

# F2XTC115

## ATAGLANCE

- The 115 is the largest contender in the XTC series and was a popular board in the OTC centre last year. Like the 103 it is intended by F2 to be another all-rounder, combining a fast freeride performance with the ability to be thrown into freestyle stunts.
- Short at just 242cm in length, it is nevertheless quite wide at 67cm and as such is said to be able to carry sail sizes between 7.5m and 5.0m with ease.
- The design itself looks identical to last years, with a thick ridge at the rear, a compact outline with the maximum width placed centrally and a bottom shape of double concaves progressing all the way from the nose before eventually fading into vee in the tail.
- The board is produced in TCS (Technora Carbon Sandwich) construction with adhesive moulded deckpads, Velcro straps (with the option of placing them inboard or outboard) and a boxy 32cm Choco fin with a reasonable amount of area to produce the lift required.



## RIDEANDHANDLING

- Wide and flat deck makes for a stable platform at idle, capable of carrying a good sail size, up to 7.0m without flinching.
- Not one of the fastest to release onto the plane and needs to be pointed off the wind more than others to generate lift from the fin, but the wide deck makes progression further back on the board very easy. The straps are effortless to locate and help to drive more power into the board earlier.
- Once powered the 115 powers fine and feels comfortable underfoot, although we did find ourselves shifting our feet a little further out of the straps (even in their outboard positions) to help try and drive more power through the board.
- It is not a particularly fast board, even when pointing it off the wind. It is also quite technical to maintain trim, especially when trying to extract that extra bit of speed from it heading off the wind.
- The deck shape, combined with the more inboard strap positions, makes it hard to really pin the board down, and partnered with an efficient sail, the extra energy it generates only serves to pull your stance out of shape as the board has reached its limit and doesn't accelerate any further.
- Definitely slower and less of a dragster than the Stoke.
- It is in the gybe that the 115 really shows its' true colours.
- It does take a bit more pressure for it to bite properly, but once engaged the XTC grips brilliantly and provides lots of feedback to the rider encouraging them to tighten the turn up as they see fit. It is very versatile and also practical, as the wide tail provides the support as you change your feet, letting the board continue to glide through the turn.
- Footsteering the XTC is also easy, due in part to the inset strap positions, which suggests the board is more suited to comfortable loading, rather than being properly put through its paces in blasting mode.
- With the inboard strap positions, it is also quite capable of being used for freestyle, especially suited to the larger rider.

## THEVERDICT

**Suitability:** The 115 is best suited to the heavier rider as their all-round contender for bump and jump conditions.

- + Stability and carving ability.
- Technical and uncomfortable in a powered blasting role.

**The XTC is an interesting board, which would be best suited for the heavier sailor in a more manoeuvre-oriented bump and jump role.**



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*I can't recommend the OTC enough. While I was there I tried about 8 boards and quite a lot of sails. The range of kit and the lads who run the place are just brilliant.*  
 Ken Morton [windsurf.co.uk Forum](http://www.windsurf.co.uk/Forum)

## What is The OTC?

### CONCEPT

The OTC is a unique windsurfing centre offering the first real opportunity for you to compare the boards and sails from each major brand for yourself ... and all in the relaxed atmosphere of a holiday environment. It was the brainchild of Tris Best, who, acknowledging the privileged position he was in whilst testing all the latest windsurfing equipment for magazines, wanted to extend the same opportunity to a wider audience.

### EQUIPMENT

The centre stocks the very latest equipment from all the major board and sail manufacturers, including:

**Boards:** F2, Fanatic, Goya, JP Australia, Mistral, Naish, RRD, Starboard, Tabou, Witchcraft

**Sails:** Ezzy, Gaastra, Neil Pryde, Naish, North Sails, Severne, Simmer, Tushingham

From wave to freestyle and crossover, into the expansive realms of freeride, almost every discipline and equipment category is represented, catering for all rider styles and abilities.

### LOCATION

The centre is situated in the town of El Médano on the island of Tenerife just ten minutes transfer from Reina Sofia Airport in the south. With an average air temperature of 22 degrees Celsius, the OTC is open throughout the year, and benefits from three fantastic windsurfing areas to cater for every windsurfing ability and preference.

**South Bay** is a true windsurfer's playground ideal for intermediates and above, providing a large bump-and-jump sailing area with the added benefit of having a safe, enclosed sandy beach.

**The Harbour Wall** is easily accessible from the centre, and offers a clean smooth face at the right tide state. A good introduction to wave riding for the uninitiated, it is a great deal of fun to ride, with the added security of a safe exit channel within easy reach at all times.

**Cabezo** is the northern most bay of the town, which, with its typical European cross-onshore conditions provides the ideal test arena for wave and crossover equipment. Hosting World Tour events in the past, the sailing standard in the bay is awe-inspiring and is sure to captivate even the non-windsurfer's imagination.

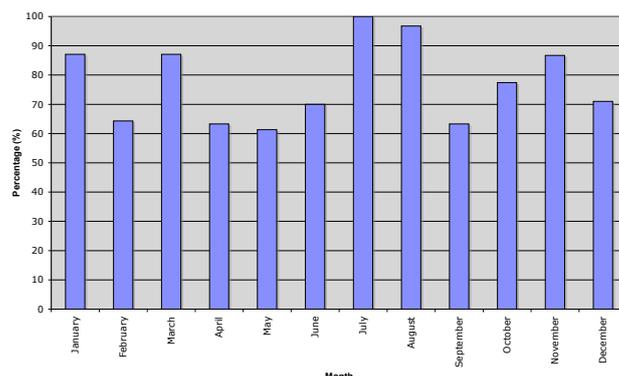
### THE CENTRE

Contained in a modern building directly on the beachfront of South Bay, the centre caters for a limited number of clients each week, ensuring every opportunity to try the desired kit.

### WIND STATISTICS

Boasting over 250 days of planing conditions (force four and above) a year, El Médano is Tenerife's primary windsurfing location and is well exposed to the influence of the Atlantic, offering some of the most consistent conditions found in the Canary archipelago.

A Chart to Show the Percentage of Planing Days in El Médano Per Month



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