The change in sponsorship from Observer paper to Carlsberg brew of the Single-handed Transatlantic race (STAR) in 1988 also marked the launch of ORMA (Offshore Racing Multihull Association) and its multihull Open 60 class, the latter in direct response to the seriously escalated costs and risks that had accompanied many of the entries in the 1984 race.

Although catamarans were permitted by the rule, trimarans quickly became the 60 foot multihull of choice, and SOL’s version of such a creature first hit the virtual waters off our Global Self-consistent Hierarchical High-resolution Shoreline tiles in 2007. We have been racing her regularly ever since.