First is the name chosen by French boat builder Beneteau for its range of performance-oriented cruiser/racers, which over the years has proven to be a very apt choice, as First's are regularly seen at the front end of handicap racing fleets.

Beneteau launched the 47.7 model as long ago as the year 2000.

On SOL, the First 47.7 saw its first outing in 2012, since when SOL has taken her out for a spin a few times every season.