



FIFTEEN

Designer: **Rod Johnstone**
Builder: **ADVANCE USA**

Specifications:

LOA 15'
Beam 5'10"
Draft: CB (up) 6"
(down) 3'0"
Hull Weight 300lbs.
Sail Area 125 sq. ft.



Fast Off The Line...

The goal is to lure people of all ages, sizes, and abilities to the sport of sailing and sailboat racing. The best modern sailboat design and the most current building technology is combined with over forty years of proven one-design know-how in order to achieve this goal. The result is a simple, durable, high-performance fifteen foot sailboat which gives true meaning to the word "one-design". The boat is called JY 15.

Aside from the obvious need for high performance and absolute similarity between the boats, a desirable one-design sailboat of this size must offer a degree of stability, comfort, and ease of handling rarely found in planing dinghies under 16 feet. No one likes to sit in puddles in a constantly cramped position, get soaked by every wave, cringe at the prospect of heavy air jibes, get tangled up in a myriad of dacron lines, or be berated for incompetence by loved ones - all while trying to have "fun" racing on a sailboat. Some people endure these indignities but most sensible folks stay ashore. JY 15 is designed to minimize these "turnoffs" which reduce participation in sailing and sailboat racing.



High boom, wide cockpit, and clean decks allow for easy movement and plenty of leg room for three people. Main and jib sheets are trimmed through ratchet blocks. No spinnaker, trapeze or complicated controls are allowed. The self-bailing cockpit floor is designed for comfortable sitting and does not collect water. A fully rigged JY 15 is extremely stable and will sit upright in the water indefinitely. Wide hull, flared topsides and foam-filled upper mast greatly reduce risk of capsizing. JY 15 is easy to manage off a beach because the centerboard and rudder pivot up if the boat is grounded.

...And One-Design To The Core!

Don't worry about complicated go-fast gadgets, special sails, or an "optimized" boat that might give your competitor an edge. Alterations to the boat, rigging, sails, rudder, or centerboard are prohibited by class rules. Hardware and running rigging cannot be replaced or relocated. The JY 15 Class is serious about keeping this boat simple and totally one-design. The fully cored hull, deck, and structural parts are molded and assembled from matched tooling ensuring uniform strength, weight, and shape. The construction process uses engineered resin, polyurethane foam and fiberglass. The result is a strong, lightweight boat with exceptional impact resistance. Main and jib are computer-cut to exacting specifications from the finest U.S. sailcloth and are included in the standard price.

The JY 15 has already become the fastest growing one design class with over 500 boats sold in two years. In the North Americans in September, 1991, 65 boats participated.

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