

By Dick Richards

Another new boat enters the racing fleet



ARIA arrived in the pool in mid January, just in time to enjoy the start of the racing program. She is a J 122 e, designed by Alan Johnston, creator of the legendary J 24 and founder, with his brother Robert, of the international company that has produced a great many successful racing yachts since 1977.

Aria was built in J Boats Composites' factory in France and shipped out to Australia.

Aria's overall length is 12.19 metres with a relatively narrow beam of 3.63 metres and a draught of 2.2 metres. She carries 80 square metres of working sail with a 150 square metre asymmetrical spinnaker that is flown from a retractable carbon bowsprit. Her jib is set on a 'flat deck' furler. The hull is vacuum infused e-glass and vinylester which produces a very strong and stiff hull. She displaces 6760 kg.

Below deck she has two double berths astern plus a Vee berth forwards. The fully enclosed heads has a shower (hot & cold) and a toilet with holding tank. The galley has a double sink, fridge and gas stove. The navigation station is complete with VHF radio, repeater, plotter and chart desk. She carries 180 litres of water and 100 litres of fuel, and is powered by a 30 horsepower diesel.

The boat is reported to be 'well balanced, an exceptional up-wind performer and highly manoeuvrable.' Aria's narrow beam and high-aspect rudder both contribute to the boat's agility. Maximum waterline length is achieved by the plumb stem and the almost vertical stern with minimal overhang. The mast is aluminium with discontinuous rod rigging. E-Boats are known for their speed, comfort and the quality of their finish.

Aria is owned by David and Dee Henshall and will replace their much loved Lara III, a Cavalier 395 designed by Davison of New Zealand, that they have raced and cruised for more than two decades in Adelaide, the East coast, the Pacific and Indonesian waters. Hopefully David and Dee will find some of the special qualities of Lara in Aria.



Dee and David Henshall at the christening of Aria



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