Legalistically how it all came about is way beyond the understanding of your scribe’s comprehension, but when Larry Ellison won the America’s Cup in 2010 with a wing-sailed multihull, a new generation of AC yachts was conceived – foiling wing-sailed catamarans. The AC72s designed and built to a simple box rule for the 2013 Cup were the first-born, but their kind, prohibitively expensive, we will not see again.

Except on SOL, where SOLer psail’s polar, based on the scant data available in the public domain via the AC Official Race Noticeboard, saw its first outing in 2004 on the waters of Lisboa and Cascais. Further insights since have given cause to revise said polar, giving you the AC72v2.