Every J/105, like every boat manufactured since 1972, has a HIN (Hull Identification Number) molded into its hull. It can be found on the starboard side of the stern. How do you interpret those 12 letters and digits? Well the important part is digits 6-9 which contain your hull number. For a complete deciphering read on.

First three letters: The builder, or in our case TSP, Tillotson Pearson (at least for the USA built boats). The French boats use a different code for J Composites.

Next two digits: Code for the J/105 by the manufacturer, in our case "15"

Next three digits: The hull number

Next letter: The month of completion of manufacture (A-K for January to December)

Next digit: The last digit of the year of manufacture

Last two digits: The model year

Your Test: Tell me everything about KIMA from its HIN: TSP15300K900