Cruising Club of America (CCA) member Michael Moradzadeh was the proud owner of a Passport 40 for most of two decades, so when the CCA and SOL agreed to jointly host a number of virtual cruises in company, the Passport 40 quickly sprang to mind as a perfect polar for cruising, suitably mutated with engine power for when the wind drops and drogues to slow her down when survival becomes all that matters.

Designed by Robert Perry and built in Taiwan for the US market, the Passport 40 has a softly raked bow, modest freeboard and standard transom. Underneath, a long fin keel leads aft to a powerful skeg-mounted rudder. Seriously well-built, she's a lot of boat below the waterline, so you may be running the engine more than you might hope, but you'll cruise in comfort as well as company. Relax. Gin and Tonic's at six.