

Showa Gloves

With their origins in the Fishing industry it is no wonder these gloves perform well under the harshest sailing conditions.

Possibly Shock Sailing's most famous customer for this product, sailor Sir Ben Ainslie says "The SHOWA glove has a strong, comfortable grip, which as an Olympic sailor I need to be able to rely on in tough sailing conditions"

Please read our user guide to the various glove types available. We hope that this will enable you to make a suitable and informed choice to suit your sailing needs.

Showa 306 This is your go to cold weather glove, its rubber exterior is wind and waterproof. Whilst the coating works like a wetsuit when the water eventually seeps in through the cuff. It's a thin glove which gives loads of feel.

We use this - On colder days in place of the 341. On an active boat and in an active role it's suitable down to 6 -7 degrees. Hats and coats on but still rigging with bare hands this glove is ideal.

We wear these for - active sailing roles, crew or helm

Rating - Feel 8, Grip 8, Warmth 8.

http://www.shocksailing.com/product-showa-306.html

Showa 341 Thinner with greater dexterity than the 330, these are the pro sailors glove of choice. Ideal for hardened crews and helms looking for a bit more grip whilst keeping a nearly no gloved feel. They have the same Showa grip as the rest of the range albeit a bit thinner. Greater feel comes at the expense of a harder experience on the hands.

We use this - On any day that you won't get cold!

We wear these for - active sailing roles, helm and crew, pro crews in high performance boats.

Rating - Feel 10, Grip 8, Warmth 5.





Showa 451 offers very good thermal properties whilst retaining good dexterity. We would suggest these for winter sailing in most Northern Hemisphere conditions. They are also great for winter bike riding and any other outdoor activity.

We use this - On colder days in place of the 330, similar grip but thicker and removing some feel. Not waterproof they will get wet but still keep your hands warm whilst wet. Similar warmth to the 306 but with greater grip.

We wear these for - Crewing or helming when it's cold and light. When warm hands are better than the loss of feel.

Rating - Feel 7, Grip 9, Warmth 9

http://www.shocksailing.com/product-showa-451.html

Showa 406 Designed to protect hands from water and freezing temperatures, SHOWA's 406 water-repellent gloves allow for optimum comfort when working in tough conditions. Intelligent insulation keeps hands warm and dry whilst reducing perspiration inside the glove, to preserve grip and tactility. Even when wet, the glove's rough surface allows for increased control, and the flexible material enables easy movement. We choose these on the very coldest of days, compared to even the 451 they do restrict feel and dexterity, offset by not having freezing hands. Perfect for Coaches, rescue boat driving, bike riding, winter sports, winter activities.



We use this - On really cold days when you need gloves on to rig and walk around.

We wear these for - Any outdoor activity. Especially good for coach and rescue boat work.

Rating - Feel 6, Grip 8, Warmth 10.

http://www.shocksailing.com/product-showa-406.html



Showa 330 These are the black Super Gloves as used by many pro sailors across the globe. No significant thermal properties, they just offer exceptional grip. Don't be fooled by price, there are many cheap imitations around of these gloves. We have tested most of these and the Showa gloves represent by some margin the best grip and longevity possible. With these gloves you really do pay your money and take your choice. Bulk buy options available.



We use this - Any mild conditions.

We wear these for - Crewing high performance boats.

Rating - Feel 7, Grip 10, Warmth 6.

http://www.shocksailing.com/product-showa-330.html