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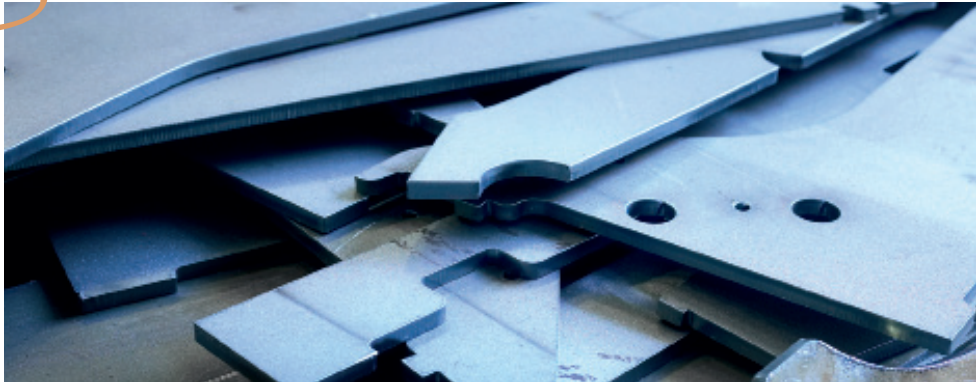
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You are holding a copy of the third generation of Serious Pleasure. Once upon a time, back in 1988, it began as Linssen Contact. In 2002 it was renamed to the international Serious Pleasure magazine. And now we are entering a new era with a completely redesigned publication.

A special word of thanks to Peter Linssen, the 'spiritual father' of Linssen Contact. His efforts, contributions and inspiration throughout many years have ensured that the magazine has been able to develop into what it is now.

As you will have read in the previous edition, my cousins Jac and Ruben and I took over the helm at Linssen Yachts in July 2011. I can almost hear you thinking "Oh dear! I'm keeping my fingers crossed! How will they tackle things? What are they planning to change?". But rest assured: Linssen Yachts is and will remain 100% Linssen Yachts.

We are an innovative boatyard in charge of the entire boatbuilding process, from plain steel sheeting to luxury motorboat. We will continue to develop new models – after all, our strength lies in innovation – but we will also keep improving our existing products; just look at the new Mark III (see page 22). And we are also a yard that cherishes existing boats – whether a Classic Sturdy built in 2000 or a "St. Jozefvlet" built in 1979 – by delivering outstanding service. Indeed, you can always turn to us for servicing or even an entire refit (see page 20).

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Baltic Sea, Flensburg-Baltic Sea, Rügen,
IJsselmeer-Frisian lakes, Zeeland delta region, the
Biesbosch, the Westeinderplassen, the Belgian rivers, Moselle-
Saar, Alsace, Canal du Midi, Canal du Bourgogne, Canal du
Nivernais, Adriatic Sea

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THE 13th LINSSSEN YACHTS BOAT SHOW IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE THE MOST COMPLETE OVERVIEW OF THE CURRENT LINSSSEN MODEL RANGE. FROM SMALL TO LARGE, THE BOATS WILL BE CONVENIENTLY PRESENTED IN OUR SHOWROOM. YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME IN MAASBRACHT.

GRAND STURDY MARK III SERIES

As you can read on pages 22 and 23, the Grand Sturdy Mark III series is currently being developed. The introduction will take place at Boot Düsseldorf (21 to 29 January 2012) and so this series will not be on display at our in-house show. The Grand Sturdy Mark III series is and will continue to represent the top segment in steel yacht building.

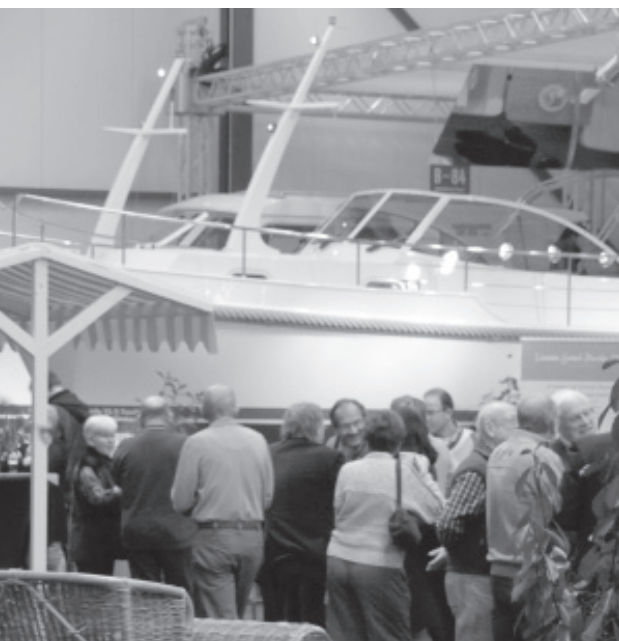
To give you some idea of this new series, it will be possible (by appointment) to inspect the Grand Sturdy 470 and 500 Variotop® Mark III currently in production during the Linssen Yachts Boat Show. You will be amazed by the style and the quality of the finishing. Please make an ap-

pointment in advance via our sales department (sales@linsssenyachts.com).

GRAND STURDY 9 SERIES

The extensive Linssen Grand Sturdy '9' series consists of a total of seven models ranging in length from 8.20 m to 14.30 m, most of which are available in both an AC and a Sedan version. The '9' series offers a huge range of advantages. The in-house product development ensures the very best complete engineering. This results in quality in every detail, quality thanks to repetition and extremely efficient production, and a very favourable price.

13th EDITION OF THIS ANNUAL EVENT



RANGE CRUISER SERIES

The Range Cruiser series is in the process of conquering Europe. Since the introduction at the Linssen Yachts Boat Show last year, four have been delivered (at the time of writing) and another five are in production. During our show, the Range Cruiser 450 Sedan Variotop® and the Wheelhouse versions will feature prominently in our showroom and you will have every opportunity to inspect them in full.

LINSSEN PARTNERS

In addition to the models in our showroom, you will have the opportunity to meet a number of Linssen partners, e.g. the Linssen Boating Holidays network. You can charter a Linssen in many areas of Europe via this network. Chartering allows you to discover whether you enjoy boating. This may make the progression to buying your own yacht more easy.

LINSSEN YACHTS SERVICES

You can also visit the Linssen Yachts Services stand, where every Linssen owner can ask about repair or refit work.

Furthermore, various pre-owned Linssen yachts will be available for inspection on request.

LINSSEN YACHTS BOAT SHOW 2011

DATA:

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2011

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2011

MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2011

OPENING HOURS:

DAILY

FROM 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

**REGISTRATION IS NOT
NECESSARY.**

PROGRAMME:

MARK II SERIES

- Grand Sturdy 500
- Variotop® Mark II

MARK III SERIE - IN PRODUCTION •

Grand Sturdy 470 Mark III

- Grand Sturdy 500 Variotop® Mark III
- Grand Sturdy 500 Wheelhouse Mark III

RANGE CRUISER SERIES

- Range Cruiser 450 Sedan Variotop
- Range Cruiser 450 Sedan Wheelhouse

GRAND STURDY 9 SERIES

- Grand Sturdy 25.9 Sedan
- Grand Sturdy 30.9 Sedan VTX
- Grand Sturdy 34.9 AC
- Grand Sturdy 36.9 Sedan
- Grand Sturdy 40.9 Sedan
- Grand Sturdy 40.9 AC
- Grand Sturdy 43.9 AC

(go to www.linssenyachts.com/lybs for the up-to-date programme).

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LINSSEN YACHTS - NASTA MARINE

ESTAVAYER-LE-LAC, SEPTEMBER 2011

30th ANNIVERSARY

In 1980, Jürg and Trudi Nacht founded Nasta Marine in Estavayer-le-Lac on Neuchâtel Lake. Right from the beginning, the company decided to include exclusive high-quality Linssen steel yachts in its programme and from 1982, it became the first European importer of Linssen yachts.

In 2006, Hugo Mathys (Mathys Medizinaltechnik AG in Bettlach) acquired Nasta Marine SA and since 2008, his son Ronny Mathys has been running the company. In the past few years, substantial amounts have been invested in an impressive showroom of more than 1,000 m² that was opened in May 2010.

In 2012, Nasta Marine and Linssen Yachts will be celebrating their 30th anniversary. This will be marked by a spectacular open day. The dates for the festivities are 16 and 17 June 2012.

We will, of course, keep you informed.

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SHOWROOM KEMPERS WATERSPORT

KUDELSTAART, SEPTEMBER 2011

Kempers Watersport, with two branches on the Westeinderplassen Lakes, is investing in a new showroom at Herenweg 100 in Leimuiden. As a Linssen Yachts agent, full-service marina and yacht brokerage business, Kempers Watersport has long enjoyed an excellent name in the western conurbation of the Netherlands. In addition to the new showroom and shop, an extensive workshop will be built in order to expand the full-service aspect even more in the next few years.

You can follow the progress of the construction on kemperswatersport.blogspot.com



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NEW BROCHURES & COLOUR SCHEMES

MAASBRACHT, AUGUST 2011

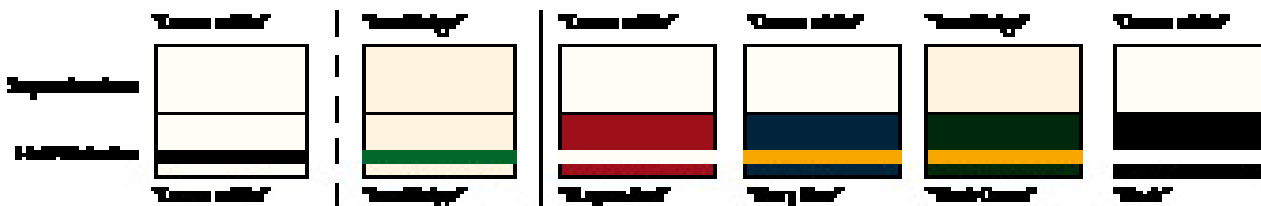
In 2004, as part of the Linssen '9' series, Linssen Yachts set a new trend with the "Sand Beige" standard colour combined with a green waterline. This colour is much in demand, because we can conclude that most of our yachts are delivered in that colour scheme.

However, this may unintentionally create the impression that this is the only colour available. That is why we have included a clear outline in our new brochures of possible colour combinations. Various colour schemes are optionally available that in no way prejudice the timeless character of a Linssen.

The Range Cruiser models are even available in a brilliant Champagne or Grey Metallic. These are colours that will earn you admiration in every marina.

To mark the start of the autumn shows, we introduced our new range of brochures in September. While you were sailing the extensive European waterway network this summer, the Linssen marketing department was working with advertising agency Lach in Mönchengladbach to produce a modern, attractive and stylish set of brochures. This set includes an image brochure explaining all about Linssen and three product lines, each with their own brochure and extensive information.

Would you like to know more about one of our models? Request the new brochures via +31 (0)475 - 43 99 99 or info@linssenyachts.com.



LINSSEN FINANCE PARTNERS

MAASBRACHT, JULY 2011

Here too, Linssen offers an extensive service, because we know better than most where you can obtain financing for a new yacht at the very best conditions. After all, we have been in the business for more than 60 years! And it goes without saying that we will help you in brokering the sale of a used boat.

When it comes to boat financing, we work with three permanent partners who have proved to be serious and reliable partners for decades and who can offer a specific service for each country or nationality. After all, a Dutch financing arrangement is very different to a German or French arrangement. Every country has its own view as regards financing and because we are aware of this fact, we take this into account when making a choice for our partners. To fulfil your dreams, you can choose a financing package to suit your wishes, e.g. a traditional loan, leasing or charter finance. So as far as your finances are concerned, one thing is certain – it's plain sailing with Linssen!

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Contact: Sandra Hein
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www.akf.de

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Contact: Sabine Schubert
Tel.: +49 (0)40 - 52 73 17 20
www.cgi-finance.de

Kuiper, Nederland

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www.kuiperverzekeringen.nl

LINSEN BOATING HOLIDAYS

MAASBRACHT, NOVEMBER 2011

In the past few seasons, the Linssen Boating Holidays (LBH) network has worked hard to increase the area it covers. For the 2012 season, new charter bases will be added in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany.

THE NETHERLANDS - KUDELSTAART/WESTEINDERPLASSEN

From the spring of 2012, LBH guests can charter Linssen Grand Sturdy motor yachts in Kudelstaart (Aalsmeer) on the Westeinderplassen lakes, an A1 location in the Dutch western conurbation near to Schiphol Airport and Amsterdam. For this extension of its charter fleet, Waterfront Jachtcharter in Ouddorp (Marina Port Zélande) has entered into a collaboration agreement with Kempers Watersport, which is an excellent synergy.

Info: WATERFRONT JACHTCHARTER, Maarten Koopen
www.jachtcharter.com

BELGIUM - KORTRIJK / BELGIAN LIMBURG

From the 2012 season, LBH guests can charter a yacht at 'BBOAT' or 'Aqua Libra Bootverhuur' to explore the Flemish and French-Flemish rivers and canals.

The calmness and unobtrusive landscape of the West Flanders countryside is in fascinating contrast to the classical elegance of Kortrijk, Bruges or Ghent. Lille and Tournai have lively second-hand goods and antique markets. Like the Louvre II in Lens (opening 2012) or the 66-metre boat lift at Strépy-Thieu (UNESCO World Heritage Site), these are just a few examples of the many attractive and exceptional destinations that Flanders has to offer.

Info: BBOAT, Lieven Vandeputte
www.bboat.be

Info: Aqua Libra Bootverhuur, Luc Vanthoor
www.aqua-libra.be

GERMANY - BUCHOLZ / MÜRITZ

Freewater Yachtcharter, with five Linssen charter bases in Germany, has announced the expansion of its fleet with a new Linssen Grand Sturdy 43.9 AC. Based at Buchholz on Lake Müritz, this is for the time being the first and only 43.9 that can be chartered in Europe. Thanks to its spacious layout and its separate sanitary facilities, the boat offers optimal comfort and privacy to families or two couples. Moreover, the 43.9 is very complete with luxurious fittings and is therefore a top model in the fleet.

Info: FREEWATER YACHTCHARTER, Rainer Daues
www.freewater.de

5 STERNE YACHTCHARTER - ZEHDENICK / HAVEL

'5 Sterne Yachtcharter' in Zehdenick, which is situated on the River Havel in the German Federal State of Brandenburg, is continuing to expand. It enjoys an ideal location almost halfway between the large and beautiful Müritz National Park and the lively metropolis of Berlin. This young company – a subsidiary of Spree Marine Yachthandel in Berlin – will have 11 new Linssen '9' series yachts in its collection from the start of the season. It is interesting to note that '5 Sterne' is still the only charter company within the LBH network that offers the 36.9. One 36.9 is based in Zehdenick, while two others have Berlin-Köpenick as their home port.

Info: 5STERNE YACHTCHARTER GmbH, Mirko Deutsch
www.5sterne-yachtcharter.de



Grand Sturdy 43.9 AC; freewater Yachtcharter in Buchholz

INTERNATIONAL LINSSEN YACHTS OWNERS GATHERING 2012

MAASBRACHT, OCTOBER 2011

The German Linssen Yachts Owners' Association (LYEV e.V.) has planned a very special gathering next year from 8 up to and including 14 June. In addition to the UK and Dutch-Belgian association members, all owners of a Linssen Yacht are now being invited to a week-long gathering in Berlin.

"We are going to organise an international get-together", according to Dr Achim Blaeser, chair of the LYEV. During the Linssen Yachts Boat Show in November, the members of the UK Linssen Owners Association and the Dutch-Belgian Linssen Owners Group (LOG) will be officially invited. But it will not be a meeting for association members only. "The idea behind the gathering is that all Linssen owners will be welcome, irrespective of whether they are members of an association or not", Blaeser explains.

From 8 up to and including 14 June 2012, Berlin will be the central meeting point for the international owners' gathering. In addition to a large-scale boat parade, city guided trips and cultural visits are planned. The precise details of the programme will be determined on 27 January 2012 during the general meeting of the LYEV during BOOT Düsseldorf.

Linssen owners who have already decided that they would like to participate at the international gathering in Berlin are requested to register with us. On the basis of the contact details recorded when you register, specific invitations will be sent in February 2012.

Please register via: info@lyev.org



RANGE CRUISER 450 NOMINATED EUROPEAN POWERBOAT OF THE YEAR 2012

MAASBRACHT, OCTOBER 2011

In September of each year, the nominations are announced for the "European Powerboat of the Year". Shortly before Linssen Magazine went to press, it was announced that in the displacement category, the Linssen Range Cruiser 450 had been nominated for 2012.

The Award is an initiative of Boote, the largest watersport magazine in Europe, in cooperation with 18 European yacht and powerboat magazines. These specialists examine a combination of sailing characteristics, construction, quality, price/quality relationship, design and the unique selling points of each candidate.

The award will be presented on Saturday 21 January 2012, the first day of BOOT Düsseldorf.



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Minimum air draft:	± 3.05 m (Wheelhouse) ± 3.47 m (Variotop®)	± 3.05 m (Wheelhouse) ± 3.47 m (Variotop®)
Headroom FC/dinette-galley/wheelhouse:	± 1.97 / 1.97 / 2.00 m	± 1.97 / 1.97 / 2.00 m
Engine:		
single:	1x 6 cyl. Steyr Diesel, MO126K25 -D 1x 88 kW (120 HP), 2500 rpm	1x 6 cyl. Steyr Diesel, MO156K25 1 x 110 kW (150 HP), 2500 rpm
twin:	2 x 4 cyl. Steyr Diesel, MO94K33 2 x 66 kW (90 HP), 3000 rpm	2 x 6 cyl. Steyr Diesel, MO126K25-D 2 x 88 kW (120 HP), 2500 rpm

“...a single-chine hull cruiser with good sailing characteristics and which is easy to manoeuvre.”

(Motorboot, November 2011)

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(Motorboot, November 2011)

“The Range Cruiser is a combination of many splendid features both inside and outside.”

(ANWB Waterkampioen, no. 17, 2011)

“And even through every Linssen is a series product, every Linssen has... its own character.”

(ANWB Waterkampioen, no. 17, 2011)

“We are amazed by the huge number of innovative details on board.”

(Motorboot, November 2011)



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(ANWB Waterkampioen, no. 17, 2011)



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“Linssen, one of the best organised yacht builders in our country.”

(Motorboot, November 2011)

Where can you view the Range Cruiser?

Hanseboot (29.10-06.11.2011)

Linssen Yachts Boat Show (26.11-28.11.2011)

Webinfo:



JOKE AND JOS KEMPERS ENJOY THEIR LINSSEN GRAND STURDY 500

Text: Gabi de Graaf; Photos: Jos Kempers



EXCITING CROSSING IN THICK MIST

IT'S CURIOUS HOW MANY EXPERIENCED SAILORS CHOOSE A LINSSEN YACHT. "THAT'S NOT SO ODD," SAYS JOS KEMPERS. "IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE STURDY, WELL-BUILT BOATS. YOU CAN RELY ON A LINSSEN." JOKE AND JOS KEMPERS HAVE BEEN ENJOYING THEIR LINSSEN GRAND STURDY 500, THE "AMPHITRITE", FOR THREE YEARS NOW. THEY HAD A WONDERFUL TIME ON A RECENT TRIP ALONG THE SOUTHERN ENGLISH, NORTHERN FRENCH AND BELGIAN COASTS.

The Kempers began their trip in their home port, a marina in Leimuiden run by their son Bart, from where they set out for Zeeland. They travelled via Alphen aan den Rijn, Gouda and Dordrecht, arriving in Willemstad the next day. "It's a town that merits repeated visits," says Joke. The next day, the weather was perfect and the couple dropped anchor on Lake Veere. "Still, we didn't sleep as well as we would have liked, because we had the journey to England ahead of us and were a bit nervous," Joke relates. Travelling via the Zuid-Beveland Canal and passing through numerous locks and under countless bridges, Joke and Jos finally arrived in Flushing, where their friends Arend and Sonja Bon greeted them. The Bons would be accompanying them on their own yacht.

It was sunny when the boats left for Blankenberge, Belgium, the next day. That evening they discussed where and when they would cross over to England. They ulti-

mately chose to depart from Dunkirk in France, a busy ferry terminal. Joke and Jos were not really charmed by Dunkirk, and they decide to stay there only one night.

BUSY FERRY TRAFFIC

The following morning, however, there was a very thick mist and they were less than keen to grapple with the busy ferry traffic before making the crossing to Eastbourne. So they decided to travel down the French coast to Boulogne-sur-Mer instead. After a while, however, the mist cleared and they set out across the English Channel after all. "We had to keep an eye out for ferries, but there was little trouble otherwise," says Joke now. After about ten hours, however, the mist closed in again and threw a spanner into the works. Fortunately, their friends Arend and Sonja had equipped their boat with an Automatic Identification System (AIS), allowing them to identify the course, direction and speed of all of the boats they en-



countered. "It's a fantastic system for navigating safely at sea. Arend warned us whenever large ships were in the area, and at long last we entered the port in Eastbourne safely," Joke relates. The port has a narrow access channel and many shallow areas, but once inside the two couples enjoyed the view of the large, splendid harbour – not to mention the many restaurants and pubs along the quay. It was time to relax, in other words. Eastbourne is an elegant Victorian seaside resort with a Mediterranean climate. The English call it the "Suntrap of the South". That says enough. The seven-kilometre-long beach promenade is lined with Victorian buildings and palm trees. The two couples spent three days there. "We cycled a lot along the coast and through the hillside towns. We visited the old church of Our Lady of Ransom, a very special place. We also enjoyed the old facades, so reminiscent of Dickens." The couple's folding bicycles, which they always take with them on their travels, were objects of curiosity for the English. But they could not allow themselves to be distracted. "We really had to pay attention – we were cycling on the 'wrong' side of the road and had to be conscious of which way to look when crossing a junction," adds Joke.

IMPRESSIVE COASTLINE

Finally, they left for Brighton, one of Britain's most renowned seaside resorts. On the way, they enjoyed views of the impressive coastline, with its steep chalk cliffs rising up from the sea. "Awe-inspiring! Especially when the sun shone on the chalk cliffs. We also came across numerous little fishing boats and lots of small, round buoys." The old seaside resort of Brighton is famous for its splen-

did pier and Victorian architecture. It's an ideal town for strolling about. The town centre consists of snug, narrow streets and charming squares with pleasant cafes, shops, and points of historical interest. "The well laid-out cycling paths along the coast make for very pleasant cycling." There is also a very good train link between Brighton and London, which Joke and Jos used to visit their daughter in the capital.

After three days, the two couples left Brighton and headed for Chichester. They cruised along the large, lovely bays of England's southern coast. A stiff side wind and high temperatures made for a long and tiring day, and they were very happy at the end of it to reach Chichester. The town lies on Chichester Harbour, a bay and popular area for both boating enthusiasts and water sports suppliers. "Almost the entire harbour was shallow, so we finally dropped anchor and took our rubber dinghy to a yacht club. It was a very stylish place – a very traditional club where we were received as guests. First, however, they asked us whether we were members of a yacht club," says Jos. "If we hadn't been, we wouldn't have been admitted." The two couples enjoyed the splendid sailing races organised here. They were entirely English in character: traditional sailboats with crews dressed in blazers and shorts. "Everyone there is very keen on boating, both young and old. It's quite a sight to see the groups of small boats manned by fanatical competition sailors."

THE CROSSING TO FRANCE

The journey continued. The couples crossed The Solent, the stretch of sea between the Isle of Wight and the southern coast of England, and entered the Hamble,



The steep chalk cliffs of Brighton

a small tidal river. There are numerous marinas full of splendid sailboats along the river. They moored in Port Solent, a new marina in Portsmouth Harbour. The following day, Joke and Jos's daughter and her family came to stay for the weekend. "We all crossed over to the Isle of Wight. We had a headwind of force 6 or 7. It was fantastic. The children were delighted." Set in the Atlantic, the Isle of Wight is renowned for its splendid natural scenery and unspoilt villages and towns. The group spent the night in Cowes, an important port town.

The time had come to start the crossing to France. After an overnight stay in Lymington, the two couples started their crossing at 6 a.m. It was a bit misty when they crossed The Solent, but by the time they passed the Isle of Wight, the sun had risen and the weather was splendid. It was a quiet trip, with only a single ferry passing them. "A wonderful journey, except for one area polluted with rubbish, oil and wood," says Joke. By the time they reached the French coast, the mist had returned. The couples decided not to travel to the large port of Cherbourg-

Octeville, but instead headed for Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue, a noted fishing port and marina. It is also a well-known oyster farming centre, and the mild climate has made it a popular seaside resort. "Boats can only enter the harbour of Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue if the tide is favourable, so we were uncertain how things would go." The two couples reached the harbour at around 8 p.m. – absolutely perfect timing. They were assigned a splendid berth with a view of the boats entering and leaving the harbour. Like many seaports, Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue is sealed off by a large watertight lock at low tide, so that enough water remains in the harbour. "It's almost unbelievable when you later realise that the sea has actually receded several kilometres," says Jos. "And it's wonderful to moor there and watch the incoming and outgoing tide and all the hustle and bustle of fishing vessels unloading their catch on the dock."

Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue was so pleasant that the two couples ultimately spent a week there. "We met some very nice people and ate very well in the harbour restaurant. We also visited Cherbourg-Octeville, and decided that we really had made the right choice."

They also visited Sainte-Mère-Église on the coast of Normandy. It made a deep impression on them. "Very sobering, what happened here during the Second World War. Those enormous cemeteries with the graves of young men who died at age eighteen, nineteen or twenty. It brought a lump to my throat, and gave me the chills at the same time," Jos recalls. "And then we saw the steep, rocky cliffs that those young soldiers had to climb. Unbelievable."

After a week spent seeing the sights, the two couples moved on. They decided to let the wind and waves determine their next destination. Although the waves lashed the boats and the sea was very unsettled, they navigated to Deauville. Fortunately, they once again managed



to enter the harbour just in time. "Once we were safely moored, we were surprised to see that the entire navigable channel lay dry once the tide ebbed. It was quite an interesting experience." Deauville is a lovely town with beautiful homes, an elegant boulevard and inviting outdoor cafes. "Purely by chance, the town was hosting a gigantic antique and classic car rally that Saturday. It was great to see all the old vehicles."

The trip continued to Honfleur, renowned for its picturesque old harbour. "A charming town, but very touristy," says Joke. The next stop was Le Havre, and then the distinctive old harbour of Fécamp. "Le Palais Bénédictine is especially lovely. Truly the lap of luxury," says Jos. The famous Bénédictine liqueur is made in this neo-Gothic/neo-Renaissance palace. "The distillery was fascinating and we were very tempted to purchase a bottle of the delicious liqueur. And we didn't resist that temptation!" adds Joke.

The next trip took them from Fécamp to Dieppe, where the river Arques empties into the English Channel. It was a long distance to travel, but the trip went smoothly. "I last visited Dieppe about fifty years ago, and my romantic memories of the place no longer matched the reality. We went cycling here as well. The port is part of a large industrial site, but the harbour itself and the dockside cafes are still inviting," says Joke.

The couples continued to Boulogne-sur-Mer. They had trouble finding berths at first, but finally succeeded. "We cycled into the centre and it was quite a challenge, because the town is spread across hills and valleys. We were certainly ready for a drink once we arrived," Joke relates. The two couples stayed in Boulogne-sur-Mer for two nights, and then travelled on to Nieuwpoort in Belgium, which has what may be the largest marina in northern Europe. "It was a very different sort of harbour from the ones we'd visited until then. It had a truly gigantic number of yachts," says Joke.

The two couples spent a day in Dunkirk and then began their journey home. "It was wonderful to be back in the Netherlands again" says Jos. "We spent a couple of relaxing days in Zeeland. We dropped anchor for a few nights and even went swimming, which we hadn't done while we were at sea."

Back home, the Kempers cherish their memories of a wonderful trip. "We got to appreciate our Linssen Grand Sturdy 500 even more. It's a pleasant and comfortable boat and handles especially well in rough swell."



"A SUPER BOAT," IS WHAT JOS KEMPERS CALLS HIS LINSSSEN GRAND STURDY 500.

"I've never had a moment's regret. It's like taking my house along with me." Jos and his wife Joke should know – they are experienced sailors and have navigated many different boats. Jos's father ran an inland boatyard, and Jos and his brothers took over the business when they got older. Later, Jos purchased two marinas of his own, in Aalsmeer and Leimuiden. He offers the entire range of boating services, from repairs and sail-making to a shop.

He awakened Joke's love of boating during their engagement. She did not need much encouragement, however; she was already a fervent canoer and had always really loved the water. Aquatic sports are important to the whole Kempers family. The couple's two sons now run the two marinas, and their daughter and her three children also spend as much time on the water as they can. Joke and Jos Kempers have been enjoying their Linssen Grand Sturdy 500 for three years now. They used to spend all their time on a sailboat. "I didn't really like ocean sailing," says Joke. "But I'm a convert now, purely because I really trust this boat." Navigation is only part of the enjoyment of boating, Joke and Jos Kempers believe. "The social side of things, checking out the harbours, visiting fun places," are what make boating truly appealing for them.

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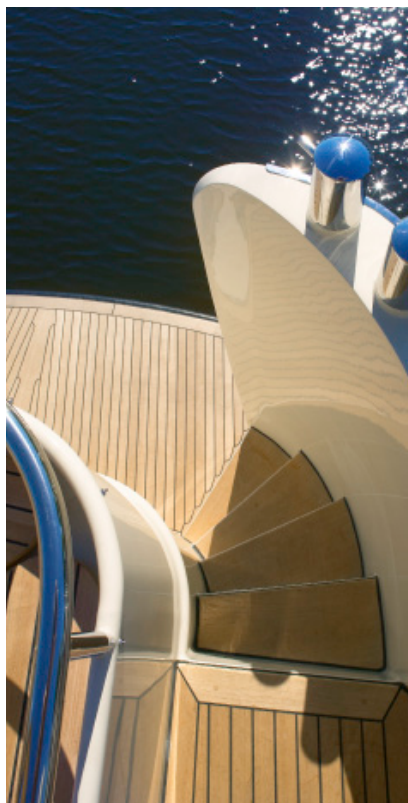
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LINSSSEN GRAND STURDY MARK III

NO-ONE HAS ANY DOUBTS ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE, STYLE AND CRAFTSMANSHIP OF THE GRAND STURDY MARK II SERIES. NEVERTHELESS, WE HAVE NOW REVIEWED THE DESIGN OF THIS LEGENDARY SERIES AND UPDATED IT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR CUSTOMERS. THIS HAS RESULTED IN A SERIES OF ABSOLUTELY TOP-CLASS YACHTS!

The Grand Sturdy Mark II series dates back to 2002 and the introduction of the 500 Variotop® Mark II, with the fully automatic folding roof which has never been equalled. Throughout the years, the series was enlarged with the introduction of various models and until now, the Mark II series has represented the top segment in the steel yacht building sector.

MARK III

But times change, tastes change and people change, which is why the successful Linssen Mark II series is being restyled. It goes without saying that the quality remains

the same: warm cherry wood, fine leather and very high-quality finishing.

NEW EXTERIOR STANDARD

The exterior of the Mark III series sets new standards. The traditional "Linssen Sand Beige" (which is still available of course) has been replaced by a bright, new – but timeless – colour scheme as standard. A polished black hull and the Linssen cream white superstructure, in combination with the 'smoke grey' glass and 'charcoal grey' canvas, creates a harmonious finish.

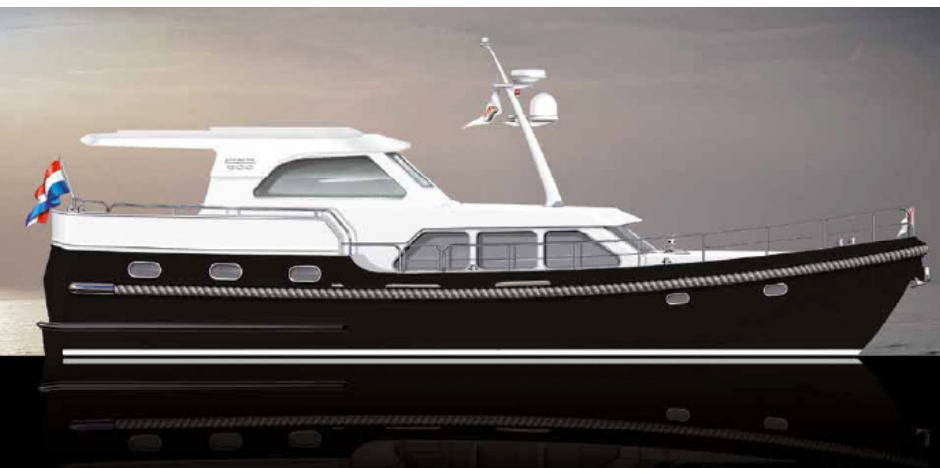
Another characteristic of the Mark III series is the choice between the successful 'classic luxury' interior and the newly developed 'new comfort' interior. In close collaboration with the interior specialists of the Belgian "Korage Interieur" firm, the Grand Sturdy 500 Variotop® has undergone (as the first of the series) a complete restyling. You will be amazed by what has been achieved.

The Korage specialists and the Linssen team are currently working hard to bring about the intended result. You can view it at BOOT Düsseldorf 2012 (21 - 29 January 2012).



In addition to the changes referred to above, the Mark III series is being extended by the Grand Sturdy 500 Wheelhouse Mark III. The Wheelhouse is the twin sister of the Variotop® and is, of course, a real Grand Sturdy 500. Below deck, the models are available in the same interior versions. This Grand Sturdy 500 is being fitted with a permanent wheelhouse (with the possibility of incorporat-

ing an electric sliding roof) rather than the famous and patented Linssen Variotop®. This latest member of the Mark III series will be presented for the first time during the Hiswa In-water Boat Show in September 2012.



Where can you view the Mark III?

Linssen Yachts Boat Show (26.11-28.11.2011)

(in the production)

BOOT Düsseldorf (21.01-29.01.2012)

Webinfo:



BASIC SPECIFICATION 430/470 /500 MARK III

	Grand Sturdy 430 Mark III	Grand Sturdy 470 Mark III	Grand Sturdy 500 Mark III
LOA x beam x draft:	± 13.50 x 4.30 x 1.35 m	± 14.70 x 4.45 x 1.36 m	± 14.98 x 4.88 x 1.35 m
Minimum air draft:	± 2.96 m	± 3.15 m	± 3.50 m (VT)/ ± 3.89 m (WH)
Headroom FC/cabine/saloon/AC:	± 1.98/1.98/1.97/1.98 m	± 1.98 / 1.98 / 1.97 / 1.98 m	± 2.05 / 2.05 / 2.00 / 2.00 m
Engine:	Single:		
	1x 6 cyl. Vetus-Deutz Diesel DT66, 1x 125 kW (170 HP)	-	-
	Twin:		
	2x 4 cyl. Vetus-Deutz Diesel DT44, 2x 84 kW (114 HP)	2x 4 cyl. Vetus-Deutz Diesel DTA44, 2x 104 kW (140 HP)	2x 6 cyl. Vetus-Deutz Diesel DT66, 2x 125 kW (170 HP)



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In the Sedan, the sitting area in the roomy cockpit has been increased by broadening the sofa on the port side and by providing cushions (optional).

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30.9 Victorinox - Limited Edition

- Linssen Yachts Boat Show
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- BOOT Düsseldorf (21.01-29.01.2012)

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- BOOT Düsseldorf (21.01-29.01.2012)
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BURGUNDY IS A FANTASTIC REGION WITH A FASCINATING CULTURE, A WONDERFUL GASTRONOMIC TRADITION AND SUPERB WINES

FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO DISCOVER THE LESS WELL-KNOWN DELIGHTS IN THIS AREA FROM THE WATER, THE CANAL DU NIVERNAIS IS AN EXCELLENT OPTION. MIKE GARDNER-ROBERTS OF CHARTER COMPANY FRANCE FLUVIALE HAS AN IDEAL LINSSEN YACHT READY AND WAITING.

“Villiers-sur-Yonne?”. The taxi driver at Auxerre station looked puzzled. “Mon dieu”, he said, shaking his head, “where is it you want to go exactly? To Villiers-sur-Yonne? Apart from a few houses and an old church, there’s nothing there!” “That’s exactly where we want to go”, Petra and me answered. The driver shook his head again, adjusted his cap and drove along narrow country lanes, through charming villages and thick woodland to our destination.

An hour later, he finally understood the purpose of this long car journey. Petra got out of the taxi, walked across the medieval River Yonne bridge and waved in the direction of a brand new Linssen Grand Sturdy which was moored below. “Oh là là! What a splendid cruising boat”,

the taxi driver laughed, “that’s why you’ve come all the way out here.” I smiled, retrieved our luggage from the boot and paid the driver. “Well everything went fine”, Klaus said as he greeted me on board. While Petra was admiring the yacht’s interior, Klaus explained the route that he had sailed. “I boarded the yacht near to Decize on the Loire. The most exciting parts of the trip were the 1,200 metre long tunnel at La Collancelle, the sixteen locks at Sardy-lès-Épiry and yesterday the beautiful medieval village of Vézelay with its splendid St Magdalene basilica. I’ve been moored here waiting for you since this afternoon.”

It was a long evening. Klaus had put together a delicious plateau de fromages. He served it up with ham, foie gras, wine grapes and – as you would expect – Pinot Noir and

Chablis. Many tales were told. The moon shone a silvery light on the imposing fruit trees and plane trees around our mooring and eventually a far-away church bell heralded the start of a new day. We raised our glasses to our upcoming voyage and our sturdy Linssen, wished Klaus bonne nuit and retired to our comfortable aft cabin.

The sun's rays woke us promptly at 8 a.m. I disembarked to go in search of fresh baguettes. However, I wondered whether there was a baker in the village. I did not have to wait long for an answer, because as soon as I was on the Yonne bridge a delivery van approached along the Rue du Pont. The van stopped and the side window opened to reveal a huge pile of oven-fresh baguettes. "How many do you want?" asked the woman in the driver's seat. I bought three baguettes, the women served the other customers who had arrived and took her leave of us with a charming au revoir. When I returned to the boat, I was greeted by the smell of fresh coffee. We had a relaxed breakfast and then Klaus cast off and we sailed in the direction of Clamecy.

The mood on board became even more positive. Grassy meadows with white Charolais cattle were followed by idyllic riverbanks, bright yellow rape fields and thick woodland. At the lock near Chevroche, two cyclists from Oldenburg were waiting. They introduced themselves with "we are Uwe and Margit." They had been journeying for the past week from Decize to Auxerre. While Uwe was praising the many B&Bs along the canal, Margit was

casting her curious eye over our Linssen. "We've also had a few boating holidays", she said, "mainly on Aida cruise ships. But we've never seen such a darling little boat as this." When Klaus heard this, his face turned to thunder. But he managed to control himself and kindly asked the two whether they would like to come on board for the next part of the voyage. "There's plenty of room on board because this darling little boat is bigger than you think." "Of course", said a delighted Margit, "that would be great!"

While the two cyclists got on board, a white Renault came rushing up. A young guy got out and ran to the lock. He pulled up his sleeves, spat on his hands and opened the lock doors manually. Ten minutes later our Linssen slid gracefully out of the lock and continued towards Clamecy. The first thing we saw in this old town (which owed its prosperity to the building of wooden rafts) was the bell tower of St Martin's church, which pointed above the maple trees towards the clear blue sky. We moored in the harbour and made our way up to the old town.

The construction of the Canal du Nivernais dates back to the sixteenth century. At that time, the forests around Paris had already been cut down to provide fuel for the flourishing city, so that wood had to be transported to the capital from elsewhere over bumpy roads. The Canal du Nivernais had to act as a bridge between Paris and the forest of Bazois. However, it was another 250 years before the first sections of canal were complete. But how



was the wood transported? The trees were cut down, sawn into smaller pieces and thrown into the streams and rivers. In Clamecy, these logs were retrieved from the water and tied together to create rafts 75 metres long and 5.50 metres wide. Brave men climbed on board these ramshackle structures and guided them to the capital using long poles. However, with a population of 5,000, Clamecy was far more than just a 'terminal' for wood intended for Paris. It has picturesque half-timbered houses, snug alleyways and traditional inns, but it is also the birthplace of writers such as Romain Rolland and Claude Tillier. While Tillier amused the world with his humorous satire 'Mon Oncle Benjamin', Nobel Prize winner Rolland advocated peace and understanding during the First and Second World Wars.

The voyage continued and in Pousseaux, a hand-operated lifting bridge links both banks of the canal. We were unable to simply sail underneath, because the steel bridge was more or less the same height as the railing on our Linssen. What should we do? Just wait? For whom? There was nobody to be seen anywhere and there was no bridge keeper's house or a telephone number. There was only a sign saying that anyone who tried to operate the bridge themselves would receive a hefty fine. "Let's wait", Klaus decided. And the skipper's word is law, so we waited: 10 minutes, 15 minutes, 20 minutes. After half an hour a boat came in the opposite direction. The skipper moored, disembarked and cranked the bridge up – we could hardly believe our eyes! "You can pass through", he shouted, which we were only too pleased to do.

At the stroke of 7 p.m., the lock keepers along the canal end their shift and make their way home. And needless to say, we arrived at the Châtel-Censoir lock a few minutes too late. "Rien ne va plus", said Klaus shrugging his shoulders, "we cannot go through." So we stayed the night in

the marina. But where could we get something to eat? One of the marina staff recommended a rotisserie, "five kilometres away". Although we were still considering this option, he ordered a taxi and wished us "bon appétit". After a few hair-raising bends taken at high speed along a rock face, we arrived at a traditional auberge. The fireplace was crackling away and there were photos of mountaineers on the wall. The chef wished us bonsoir and asked what we wanted to eat. There is trout, Bresse chicken and Charolais beef." We all ordered beef. "Good choice", said the three men at the table next to ours. They were rock climbers from Paris and were practising their daredevil sport on the steep Rocher du Saussois.

French writer Stendhal was a keen sailor along the canals of Burgundy. "You see the countryside far better than from a stage coach", he wrote 200 years ago. That is still true today, at least if you have the time. And time is something we had on our side! Free from stress and rush, we wandered through the sleepy alleyways of Mailly-le-Château, from where you have a view of the Yonne from a protruding rock. Near Prégilbert, we enjoyed the tasty trout of fish farmer Pageaud. We later passed through the picturesque fortress town of Cravant near to where the River Cure flows into the Yonne, before sailing gently on towards Bailly. Just like on a painting, the Yonne meanders here through woods and below vineyards slopes. We moored at the quayside in Bailly and set out on foot to climb the Col du Crémant, which name refers to a hollow limestone rock about 200 metres high. The inside of the rock serves as a wine cellar for the local Bailly Lapierre wine cooperative. Approximately five million bottles are stored in the four-hectare vaulted cellar. At the entrance, it's possible to sample modest amounts of this immense wine collection and everyone is welcome to buy as many bottles as they like. Needless to say we did not let this opportunity pass. We concluded that although excellent red wines are produced in the region between Dijon and Beaune, the north-west of Burgundy also has a lot to offer, particularly its magnificent Crémants.

The rest of our voyage can be quickly summarised. The next day at 9 a.m. we passed through the lock at Bailly. Châteaux and large mansions feature here, former tow paths have become asphalted cycle tracks and traffic speeds over the bridges. Five locks further on, we arrived in Auxerre, a city of 38,000 inhabitants. After a total of



170 kilometres along the canal and through 110 locks, our Linssen arrived at its final destination. We should really have returned our floating luxury accommodation in Vermenton. But Klaus had made arrangements with Mike Gardner-Roberts, head of charter company France Fluviale. This British Francophile and canal voyage enthusiast was willing to pick up his splendid boat in Auxerre marina. All formalities were soon completed. Together with Klaus, we strolled through the picturesque maze of the old town full of half-timbered houses. We visited the gothic cathedral of St Étienne, possibly the most famous in Burgundy. At the Tour de l'Horloge, we took our leave of Klaus and got in the taxi. "Villiers-sur-Yonne?" the taxi driver asked. After a moment's hesitation, I suddenly recognised the driver who picked us up on our arrival in Auxerre. "Non, non!, I laughed, first to Chablis to buy wine and then to the station for the train to Paris." "D'accord", he smiled. He adjusted his cap and we were off.



Burgundy

Burgundy is in the east of central France and has a rolling landscape with hills of up to 900 metres. The region covers 31,600 km² and consists of the following départements: Côte d'Or, Saône-et-Loire, Nièvre and Yonne. Auxerre (approximately 38,000 inhabitants) is the capital of Yonne and is located on the river of the same name. Together with Dijon, Auxerre is considered to be one of the most beautiful cities in Burgundy. The city has many medieval attractions, of which the most famous is the gothic cathedral of St Étienne. Chablis (16 km from Auxerre) is certainly worth visiting thanks to its world-famous Chardonnay wines. The largest city in Burgundy is Dijon (150,000 inhabitants).

Canal du Nivernais

The idea for the construction of a canal between the Loire and the Seine dates back to King Henry IV (1553-1610). Work started in 1784 and 60 years later the canal was first used as a waterway for transporting wood. The canal is 174 km long and features 110 locks. The most spectacular structures along the route include the tunnels at La Collancelle (758 m), Mouas (268 m) and Breuilles (212 m), the lock system in the Sardy valley (16 locks within 3 kilometres with a drop of 48 metres) and the aqueduct at Montreuillon (33 m high, 145 m long).

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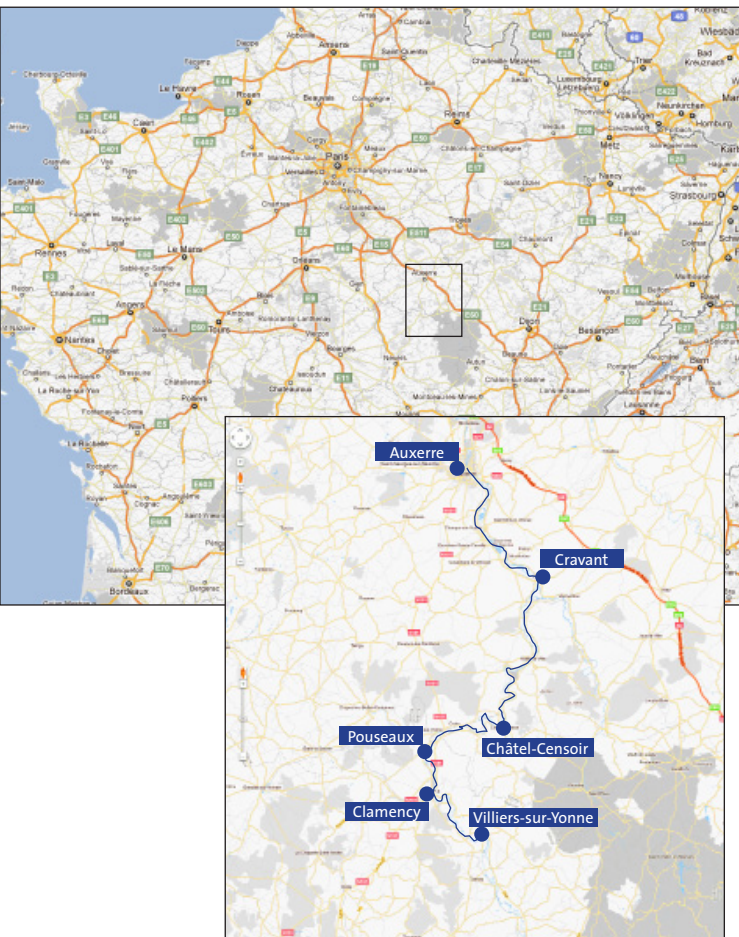
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