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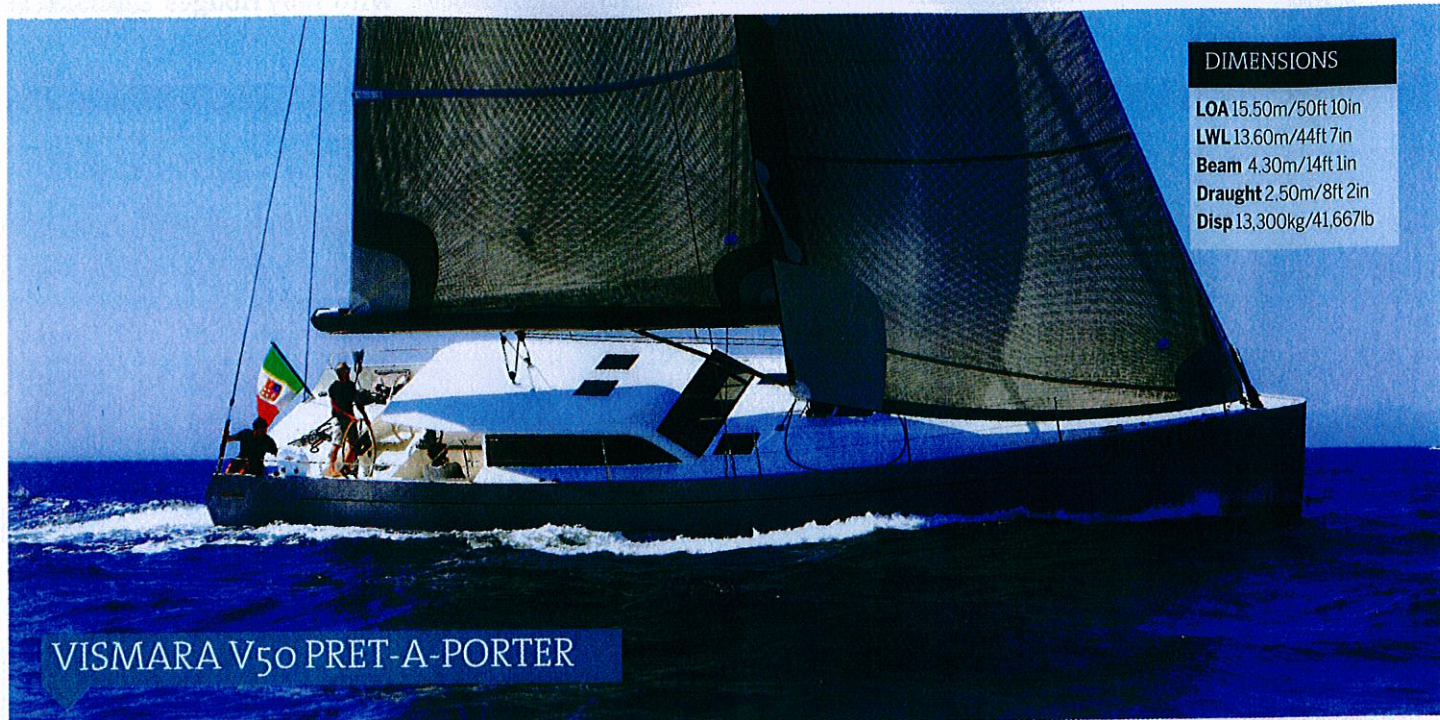
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DIMENSIONS

LOA 15.50m/50ft 10in
LWL 13.60m/44ft 7in
Beam 4.30m/14ft 1in
Draught 2.50m/8ft 2in
Disp 13,300kg/41,667lb

VISMARA V50 PRET-A-PORTER

This is one of the most innovative new launches I have seen in years. Vismara is known for its custom-made carbon racer-cruisers and has produced some notable large yachts among its 150 builds. But this V50 Pret-a-Porter marks the Viareggio yard's first foray into series production in 31 years – and the first time it has used a female mould.

The result is a performance design brimming with new features and options normally found only in the world of custom-built yachts. "With this kind of boat we hope we can reach markets all over Europe," says Vismara's Michele Antonini, while stressing that Vismara wants to remain a small shipyard. It plans to produce five V50s in the next three years.

For this project Alessandro Vismara optimised the performance hull of the existing V47 and added a host of features, including a prominent deck saloon, to create a fast cruiser with a difference. The V50 is designed for two people to live aboard and enjoy sailing fast in light winds. It's the rather uncanny fusion of three worlds, one in which a composite performance build meets distance cruiser meets motor-sailer.

The cockpit locker lids were lifted to reveal twin engines designed to ensure double-figure speeds under motor. These saildrives are mounted relatively far forward and outboard, so should provide formidable manoeuvrability. The argument, however, will be over whether the benefits of having an extra engine outweigh the negatives of increased maintenance and exposed drives.

The deep cockpit provides complete protection, yet in fair weather the helmsman can still sit out to steer from the side decks. And the deckhouse is kept low enough to



see clearly over when standing at the wheel.

Neat deck features include a telescopic passerelle that disappears above the tender garage and a covered cockpit. The deck is completely flush forward of the deckhouse.

The V50 is available with two or three cabins. This first boat, named *Dragon*, is the third Vismara for Guess fashion designer Angelo Bruni, and has the two-cabin layout. This includes a forward owner's cabin (right) with a choice of berths each side and a walk-in wardrobe area.

The V50 comes completely ready to sail including furling boom and sails.

Price ex VAT €750,000 (£541,935).
www.vismaramarine.it



A fast cruiser with a difference, the Vismara V50 is the company's first foray into series production