

Types of Sailboats

Common characteristics of boats determine the class into which they fall. While there might be some variation within a class, the overall designs in a class are similar. (The *one-design* class usually refers to racing boats that have certain characteristics that put them in a class by themselves.)

Catboat. One mast, usually stepped forward.

Sailing dinghy. Tiny boat, usually with *cat rig*. Lots of fun in sheltered waters.

Yawl. Two masts, with the *mizzenmast* much shorter and set *aft* of the *rudder post*. Three or four sails.

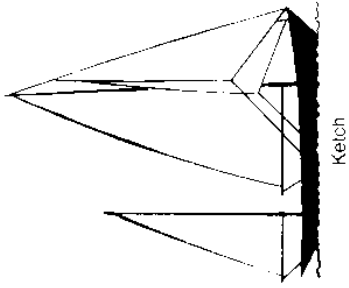
Sloop. One mast and two sails (*jib* and *mainsail*).

Ketch. Two masts, with the *mizzenmast* being the shorter of the two and set forward of the rudder post. Three or four sails.

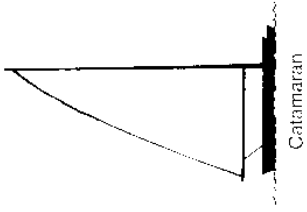
Schooner. Two masts, with the taller (*mainmast*) in the aft position. Three or four sails.

Catamaran. Fast boat with twin hulls.

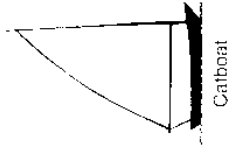
Sunfish. Single mast, with lateen sail and daggerboard; one-design boat, very popular in Scout camps. Has room for two average-sized Scouts.



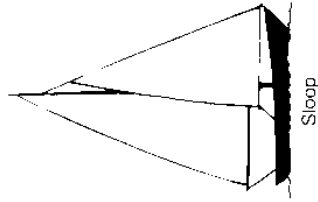
Ketch



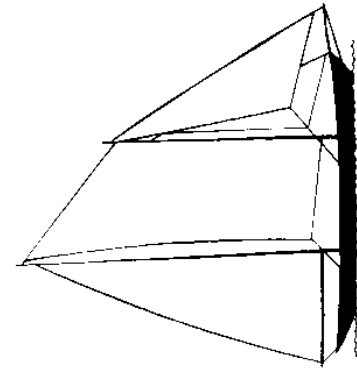
Catamaran



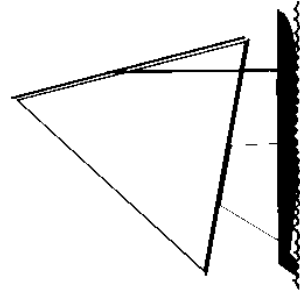
Catboat



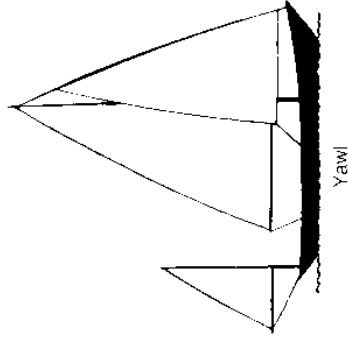
Sloop



Schooner



Sunfish



Yawl