Javier Soto Acebal designs boats; lots of them and a few bear his name. These namesakes are seriously over-dimensioned open-cockpit sportsboats, featuring masthead asymmetrics for downwind oomph and lots of roach in the main for twitching upwind. Initially there was the Soto 40, then came the slightly more manageable and affordable 30, and there’s also the 33. The Soto 30 came off the drawing board in 2011, and SOL was quick to recognize its challenging polar for online racing. First trialled by SOL on the Black Sea in 2012, we’ve raced her regularly ever since.

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