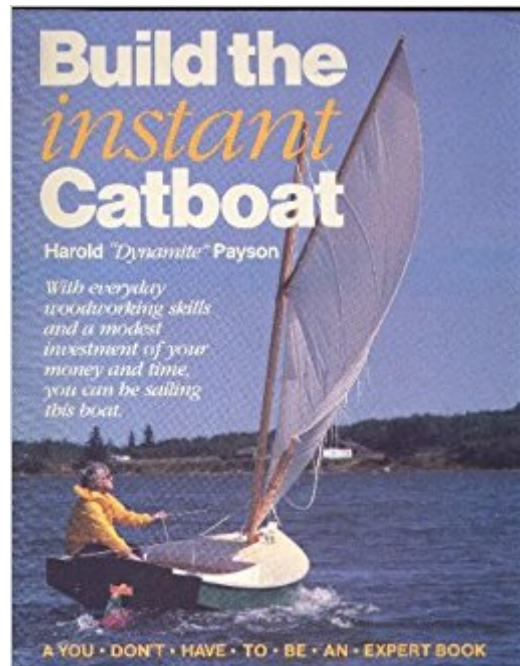




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Synopsis

A very wide boat for her length, and a mast very far forward are the main factors that folks think of when they think catboat. But instant and plywood don't typically come to mind with this type of boat. Designed by Phil Bolger, Dynamite Payson shows you just how to go about building this handsome 12' 3 long by about 6' wide daysailer. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Former lobsterman on the Maine coast, Harold --Dynamite-- Payson became one of the most influential boatbuilders and authors in the build-it-yourself genre. Specializing in boats easily built in plywood, he expanded his building, saw sharpening books to include several modelmaking how-to's. Dynamite was also a long-time teacher at the famed WoodenBoat School on the coast of Maine. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

When you peruse the v-bottom cats in wooden boats magazine compendium, the building is a bit daunting. But by a careful study of "Dynamite's" building technique and explanations it will all come together for you. What you learn by reading this work, and preferably building it, makes the other v-bottom cats that much easier to understand. And perhaps build. Remember, a twenty or twenty-two foot catboat is a big vessel, only lacking in the headroom department. And if headroom is what you want, a cat is not the boat for you. But the broad beam more than makes up for it. So, I recommend this book most highly - - it will open a lot of doors for you.

There is always more involved in a project than you could anticipate. Like saying; every project takes longer than it takes! I read the book several times and even underlined it and talked about it with other friends. There is a wealth of wood working prowess included in this book. But, it does not skimp or gloss over what it takes in time, material and work to come up with this beautiful little boat!

Dynamite was a little bit older than myself. I must sail on without him, in this world, but, thankfully we have his books of direction and wisdom to help us through the boat building tributaries of life. You will be carefully guided in all of his books. I encourage you to look over the horizon and discover Dynamite's island of knowledge just beyond the sunset.

Dynamite Payson's Instant Boat books promote a no-nonsense approach to boat building. Here again he takes a beautiful Bolger design and walks the amateur through "can-do" building steps. The Beetle Cat in this book and the Gypsy in Payson's "Build the New Instant Boats" have such beautiful lines that you might just want to build a model, as Dynamite recommends.

I liked it. It really is possible to build one of these, easily. Thinking about buying the plans...

Payson writes well and this is a good manual for the construction of the well-liked Bobcat/Tiny Cat catboat. Essential if this is your first boat building project. The book is also useful for amateur boat builders who want to use stitch-and-glue or tack-and-tape techniques.

A plywood version of the nearly-century-old BeetleCat, designed by Bolger and refined by Payson-- a terrific boat, suitable for fresh or salt water, big sail, half as wide as it is long. Have two copies of the book, a set of Payson's plans, and hopes to build one some day...

Excellent book...explains all you need to know. Nice, simple, reliable design! Anyone with basic skills can build this affordable boat.

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