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Whether in harbours such as St Tropez or Monte Carlo, or on the Italian Lakes, the exclusive powerboats built by Carlo Riva define the long-faded glamour of the 1960s. Even today, some 50 years on, a Riva symbolises power and style. Classic Driver dealer Auto Storica has a Riva Ariston for sale.

[Writing for Classic Driver](#), Simon de Burton set the scene: "A few hours' sleep were sufficient, and then we were ready to begin partying all over again - and at the moorings, always a Riva ready to welcome us." Those were the words of legendary '60s playboy and actor Gigi Rizzi, for whom a Riva was as much a gentleman's essential as a beautiful blonde, a convertible Ferrari, wristwatches by Piaget and Patek Philippe, a cliff-top home with a garden down to the sea and a richly stocked walk-in wardrobe.



Although the smaller Ariston model always lived in the shadow of the range-topping Aquarama, it still has its legion of fans. It's made of wood, it's fast and it has more than ample space for lolling in the Southern European sunshine.

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