

# ON TO THE WORLDS

Kingston is acknowledged to be one of the premier international sailing venues. **CORK**, the second biggest regatta in the world will provide the facilities for the Fireball 'International Week'. Following **CORK** and two days of measurement, the exclusive 1996 Fireball World Championships will begin. One race per day is planned, featuring a 15 mile course and very tight reaching legs. The race takes about 3 hours to complete.

This two week event will attract top competition from around the world. The highest level of sailing skills will be displayed by sailors attending from countries such as Australia, England, Japan and South Africa to name a few.

With its speed and quickness, the Fireball is a demanding boat, yet anyone with normal agility can sail one. Today 30% of the boats are skippered by women.

Don't wait, **NOW** is the time to start sailing a Fireball !

**SAILFAST - SAILFIREBALL**

# KINGSTON 1996

# TERROR ON THE WATER



# FIRE SAIL

If the Fireball sounds like your kind of boat, arrange a test sail by contacting the:

Ontario International Fireball Association  
1101-100 Spadina Road  
Toronto, Ontario, M5R 2T7  
or call:

Derek Griffiths (416) 944-1353  
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An information package will be sent out right away. This would include the FIREZONE magazine and a **list of new and used boats.**

# INTERNATIONAL FIREBALL



# SAILFAST SAILFIREBALL



# RAPIDFIRE

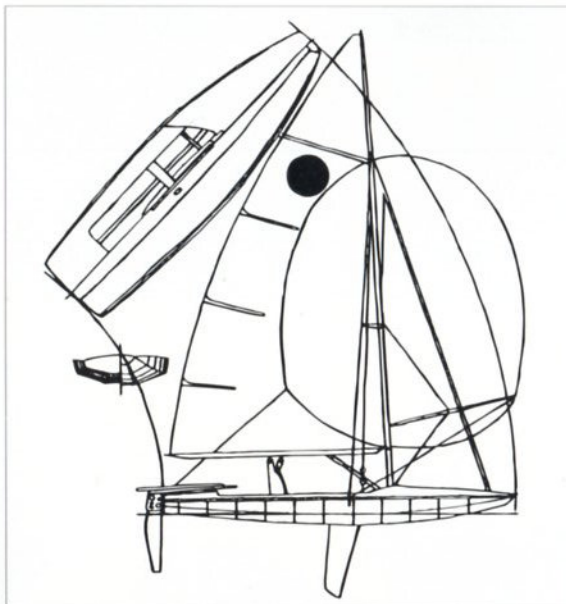
The International Fireball is a high performance two person dinghy. It has a wide appeal as it is reasonably priced and fun to sail. It is also fast, wet, exhilarating and totally useless for cruising with no place to put the gas barbecue.

At 175 lbs the Fireball is the lightest 16' one design class in North America. It is easily lifted by two people and is a breeze to trailer and launch. The spirit of the rules is to promote racing in as close to identical boats as possible. The sail plan and hull are one-design but the class rules allow you to position and adapt gear to suit your own weight, height and rig preferences. Sails and masts are available from all the major suppliers.

The speed of the Fireball is unequalled in boats with 13'3" waterline lengths. The speed is derived from its light weight, fast planing surfaces, and low windage combined with its highly efficient 123 sq. ft. sail plan. With a spinnaker, trapeze, and the ability to plane in 12 knots of breeze, the crew of a Fireball never gets a chance to be bored.

With the IYRU tightening of the qualifications for International and World Championship status, Fireball easily maintains its ranking. At present there are more than 14,500 Fireballs registered in over 25 countries. Licensed builders world wide are constantly taking orders for new boats.

If your interest lies in local, national, or international racing, International Fireball provides active racing venues worldwide. World and Continental Fireball Championships are organized every year and have no doubt helped in increasing the tremendous spread and popularity of this class.



The Canadian Fireball Association maintains a full racing schedule across Canada. Major championships such as the Nationals and North Americans alternate yearly from east to west. On and off the water race training seminars are popular and help keep the class competitive for newcomers and pros alike.

Originally designed to be built in wood, the home builder will find the Fireball relatively easy to build. Building plans are available from the Canadian Fireball Association. Fireball builders have always been at the fore front of dinghy construction technique. With the new technology in cored-fiberglass construction using epoxy resins, E-glass, kevlar and vacuum bagging, professionally built boats are just as competitive as wood with the added attraction of easy, carefree maintenance.

Giving remarkable performance at a moderate cost, the Fireball is a class for today; one that appeals to sailors of all ages, of all sizes, and of all weights.

## SPEED SPECS

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| Overall Length ..... | 16'2"       |
| Beam .....           | 4'8"        |
| Hull Weight .....    | 175lbs      |
| Main .....           | 88 sq. ft.  |
| Jib .....            | 35 sq. ft.  |
| Spinnaker .....      | 140 sq. ft. |
| Trapeze .....        | Single      |

Average Crew Weight ... 250-350 lbs  
Number Built to Date .....14,500  
Designer .....Peter Milne

## FIRESIGN

