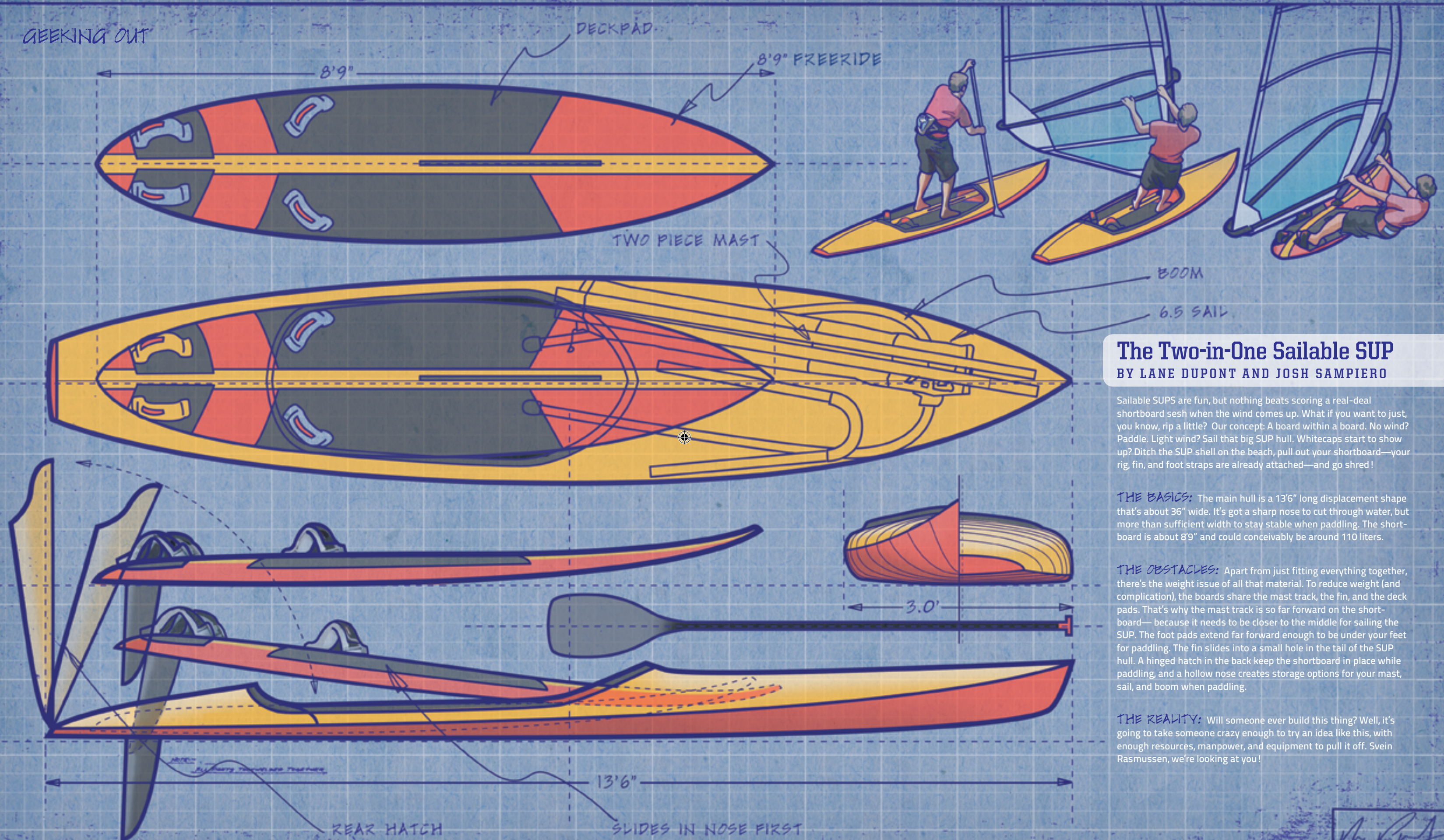


GEEKING OUT



The Two-in-One Sailable SUP

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Sailable SUPs are fun, but nothing beats scoring a real-deal shortboard sesh when the wind comes up. What if you want to just, you know, rip a little? Our concept: A board within a board. No wind? Paddle. Light wind? Sail that big SUP hull. Whitecaps start to show up? Ditch the SUP shell on the beach, pull out your shortboard—your rig, fin, and foot straps are already attached—and go shred!

THE BASICS: The main hull is a 13'6" long displacement shape that's about 36" wide. It's got a sharp nose to cut through water, but more than sufficient width to stay stable when paddling. The shortboard is about 8'9" and could conceivably be around 110 liters.

THE OBSTACLES: Apart from just fitting everything together, there's the weight issue of all that material. To reduce weight (and complication), the boards share the mast track, the fin, and the deck pads. That's why the mast track is so far forward on the shortboard—because it needs to be closer to the middle for sailing the SUP. The foot pads extend far forward enough to be under your feet for paddling. The fin slides into a small hole in the tail of the SUP hull. A hinged hatch in the back keep the shortboard in place while paddling, and a hollow nose creates storage options for your mast, sail, and boom when paddling.

THE REALITY: Will someone ever build this thing? Well, it's going to take someone crazy enough to try an idea like this, with enough resources, manpower, and equipment to pull it off. Svein Rasmussen, we're looking at you!