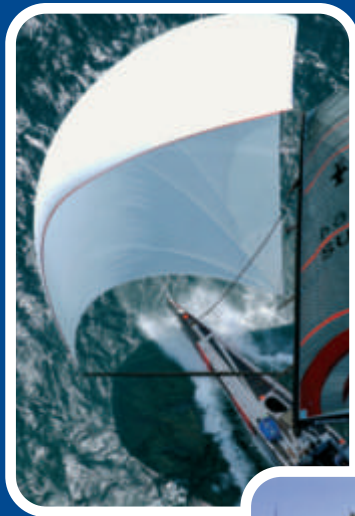


Spinnaker Fabrics



America's Cup

The last three America's Cup winners
all selected Contender Spinnaker
cloth for their downwind sails

1995 San Diego

Team NZ defeats Young America 5-0

2000 Auckland

Team NZ defeats Prada 5-0

2003 Auckland

Alinghi defeats Team NZ 5-0



The right cloth for your boat and the right cloth for the way you sail.

Whether you are competing at the America's Cup, Olympic Games, Volvo Ocean Race, local club regatta or simply day cruising with the family, everyone's requirements are different. It is important to choose the right spinnaker cloth to get the right sail for your needs.

Why should you insist on Contender Spinnaker Fabrics?

By working closely with yarn suppliers, weavers, and finishers in Europe and North America, Contender has developed a unique understanding of the fabrics needed to provide the right balance between weight, stability, tear resistance and breaking strength. Contender's innovative fabrics offer a comprehensive range of weaves and finishes to ensure that it has the right cloth for your boat and the conditions in which you sail.

The Weave

The foundation of any good sailcloth is its weave, the heart of the fabric. The weave is produced by interlacing the warp and weft yarns. The size, shape and characteristics of the yarn will affect the quality of the fabric. Using only the highest quality yarns, Contender develops unique constructions of weaves designed to produce the best sailcloth for its performance, durability, strength and longevity. Each construction is engineered with its final application in mind ensuring it is absolutely the right fabric for you.

When the going gets tough you can depend upon Contender

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Despite their acrobatics Silk 2 continues with their Nylite 90 Spinnaker still intact to finish the race

excellent tear resistance •

The Finishes

When the right weave has been created, it needs to be treated with one of Contender's unique durable finishes.

The **Superlite** and **Superkote** weaves are treated with Contender's firm polyurethane based coating. This is used for high performance spinnakers offering superior flying characteristics, high stability, low weight, zero porosity and water repellency.

Superlite 40	Weight 30 gr/m ² . The lightest spinnaker cloth on the market designed for VMG spinnakers.
Superlite 50	Weight 33/m ² . Ideal for light weight running spinnakers. The warp oriented construction allows you to sail in a wide wind range. This unique finish allows you to sail deeper, faster and longer.
Superkote 60	Weight 38/m ² . Designed for medium range radial spinnakers.
Superkote 75	Weight 40 gr/m ² . Ideal for one design spinnakers. Can be used for radial or crosscut spinnakers.
Superkote 90	Weight 48 gr/m ² . Warp oriented construction for all-purpose radial spinnakers.
Superkote 130	Weight 60 gr/m ² : The only coated heavy weight spinnaker fabric available for performance radial applications.

Contender's Dynalite styles are finished with a unique firm silicone based coating. This slippery silicone finish makes for faster handling when hoisting, gybing and dropping, whilst also eliminating water absorption. Dynalite is the benchmark for one design, skiff and other asymmetric sails.

Dynalite 75	Weight 40 gr/m ² . Ideal for one design spinnakers. Can be used for radial and crosscut spinnakers.
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The **Nylite**, **Maxilite** and **Stormlite** styles are finished with Contenders unique durable melamine based impregnation. With excellent strength, stability and durability, this finish produces spinnakers that provide years of active and trouble free service.

Nylite 90	Weight 50 gr/m ² . Ideal for all-purpose spinnakers.
Maxilite 150	Weight 65gr/m ² . Ideal for heavy-air racing and all-purpose cruising spinnakers.
Maxilite 250	Weight 110 gr/m ² . For big boat racing and cruising spinnakers.
Maxilite 350	Weight 150 gr/m ² . For mega yacht racing and cruising spinnakers.
Stormlite 210	Weight 150 gr/m ² . Polyester heavy weight high performance spinnaker cloth.



The Results

The proof is in the winning. The last three America's Cup winning teams and the last Volvo Round the World Race winner all chose to use Contender spinnaker cloth exclusively for their campaigns.

Whether you are into racing or cruising, big boats or dinghies, Contender has the right cloth for your boat and the right cloth for the way you sail.

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• low weight • zero porosity

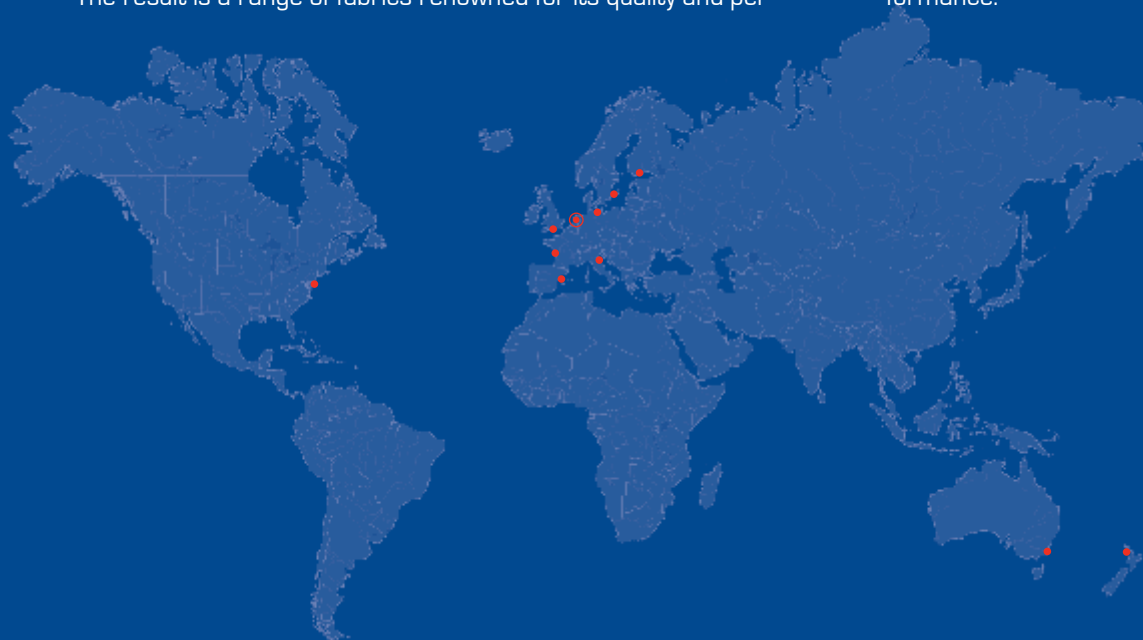


Formed in The Netherlands in 1986, Contender Sailcloth is a worldwide organization devoted to supplying sailmakers with the best available fabrics for all their sailmaking requirements. Sailcloth and the related hardware for the manufacture of sails forms the principal business.

The offices are run by sailors who actively participate in the sport at all levels, from One-design to Grand Prix to Cruising. Contender understands the needs of sailmakers and works with them to provide the best materials for the job.

Contender enjoys strong working relationships with yarn suppliers, weavers, and finishers in Europe and North America. With the unique understanding of the sailcloth market, Contender uses the resources of these partners to meet the demands of the market with innovative fabrics using the latest in fibre, weaving and finishing technologies.

The result is a range of fabrics renowned for its quality and performance.



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