



Once in a blue moon a boat comes along, one that is impeccably designed, easy to sail, safe, and a snap to maintain. Even rarer is the one-in-a-million boat delivering so many powerful features and opportunities that within two short years it becomes the fastest growing one-design class in America.

That boat is the JY 15.®





## The Genius of Rodney Johnstone.

Rod Johnstone, one of the world's most imaginative and prolific sailboat designers, is the brain behind the

JY 15®. Starting with *Ragtime*, the prototype J/24 built in his garage in 1975, Rod has given sailors 18 successful production offshore designs. In 1990, the readers of *Sail* magazine hailed him as one of three designers in the past twenty years to change the course of sailing.

## Back to Basics in a High-Tech Way.

Rodney Johnstone's JY 15 is a tower of simplicity and strength, a boat as beautiful to look at as it is to sail. Underlying its purity of form and function is a high-tech composite structure that has started a revolution in small boat building.

JY 15 introduces a patented process which transforms multilayered plastic into a composite hull which combines: the impact resistance of plastic, the strength of fiberglass, and the flotation and rigidity of foam. This results in a composite structure which delivers the strongest high-performance sailing dinghy ever built. Every JY 15 hull is exactly the same as every other, a clone, all made in the same way, in the same facility. It all adds up to a durable sailboat requiring less maintenance. Strength and stiffness mean a longer competitive life, and the uniformity of shape and weight so important for true one-design performance.

## Comfort and Safety.

It's reassuring to know that the beauty of a JY 15 is more than skin deep. Beneath the triple-laminated skin is a solid foam core, bonded to a layer of fiberglass, the ultimate in safety and strength. When Rod Johnstone designed this boat, he did it with you, the sailor, in mind. How you like to sail... the fact that most sailors aren't gymnasts. There is no joy in a bumped head, bruised shins, a sore back. Rod eliminated hard corners. He designed a low profile centerboard, high boom, a self-bailing cockpit, and gave the JY 15 a wide, safe beam.

The greatest comfort of all is a stable, comfortable boat, a safe boat with great acceleration and easy controllability. Equally comforting is owning a family-friendly sailboat, giving hours of pleasure, at a sport where the hours seem to condense into minutes.



"THE JY 15'S ROUNDED COCKPIT SIDES WERE A GODSEND TO MY BAD BACK COMPARED TO OTHER BOATS I HAVE SAILED. SPENDING 2-4 HOURS ON THE BOAT PROVED COMFORTABLE, INDEED. THE OVERALL DESIGN IS THE BEST I HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED IN A SMALL BOAT."

Mike Connolly, Lake Lucerne Sailor  
Veazie, Maine

"IT IS THE OPINION OF THIS 81-YEAR-OLD THAT THE JY 15 IS A FANTASTIC BOAT FOR ALL AGES (YOUNG AND NOT SO YOUNG)."

Fred J. Struben, Galveston Bay Sailor  
Houston, Texas

## JY 15 Performance.

Rodney Johnstone didn't stop with safety and comfort. He made the JY 15 fast. He gives you what you want in a boat: fun... fast-planing... responsive... self-bailing. The flared topsides keep most of the spray out of the cockpit, making the JY 15 the dryest sail around. Whether you're young or old, big or small, the JY 15 performs well in competition with up to 360 lbs. of crew weight.



## The Perfect Boat. Plain and Simple.

The JY 15 is beautifully designed, simply rigged... a performing boat with classic lines... ergonomically engineered for your all-day comfort and safety... as strong as it is handsome... as high-tech as it is simple.

The JY 15 is so simple that you can rig it, launch it, and sail it in less than fifteen minutes. The day sailor enjoys the convenience and the freedom... the ease of launching, the joy of sailing. The JY 15 is a boat to live with... more time on the water, less on the trailer. Plain and simple.

"THE JY 15 WAS VERY ENJOYABLE AND SURPRISINGLY COMFORTABLE, EVEN ON DAYS WHEN WE SAILED 25 MILES, HIKING IN A STIFF BREEZE."

John Gjerdy, Lake Minnetonka Sailor  
Minneapolis, Minnesota



## The One-Design Opportunity.

All JY 15's are created equal. There is a single source of supply for hulls, rudders, centerboards, hardware, rigging and sails, ensuring one-design uniformity from stem to stern. Racing success is based on the skill of the skipper and crew, not the latest gadgetry.

The JY 15 gives friends and families an opportunity to race or to day sail. Perfect for resorts, sailing schools, high schools, and colleges - an outstanding fleet boat.



"IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE JY 15, I WOULDN'T BE SAILING A SMALL BOAT"

Keith Behnke, Hudson River Sailor  
Poughkeepsie, New York

## A Shared Experience.

Sailing as a shared sport has been a consistent Johnstone theme... sailing as a gift from one individual to another... a parent, a sibling or a friend... someone who takes the time to teach another the basics of sailing, who cares enough to get a person "psyched" about sailing."

The JY 15 is one of Rodney Johnstone's newest gifts to sailors - present and future. A brilliant design, it is bringing friends and families together. To learn. To compete.

## An Invitation to Join the JY Family.

JY Sailors have a lot of fun together because the class has an active, nationwide regatta schedule. It's also a class dedicated to learning the basics of sailing as well as racing... sailors of all skill levels sharing the joy and comradery of JY 15 ownership.

Every week established JY 15 fleets are growing, while new ones are forming. And every day, JY 15 owners are on the water... sharing the simple pleasures of wind, water and sail.

It's time for you to come aboard and join the fastest growing one-design fleet in America.

Let the JY 15® perform for you.

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**JY SAILBOATS**  
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# JY 15 Specifications

## CONSTRUCTION

► Innovative Patented Composite Construction:

- Thermoformed plastic laminate outer skin of impact-resistant structural ABS, weatherable UV-resistant protective layer and abrasion-resistant, non-chalking acrylic finish.



RODNEY JOHNSTONE WITH  
CROSS-SECTION OF JY15 HULL.

- 3/4" high density polyurethane closed cell foam core, injection molded and bonded in matched tooling to provide rigidity and 900 lbs. positive flotation.
- Glass reinforced polyester inner skin completes the composite for greater overall strength.

► Full length fore & aft glass reinforced structural omega beam and two structural foam bulkheads to prevent hull deflection under load.

- 3" epoxy bonded rolled edge hull and deck joint.
- Self-draining cockpit with under-deck dry storage.
- High density, composite, steel-reinforced swing-up rudder and centerboard
- Low profile centerboard trunk.
- Ergonomically contoured cockpit and decks.



Length Overall.....	15'0"
Beam.....	5'10"
Draft.....	6"/3'0"
Sail Area.....	125 Sq. Ft.
Weight.....	300lbs.

## DECK HARDWARE & RIGGING

- 1/8" 7x9 stainless wire shrouds & headstay.
- Johnson shroud adjusters and forestay tensioning lever provide quick set-up and rig adjustment.
- Two-piece Dwyer DM-2 section mast with custom splice for easy transport.
- A 2:1 Harken main sheet system with swivel base mini hexratchet block and cam cleat mounted on centerboard trunk.
- Harken mini hexratchet jib sheet blocks.
- Four-part Harken Vang system/integral V-jam cleat.
- Ronstan X-10 removable tiller extension with Hyperion grip and lifetime guaranteed urethane universal joint.
- Anodized aluminum rudderhead and tiller.
- Separate nylon hiking straps for skipper and crew.

## OPTIONS

- Smaller Delta mainsail with foam flotation pad at headboard to minimize the chance of capsizing.

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