and reach 8+ knot cruising speeds, just unfurl the jib using one of the cockpit primary winches.

Simplifying life is all part of the performance cruising mantra, especially when it comes to anchoring and spinnaker handling. The J/108 features a fixed, composite bowsprit which doubles as an integral anchor roller, and an attachment point for a furling gennaker. Anchoring is as easy as pushing the windlass button. The furling gennaker can be pre-rigged to the sprit and then deployed later to deliver double-digit speeds without having to leave the cockpit. When the wind falls below 10 knots and most other cruisers have to resort to the diesel, you can still be sailing the J/108.

Sailing Freedom Redefined

Daysailing. Cruising. Passage-making. The J/108 is all about the joy of sailing, where ever you sail. J designs have crossed the world's seven seas, rounded the Capes, and logged 100's of thousands of cruising and racing miles. But one doesn't have to travel to far-away places to fulfill life-long dreams of escape and adventure. Some of the best places to explore are likely within an afternoon's sail on a J/108, and the icing on the cake - the journey will be as much fun as reaching the destination.





	Metric	U.S.
LOA	10.74 m	35.25'
LWL	9.30 m	30.50'
Beam	3.51 m	11.50'
Draft	1.22/2.10 m	4.0'/6.8'
Displacement	5,172 kg	11,400 lbs.
Ballast	1,996 kg	4,400 lbs.
100% SA	56 m ²	603 ft ²
I	13.56 m	44.50'
ISP	14.26 m	46.80'
J	4.05 m	13.30'
P	12.62 m	41.40'
E	4.52 m	14.83'
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