

October 15, 2010

Greetings Everyone!

Good News!

The Class held a vote at our Annual Class meeting, held during the North Americans at Rochester Canoe Club last month. We voted to allow the JY15 to be built out of fiberglass. As most of you may know, Hunter ceased building JY15's out of thermoformed ABS plastic about a year and a half ago. Since then there has been much discussion amongst the Executive Board as to what we as a Class should do next. Finding a thermoforming company with the right equipment to build new boats just wasn't working out. Therefore, we looked into fiberglass builders. Nickels Boatworks, in Flint Michigan responded with great interest in building new JY15's out of glass. Nickels Boats are world renowned in their quality of build and longevity. They build Lightnings, Buccaneers, Mutineers, Rebels and Snipes. Check them out at [www.nickelsboats.com](http://www.nickelsboats.com).

The status of things at the moment is this: Rod Johnstone (the designer) is currently modifying the Class Rules to allow for fiberglass construction. He is also working closely with Nickels to insure that the new glass boats as close as possible to the plastic boats with regards to performance. By this I mean that they will weigh the same, the by product of this is that they will be built with extra glass which will result in a VERY durable boat, on par with the plastic boats we love. NO ONE wants the new boat to obsolete the old one. The JYCA will insure the strictest of one-design parameters to insure that old boats remain competitive. We are NOT re-inventing the boat.

So, this brings me the most important reason for this letter, we need new boat orders! The current deal is this: the first 10 people to get a \$2000 deposit to Nickels Boats will lock in a total boat price of \$6500 (not including sails or trailer). We need these deposits by December 1, 2010 to fund the construction of new molds. This deadline will allow Nickels to get new boats built in time for the Midwinters March 4-6. You do want a new boat to race in sunny warm Key Largo right? You are going to the Midwinters right?

Any questions? Please email me at [allenaudio@yahoo.com](mailto:allenaudio@yahoo.com) or give Hugh at Nickels Boats a call: 810-767-4050.

Fear not! Other great classes have had to make transitions similar to this and have come out stronger and better for it. One example is the Lightning Class, which made the switch from wood to fiberglass in the '60's, I think. So it is with great excitement that I look forward to the future of the JY15 and a stronger JYCA.

So lets go! Spread the word! Support the class and buy a new boat! Get your deposit check to Nickels today!

Sincerely,

Mark Allen

President, JYCA