

A BAPTISM OF FIRE

ONE OF OUR MOST CELEBRATED NEW DESIGNS FROM 2007 WAS THE 82' CLASSIC CRUISER-RACER, ATAO.

Completed and launched by **JFA Yachts** in Southern Brittany, Atao was immediately pressed into service by her then French owner with an Atlantic crossing acting as her maiden 'shake-down' voyage, or to put it another way, a 'baptism of fire'.

Originally enroute to a string of high-profile Caribbean classic yacht regattas, Atao, has since cruised and raced in all the right places around the world from the Pacific, then Australia, and all over Europe, until finally settling back in the UK at Pendennis in Falmouth for a top-to-toe winter refit and other essential upgrades.



While always a safe and comfortable cruiser, Atao's original brief had strong performance in mind.



Her aluminium hull, carbon mast and lifting composite centreboard were testament to that, but her major refit at **Pendennis** will see her with an all-new rig, a glass-out repaint, new varnish work, a new sustainably sourced teak deck, new wiring, new electrics and a repositioning of essential installations in the engine room.

'Atao' means 'go forward' in Breton language, and we can't think of a more fitting name for this most charismatic and extremely capable yacht.


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