



My Boat, *Salacia*

Alan Down

Salacia was the first Bavaria 42 to arrive in Adelaide. She arrived recently, totally wrapped in plastic directly from the factory in Germany. Off loaded in Melbourne, she was trucked to Adelaide. All fittings were carefully sealed inside the boat for transit, much like the contents of an Egyptian tomb. She was assembled over two weeks at Blue Sky Marine by John Bolten, who was commissioned by the importers, North South Yachting in Sydney. The keel was attached by suspending it while the hull was lifted so as to mimic the 'natural' stresses and forces with the boat afloat. This is the exact opposite to resting the hull on the keel, then attaching it. Having competed in the Offshore races for some years, it seemed the right time to consider spending more time cruising the gulfs and beyond with a few creature comforts. Thus *Salacia* is well set up for short handed sailing and has twin wheels. All controls are led back to the cockpit. *Salacia* (Roman goddess of the sea who had children by King Neptune) has classic lines, is solidly built and sea kindly but at the same time is quite responsive and points surprisingly well at 35 degrees apparent. Close quarters manoeuvrability is impressive, especially going astern. The in-mast furling system has vertical battens to maintain sail shape as well as to make the furling process smoother. Reefing is carried out by a combination of adjusting the outhaul while allowing the horizontally mounted mast winch to furl the sail into

the mast by means of an endless sheet through jammers in the cockpit.

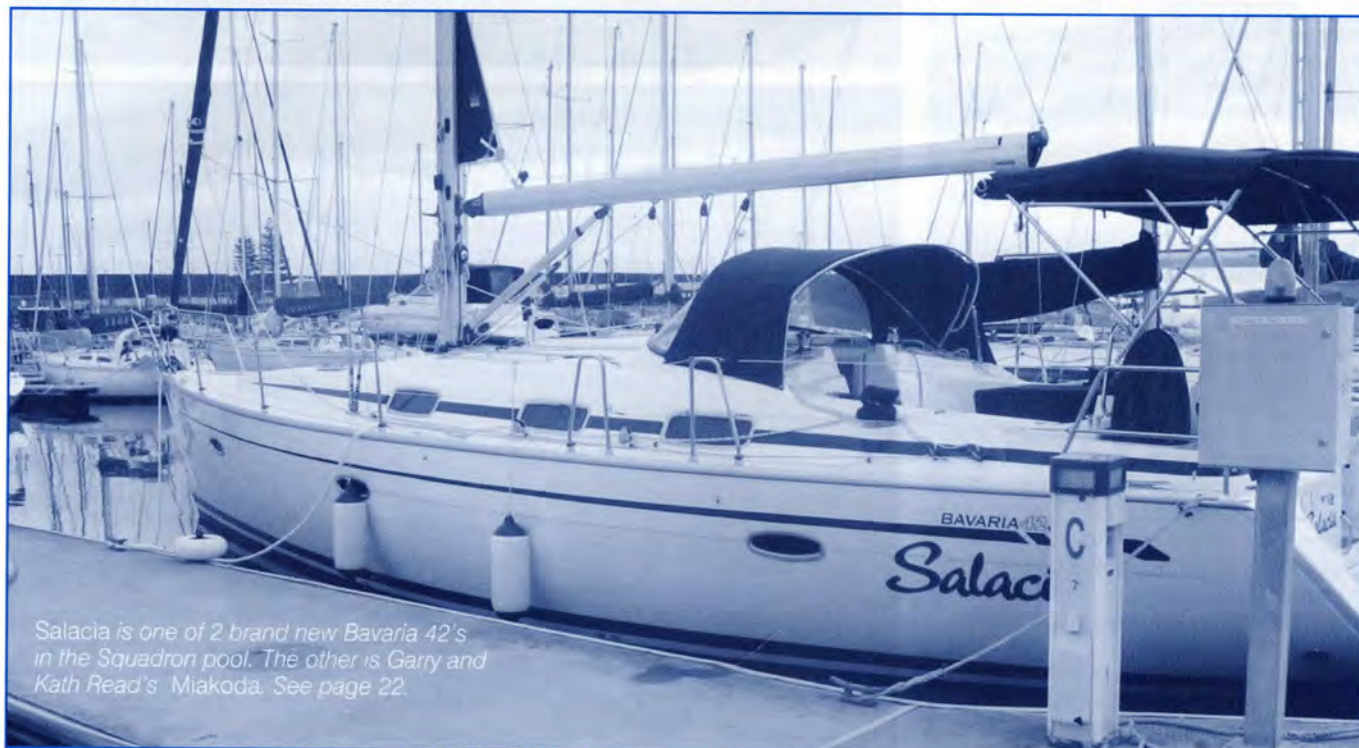
There is plenty of storage space below decks as well as a spacious saloon which has been designed to reduce wide open spaces for safety, especially in rough weather. The galley is midships and the half size chart table looks forward. It is early days yet, but so far she is a very impressive young lady and one day she might be treated to an asymmetrical head sail; if she behaves!

Specifications:

LOA	12.99m, LWL 11.4m
Beam	3.99m Displacement 9.2 tonne
Rig:	Double spreader, Selden Mast with in mast Furler Ht 17.9m Furlex Genoa Furler
Engine	Volvo Penta 412kw(55 hp)
Water	360 litre Fuel 210 litre



Relaxed at the wheel, Alan Down looks as if he's been at Salacia's helm for a decade. Not so.



Salacia is one of 2 brand new Bavaria 42's in the Squadron pool. The other is Garry and Kath Read's Miakoda. See page 22.