

Welcome Aboard!

Stormrider is a Rhodes 19 day sailer built in 1971. About 3,000 of these one-design racers have been made from 1958 to the present. They are 19 feet long, and weigh 1,325 pounds. Almost a third of that weight is iron ballast in the keel, which helps with stability. We have had her since the spring of 2023.

There is a very important rule when sailing on this boat: everyone must have a PFD on at all times. Apart from that, wearing sunscreen is a good idea, having a water bottle is another good idea, and using the restroom before setting sail is an especially good idea.

When we go out, everyone will be part of the crew, so everyone will get to help with sailing. You don't have to know how to sail. If we're lucky enough to have decent wind, we'll help you learn as we go.

We use various lines to control the position of the sails so we can generate movement. It's probably obvious that the wind can push us across the water in a downwind direction. With properly adjusted sails, though, we can generate lift that pulls us across the water when angling upwind. We control our direction with the tiller, which is attached to the rudder. The tiller can seem counterintuitive. Push it to the right to turn left, and to the left to turn right.

