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"Sunjammer" was a short story written by Arthur C. Clarke in 1964 for "Boy's Life" magazine. I'm not sure under what title it was printed here.

It appeared as "Sunjammer" in "The Infinite Arena", ed. by Terry Carr. All stories in this anthology are about SF sporting events: excellent throughout. I would be amazed if this is not readily available.

It also appeared with the name "The Wind from the Sun" in a collection of Clarke's short stories titled "The Wind from the Sun".

Cordwainer Smith wrote one called "The Lady who Sailed THE SOUL" which discusses the problems of lifestyle for light sailers, and is my favorite romantic SF story. It appears in

"Galaxy Magazine" 1963

"The Best of Cordwainer Smith" ed. by J. J. Pierce

"Galaxy: Thirty Years of Innovative Science Fiction" ed. by Frederik Pohl

I can't think of any other stories offhand that center on light sailing, although I'm pretty sure there are at least a few others. The following Larry Niven stuff mentions it to some extent:

"The Mote in God's Eye" begins with a being showing up in our solar system in a lightsail ship.

Several of the "Known Space" series stories mention a beast called a spaceseed that lives in space and travels by natural lightsail.

"The Fourth Profession" discusses a race of traders who came to Earth by lightsail. An interesting possible side-effects of this method of travel is brought up.

Hope this helps Jim Hester
