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Best Beginner Sailing Dinghies To Buy

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The best beginner sailing dinghies to buy are listed below.

A sailing dinghy is a small sailboat typically designed for one to four people to sail. They are generally lightweight and maneuverable, making them easy to handle for beginners.

Dinghies can be used for a variety of purposes including racing, cruising, and day sailing. They are popular among both recreational and competitive sailors and but can also be used in open water depending on the design and the skill level of the sailor.

A sailing dinghy is the most common introduction to sailing for beginner sailors and sailing enthusiasts.

We've reviewed the best sailing dinghies for beginners on the market today.

These sailing dinghies include single-handed, double-handed, monohulls and multihulls.

We will cover the costs, features, pros and cons of each sailing dinghy to help you make the best purchase decision.

For those on a budget, buying a used sailing dinghy is a great starting point and you can pick up some gems for half price in some cases.

We'll also discuss how to find some great used sailing dinghies too and some tips on common pitfalls to avoid when buying a beginner-friendly sailing dinghy.

A huge factor in deciding what sailing dinghy to buy is what purpose you intend to use the sailing dinghy for.

Whether you want to find a cheap beginner dinghy as a first-time dinghy owner or are looking for a beginner-friendly sailing dinghy for children, there should be an option for you.

Best Beginner Sailing Dinghy For Price: DinghyGo Orca 280

The DinghyGo Orca 280 is one of the best beginner single-handed sailing dinghies for the price. We rate this dinghy 9.7/10.

It is designed by the DinghyGo brand and a package comes with a kick-up rudder, sail kit, 4.8 m2 sail, shrouds, reef, pump bag repair kit, owner's manual, sailbag kit thwart removable oars, mast step holder, removable daggerboard, boat tow and lift eyes, kick-up rudder mast and instructional video.

This budget-friendly dinghy is an affordable option for first-time sailors compared to some other dinghies on the list.

The DinghyGo Orca 280 is one of the best sailing dinghies on a budget because:

- **It's cheaper than other dinghies**: This dinghy costs between $2,800 and $3,500 making it the cheapest on the list and one of the cheapest of any sailing dinghy. Pre-owned DinghyGo Orca 280 costs between $1,000 and $2,000
- **It's easy to assemble**: The DinghyGo Orca 280 takes less than 20 minutes to assemble which is a huge benefit for new sailors looking for a convenient and simplistic way to sail on a budget
- **It's portable and easy to transport**: The DinghyGo Orca 280 is inflatable and fits in a bag which means it can be brought anywhere in a car boot without needing a towing trailer
- **It is not heavy**: The weight of the DinghyGo Orca 280 is only 60 pounds which makes it easy for carrying
- **It can hold up to a people**: The DinghyGo Orca 280 can hold multiple people which means it is not restricted to just 1 and it can be sailed with family and friends
- **It is customizable**: The DinghyGo Orca 280 has a mount to easily attach an outboard motor if wanted

Facts About The DinghyGo Orca 280

Price Range (New)	$2,800 - $3,500
Where To Buy (Pre/Used)	(New) dinghygo.com, nextawayboats.com, bluestream.it, ergodyachts.com (Used) Facebook Groups/Marketplace, Boatsider, Marine Forums
Boat Financing	Approx. $150 per month
Boat Length	9.2ft
Beam	4.3ft
Draft	8Lcm
Mast Length	14.7ft
Boom Length	7.4ft
Packing Size (LxWxH cm)	100x54x32
Tube Diameter	16ft
Crew Capacity	4 people without rigging, 2 people with rigging
Payload	1,100lbs
Sail Area	4.8m²
Weight	60lbs (27kg)

DinghyGo Orca 280 Buyer Information

Before buying a DinghyGo Orca 280, a buyer should know:

- **They are hard to find for sale**: A DinghyGo Orca 280 is hard to buy brand new as they are rarely in stock which makes it hard to buy
- **No trailer is needed for towing**: As this is a portable and inflatable sailing dinghy with a weight of 60 pounds buyers will not need a towing trailer to transport this vessel
- **Check the engine mount on used boats**: If buying a pre-owned DinghyGo Orca 280, pay particular attention to the engine mount area as this area can show extreme wear or potential damage
- **Buy direct from the brand to get a 2-year warranty**: Buying directly from the brand offers buyers a 2-year warranty (check before buying as they sometimes change the warranty)

Summary

We think the DinghyGo Orca 280 is the best beginner budget sailing dinghy because it is one of the cheapest dinghies on the market and offers a lot of dinghy for the price

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