Paul Bieker's Riptide 50 is a proper cruiser racer. With a big asymmetric kite, a long retractable keel-and-bulb and plenty of water ballast, her down-(well cross-) wind speed in particular is spectacular, but inside she is all hardwood, alcantara, presses, cupboards and curtains, with twin staterooms and double heads.

SOL was fortunate to procure a polar for the design near its inception and we have raced her regularly since, sitting even more comfortably in our easy chairs, than the design’s IRL owners on their padded benches.