Bruce Farr has been designing racing yachts for a long time; one-offs and for series production. One of his most successful series boats came off the drawing board in 1995 when G. H. Mumm & Cie commissioned his office to design a 30 foot no-holds-barred fizzy machine for strict one-design racing by amateur owners, that Mumsy would sponsor.

But, like many of these classes, success was short-lived as cost-to-compete and owners’ budgets progressively diverged and Mumm pulled out in 2007, leaving the 200-odd owners to form their own Farr 30 Class Association. SOL launched its first Farr 30 a few years later and like the IRL owners has been having great fun with her ever since.