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Riva Junior > **HULL No. 186**



Price	**€68,000 EU VAT exempt**
Location	Palma de Mallorca
Year	1967
LOA	18'8" / 5.70m
Beam	7'1" / 2.17m
Draft	1'6" / 0.45m
Hull Material	Mahogany
Engine	1 x Riva V8 180hp petrol
Builder	Riva, Sarnico, Italy
Designer	Carlo Riva





BROKER'S COMMENTS

The Riva Junior makes as much sense on paper as it does on the water, which is rare for a classic. Riva launched it at the 1966 Genoa Boat Show as its "young people's rocket". It was Carlo Riva's idea of putting all the varnish, chrome and Riviera swagger of his bigger boats into something small enough to use every day. Around 600 were built at Sarnico before production ended in 1972, and good ones are now a great deal harder to find than they are to fall for.

HULL No. 186 is an early 1967 example who has led a thoroughly pampered life. She previously belonged to the owner of a large yacht, who used her only lightly for the odd bit of water-skiing and chase-boat duty on sunny days. The rest of the time she was carefully stored and professionally looked after. She would suit the same role again for a new owner with a large yacht in need of the most stylish tender in the anchorage. That said, she's just as good on her own as a day boat, which is what Carlo Riva built her for, and she looks her best with a water-skier carving up her wake.

Her owners have not been shy with the chequebook either. Almost €33,000 has been spent on her in recent years. The decks have been stripped back and revarnished to a shine you will want your sunglasses for, and every piece of metalwork has been rechromed. The upholstery has been renewed in proper Riva aqua and white, with a bespoke padded cover made to keep it looking that way. Her Riva V8 has had its cylinder heads overhauled and a thorough service, and Berthon Yachts Spain recommissioned her in June 2026.

She is currently dry-stored under cover with Berthon in Palma de Mallorca and ready to go. A video of that V8 burbling into life is available on request.

Explore more photos here: https://www.berthoninternational.com/yacht-sales-brokerage/yachts-for-sale/riva-junior-hull-no-186/

OWNER'S COMMENTS

It is every yacht enthusiast's dream to own a classic Riva. It is not a matter of if, but when. It is a piece of art with the practical added value of being an amazing boat to drive and enjoy with friends. It is one of the most beautiful things you can possess and, significantly, it remains fit for purpose decades after launch.

CONSTRUCTION

RCD Status: Our understanding is that the yacht is exempt from the essential safety requirements of the Recreational Craft Directive as she was built and placed into use within the EU prior to 1998.

Hull, Deck & Superstructure Construction:

- Mahogany-planked hull and deck built by Riva at Sarnico, Italy, in 1967 - HULL No. 186.
- White painted topsides with chrome Riva script, aqua cove stripe and chrome rubbing strakes.
- Varnished mahogany upper transom and aft quarter panels, white lower transom with aqua stripe.
- Varnished mahogany foredeck and covering boards with contrasting, white-caulked seams.
- Decks fully stripped back, wood treated and prepared, then revarnished and flatted - Sotavento, Mallorca (2021/22).
- Varnished mahogany cockpit grab rails.
- Curved perspex windscreen in chrome frame with ivory edge trim and central rear-view mirror.

MACHINERY

Engine & Gearboxes:

- 1 x Riva V8 petrol inboard engine, 180hp.
- Engine housed centrally beneath hinged varnished mahogany hatch panels, with chrome air cleaner.

Maintenance & Performance:

- Engine hours - approx. 175.
- Video of the engine running available on request.
- June 2026 - Berthon Spain: oil and fuel filters renewed, oil and fuel changed, fuel pump replaced, fuel tank emptied and cleaned.
- 2023 - engine bay detailed and rust treated on engine metalwork.
- 2022 - cylinder head overhaul (Sotavento): heads removed, decarbonised and cleaned, valves ground, head faces planed and checked, new valve seals, head gaskets, exhaust manifold gaskets and head bolts, new ignition coil, valves adjusted and engine tuned.
- 2022 - mechanical service (Sotavento): compression test, new spark plugs, inlet manifold repaired and manifolds refitted with new gaskets, distributor refitted and timing set, engine and gearbox oil changed, new thermostat, service belt and hoses, carburettor cleaned and rebuilt, new 95Ah battery.

Propulsion & Steering:

- Single shaft drive with bronze propeller.
- Wheel steering via original-style ivory Riva steering wheel with chrome horn ring.
- Dash-mounted throttle lever with ivory knob and separate gear lever.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

Voltage Systems:

- 12V DC system.

Battery Banks:

- 1 x 95Ah 12V DC engine start battery (new 2022).

Other Electrical:

- Original Riva aqua and white dashboard with Riva-branded VDO instruments with pastel-green faces: ammeter, oil pressure, water temperature and rev counter (0-4,500rpm) with hour meter.
- Key ignition switch, warning lights and pull switches on the dashboard.
- Chrome housed navigation lights.

PLUMBING SYSTEMS

Bilge Pumps:

- Electric Jabsco bilge pump.

TANKAGE

Fuel:

- 1 x Petrol tank approx. 100 Litres.
- Tank emptied and cleaned, old fuel disposed of - June 2026.

ACCOMMODATION

Summary of Accommodation:

- Open-cockpit day boat.
- Upholstery completely renewed in 2022 by Liberty Designs (Mallorca) in Marlin “Mermaid” aqua and white marine vinyl, including the cockpit surrounds, following the original Riva design.
- Nine cockpit side panels re-covered in Marlin white (2022).
- Cream-painted cockpit sole and interior.

Description of layout from forwards:

- Varnished mahogany foredeck with chromed deck fittings.
- Curved windscreen in chrome frame.
- Helm position with full-width bench seat and padded backrest for driver and passenger, ivory steering wheel and aqua and white instrument fascia.
- Central engine box with hinged varnished mahogany hatch panels beneath a two-section sun pad.
- Wraparound bench seat across the stern.
- White aft deck with chromed fittings including fuel filler, flanked by varnished mahogany covering boards.

DECK EQUIPMENT

General:

- All deck hardware and brightwork re-chromed in 2022 (Sotavento).
- Chromed mooring cleats and fairleads.
- Original folding varnished mahogany bathing ladder with chrome fittings, transom mounted.
- Chrome transom grab handle.
- Chrome flagstaff with aft deck socket.

Anchoring & Mooring Equipment:

- 4 x Fenders with 4 x navy fender covers (2022).
- Small handheld anchor, chain and warp.

Covers, Canvas & Cushions:

- Bespoke full padded protective cover in Stamoid with felt lining - Liberty Designs (2022).
- Telescopic aluminium support poles.
- Full set of cockpit cushions renewed 2022 (see Accommodation).
- RIVA white / ivory Sun Bimini with tassels.

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