Having exhausted all practical lengths ending in .7 for its First range during the Noughties, Beneteau switched to round numbers as the next decade began, and thus the First 40 was born, a straight-stemmed racer cruiser (rather than cruiser racer) that like its predecessor, the 40.7 had, and has an impressively handicapped turn-of-speed, both in ORC and IRC. Many other straight-stemmed rounded number sisters have since followed.

It took SOL a few years to get our hands on an accurate polar diagram for the 40, but since end 2014, we have been taking her out from time to time, but without threatening our fondness for her predecessor, the 40.7!

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