

**MAIT II**  
*Sparkman & Stephens Design No. 1215*

LOA 61'8", LWL 43'9", Beam 13'6", Draught 8'10", Sail Area 1816 Sq. Ft., Displacement 58,000 lbs.

Built by the Cantieri Baglietto in 1958 for approximately \$50,000. This yacht has always been considered to be particularly handsome, even though she has a slightly flatter sheer line than is normal with S&S boats. Her keel and deadwood are made out of laminated mahogany to an exceptionally high standard. She is built to the RORC rule and once again she has the finely drawn in bow and stern and narrower profile with slight tumble home favoured by the RORC rule. In the 60s and 70s she proved remarkably successful and was always marked as the boat to beat in any race that she entered. The stepped deckhouse design with the raised bridge deck of the aft cabin is somewhat reminiscent of Sangermani designs such as SAMURAI. The study of the hull lines will show numerous interesting small development details between this earlier design and the later CORSARO/STELLA POLARE. A feature of this boat is that the helmsman and the main sheet crew retain their own cockpit, while a separate area is raised on the bridge deck over the aft cabin which accommodates the large coffee grinder winch for the grinder crew to handle the headsails.

Olin Stephens has said in September 1990 that MAIT was one of the most satisfying commissions that he had received. Placed in every major Giraglia race she competed in, she was second in 1960, '61, '64 and '72 and won it in 1962 and '71. She was also the first Italian offshore boat to take part in the Fastnet race in 1959. She was second in the Plymouth/La Rochelle race in 1959, winner of the Malaga/Barcelona race in 1960.