

# Y-FLYER





# Welcome to Y-Flyer Sailing

If you are looking for a popular sailboat, large and comfortable enough to spend the day cruising with family and friends, a Y-Flyer is for you. The Y is one of the most versatile boats available. Her beautiful, long planning design is unmatched for day sailing and exciting racing. Yet because of the super stability and built in safety features the Y can be used as a beginners' first boat. Her stable design, roomy cockpit and clean deck arrangement make day sailing or racing with the family and friends a real pleasure.



The class is noted for maintaining rules which minimize the advantages of high-tech, high-cost features. This focus allows sailors with a modest budget to remain highly competitive. Each year many older boats, with low sail numbers, place well in races at the club and regatta level. The 2016 Internationals was won by Mark and Jill Barton sailing Y-2688, a wood boat built in 1987.



The Y out maneuvers and outruns most one-design boats you'll find sailing on inland waters. Control lines are easy to find, and don't require great strength to operate — they can easily be adjusted by anyone. In fact, many racing Y's are sailed by two members of the same family — husband and wife, parent and child. The Y-Flyer is easy to tow. With its low drag design and a weight of 500 lbs plus trailer, you will hardly know it's behind your vehicle when traveling.

# Welcome to the Family

Children often race with their parents and some sail by themselves before they're 10. There are also Y sailors in their 70's actively sailing. Some people have been sailing Y's for over 30 years, and there are a few families with four generations of Y sailors. History, we have lots of stories to share with you!



The same design features that make the Y a stable and comfortable boat also make it fast and fun to sail. If you like speed, you'll love the Y-Flyer! It will plane in just 10 m.p.h. of wind, but isn't overpowered until winds reach 25-30 m.p.h. Both new and experienced sailors enjoy the Y-Flyer.



You can step anywhere on a Y-Flyer without it feeling unstable or "tippy." Generous non-skid areas on the foredeck and cockpit give you sure footing at all times. The wide, smooth decks are comfortable to sit on — and easy on the legs when you hike out. How many people can you put on a Y-Flyer ... this many!



## This is what it's all about, *RACING* ...

The Y-flyer is also a great tactical racing machine. It's an 18 foot, 500-pound minimum, centerboard boat with fast hull and controls to make it go fast. The Y is usually raced by 2 people (skipper and crew). The



Y-Flyer's unique design makes it a fast, fun boat that anyone can sail. The boat can be sailed in Canada with a trapeze, spinnaker or whisker pole. The class has an active racing program with regattas throughout Canada and the US. The CYFYRA publishes the racing schedule on its web site.

## *LONG TERM FRIENDSHIPS* and *FUN TIMES!*



# Y-Flyer Tech

Length	18 ft 2 in
Beam	5 ft 9.6 in
Draft	4 ft centre board down
	.5 in centre board up
Weight	min 500 lbs
Main + Jib Area	161 sq ft
Spinnaker	210 sq ft
PHRF	86.5 Portsmouth
Construction	Wood or Fibreglass *
*Detailed Plans are Available	<a href="http://y-flyer.ca">y-flyer.ca</a>

**Mast Head Flotation** In the event of a capsize, if ever, an optional mast head floatation panel usually keeps the Y from turtling, making it easy to right even for one adult or a couple of kids. There is no need for a power boat to help you and you won't be exhausted ... all important safety considerations.

**Self-Bailing!** Eliminating the need for a hand pump, bailing or a tow to shore.....you can go right on sailing! If you get hot, just jump in! The low side, the wide decks and very stable design, always makes it very easy to climb back aboard after a swim.



Here in Canada we do sail spinnakers too! Using either the bucket method or an on-deck spinnaker launcher chute attached to the deck. It always adds to the fun of sailing a Y-Flyer.



# You can build your own Y-Flyer!

Y-Flyers can be built with basic wood working tools. Y-Flyers have been built in garages, basements and even living rooms. The CYFYRA has building plans, building tips and specifications you can easily follow, with plenty of free advice.

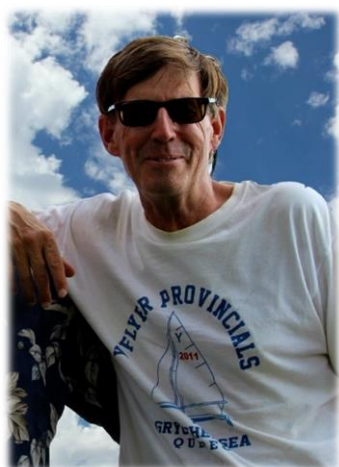
If you want a head start on building your Y-Flyer, Ken Peterson Y-2808 from Beloeil, QC will build you a keelson, the framework that you add your plywood to complete your hull, the cost is for materials only. The labour is FREE!!!! Y-2810 is completed and Y-2811 building is underway both for Calgary, AB.

Ken has provided options on the keelson, epoxied mahogany or birch plywood, depending on how you wish to finish your hull. Additional options include aluminum centreboard, rudder and shipping in Canada.



For more information contact  
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# Getting Started



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Interested in getting started? Want to try a Y-Flyer out but you don't know where to begin? You are only a single call or an email away! We will get you in touch with someone in your area and set you up for an adventure in Y-Flying. All our members are enthusiastic about the sport and would love to have you become part of the passion that we all



Do you want to buy a boat? Whether you want to buy new, used or build your own, we can help. Even if you are looking for some help and guidance building your own, we can help with that as well.

There is never, I repeat, never any shortage of help and advice at a Y-Flyer regatta. If you have a question, then you will have an answer. There are always die-hard aficionados at every event. I dare to say that sometimes you will not even have to ask the question. We are here to help!



Contact Bob Somek, CYFYRA Secretary,  
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You never know what will show up at a Y-Flyer event. If you become distracted, it is probably the drone!





