

## Montgomery Boats/Nor'Sea Yachts

This yard, started by Jerry Montgomery in the mid-1970s, built one of Lyle Hess's designs for a small, seaworthy trailerable known as the Montgomery 17. The company also built a smaller sister called the Montgomery 15. The 15 wasn't designed by Hess but was built to have similar characteristics. Though the boats performed well and were popular, Jerry sold the yard to someone who allegedly took deposits on boats that were never built, and

the fate of the molds became uncertain. Fortunately, the molds and building rights were obtained by Nor'Sea Yachts, and these stout little ships are now being built by Bob Eeg in California. Jerry Montgomery is still active in the sailing community at the time of this writing, providing consulting and rigging services for small-boat owners. My own boat, *Tiny Dancer*, is a 1979 Montgomery 17, and if I ever win the lottery, I'll have Bob build me a 23.

### Montgomery 15

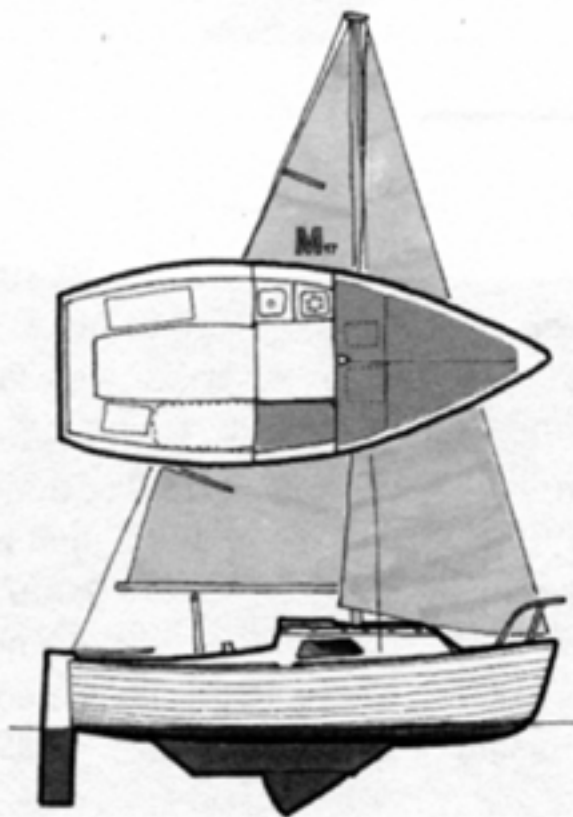


Captain Rich Cottrell aboard his Montgomery 15, Really. (Mark Eichman)

#### Montgomery 15

LOA	15'0"
LWL	13'3"
Beam	6'2"
Draft	15"/2'6" (cb up/down)
Displacement	750 lbs.
Ballast	275 lbs.
Sail area	122 sq. ft.
Mast height	22'3"
Designer	Jerry Montgomery

### Montgomery 17



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LOA	17'2"
LWL	15'10"
Beam	7'4"
Draft	1'9"/3'0" (cb up/down)
Displacement	1,600 lbs.
Ballast	600 lbs.
Sail area	154 sq. ft.
Mast height	21'6"
Designer	Lyle Hess