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# COME TO OUR 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SHOW

At the 16th Linssen Yachts Boat Show, we will be presenting **FIVE** new Linssen models:



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#### WORLD PREMIERE: the Classic Sturdy 42 Sedan

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#### WE TAKE YOUR PLEASURE SERIOUSLY

It's late September and the days are still full of sunshine. I'm at home enjoying the latest edition to our family: daughter Sophie who is now 12 weeks old. With the sun shining on the terrace, I am looking at messages and splendid photos on Facebook from Linssen owners who are still soaking up the nice weather on the water. I like to see others enjoying our yachts.

I am browsing the contents of this edition again. Before Sophie was born, Paul Beelen and me had already decided on the contents, in outline at least. After all, its difficult to determine the latest news in June.

I can see what I've been missing, or should I say following from a distance. But needless to say, spending the first few weeks with our daughter was a priority. Because let's face it, this is a once-only opportunity. Nevertheless, I do regret having to miss Linssen events.

One of the events I missed was the introduction of the Classic Sturdy 36 Sedan Deckbridge at Nasta Marine in Estavayer-le-Lac, Switzerland. It is a splendid new yacht with 15m² extra living space. Nasta Marine organised an invitation-only VIP evening followed by two open days to present the latest model to the public. The guests at Nasta Marine agreed with us: this boat is a really new Linssen and is being received very enthusiastically.

And now the boat show season is underway.

The HISWA Amsterdam In-Water Boar Show takes place the first week in September, followed by Southampton, Friedrichshafen and the now familiar Cruise Days at Hennings in Papenburg. You can already sense the boat show atmosphere.

The next events are the sailing days in Maasbracht, Hanseboot in Hamburg and the Nieuwpoort boat show. Consequently, 'my' sales department has work on its hands.

I will be enjoying the fourth generation for another three weeks before returning to focus on 'those little Linssen boats' as Mathijs, our three-year-old son, puts it. We are fast approaching our large anniversary show on 22, 23 and 24 November. We will be presenting two world premieres (Grand Sturdy 52.9 AC Wheelhouse and Classic Sturdy 42 Sedan), one new model (the Classic Sturdy 36 Sedan Deckbridge) and two special editions (30.9 AC and 40.9 AC Brilliant Edition, as part of our brilliant anniversary) in the showroom. So there's enough work to be going on with!





I hope we can meet many existing and new 'family members' in late November in Maasbracht! PUBLISHER/PRODUCTION Linssen Yachts B.V. Brouwersstraat 17, 6051 AA Maasbracht Postbus 7172, 6050 AD Maasbracht Tel. +31 (0)475 - 43 99 99 Fax. +31 (0)475 - 43 99 90 info@linssenyachts.com www.linssenyachts.com

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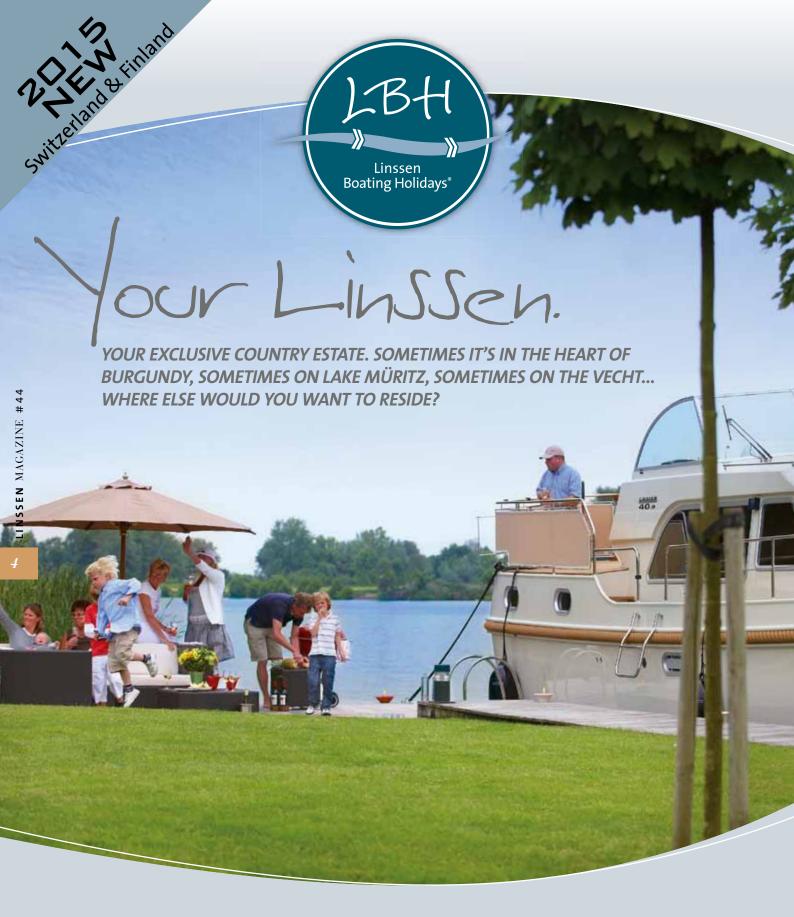
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## LINSSEN YACHTS BOAT SHOW

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THE 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LINSSEN YACHTS BOAT SHOW WILL BE HELD AT LINSSEN YACHTS IN MAASBRACHT FROM SATURDAY 22 UP TO AND INCLUDING MONDAY 24 NO-VEMBER. IF THERE WAS EVER A TIME TO VISIT THIS UNIQUE YACHT SHOW, THIS IS IT. AS MANY AS FIVE NEW YACHTS WILL BE ON DISPLAY, WITH THE GRAND STURDY 52.9 AC WHEELHOUSE AS THE NUMBER ONE WORLD PREMIERE.



# INVITATION

#### **DATES:**

SATURDAY 22 - 11 - 2014 SUNDAY 23 - 11 - 2014 MONDAY 24 - 11 - 2014

OPENING HOURS: DAILY FROM 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

YOU DON'T NEED TO REGISTER.

#### PREMIERES SHOWROOM

- Grand Sturdy 52.9 AC Wheelhouse
- Grand Sturdy 30.9 AC Brilliant
- Grand Sturdy 40.9 AC Brilliant
- Classic Sturdy 36 Sedan Deckbridge
- Classic Sturdy 42 Sedan

#### The following yachts will also be presented:

- Grand Sturdy 45.9 AC
- Range Cruiser 450 Sedan Wheelhouse
- Grand Sturdy 500 AC Variotop® and various yachts will be in different stages of production in our Logicam production units.

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# GRAND STURDY 52.9 AC WHEELHOUSE

WHILE YOU ARE READING THIS, THE FINISHING TOUCHES ARE BEING ADDED TO THE GRAND STURDY 52.9 AC WHEELHOUSE. HAVING DIMENSIONS OF 16.30 x 5.13 M, THIS BOAT MAY RIGHTLY BE CALLED OUR NEW FLAGSHIP.

#### **GRAND STURDY 52.9/58.9**

The 9 series yachts are real wonders when it comes to space. This feature has often been commented on, not only by us, but also by the international press. This applies to the yachts ranging from the 'small' 30.9 up to and including the 45.9. In the case of this 52.9 too, we have created a unique layout that offers a great deal of space and comfort on board. A roomy forward cabin with a double bed, toilet and shower. The owner's aft cabin, which also has a double bed, toilet and shower, deserves the title of master stateroom. The central cabin on the port side is equipped with a double bed that can easily be converted into two single beds.

The dinette and U-shaped galley are located between the saloon and the aft cabin, where large windows ensure sufficient light. The saloon, with a wide L-shaped bench, club chairs and spacious cupboards offer all the comfort that you could wish for.

The wheelhouse has a roomy L-shaped bench and double outward-opening teak doors, which converts the rear deck and wheelhouse into a large living space.

#### **GRAND STURDY 52.9**









#### **BASIC INFO GRAND STURDY 52.9**

LOA x beam o.a. x draft: ± 16.30 x 5.13 x 1.30 m

Length over deck:  $\pm$  14.96 m





#### INTRODUCTION OF THE DECKBRIDGE

ESTAVAYER-LE-LAC, 29 AUGUST 2014

The Sedan Deckbridge has been developed by Anne Elsinga in collaboration with Linssen partner Nasta Marine in Switzerland. Jos Linssen worked out this concept together with Ronny Mathys of Nasta Marine. It's therefore hardly surprising that the first model was delivered to Nasta Marine and that the official introduction for the international press and relations was held there.

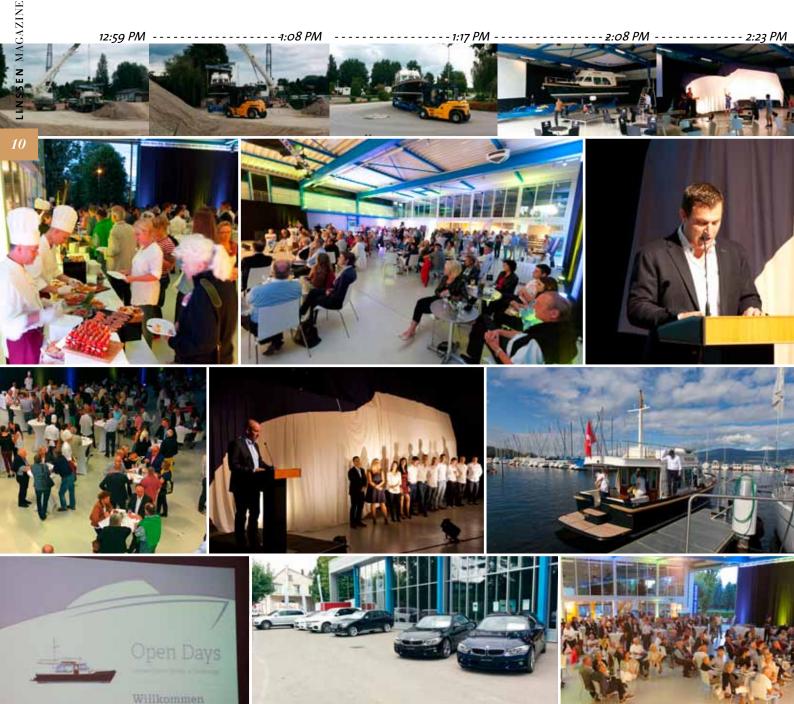
#### PRESENTATION AND UNVEILING

A huge task for the staff of Nasta Marine: the final test sailing was completed on Friday at around 1 p.m. The Deckbridge had to be taken out of the water, brought to the showroom, cleaned, polished and covered in preparation for the unveiling later that evening.

The guests were welcomed in the evening by music, drinks and snacks. At 8 p.m., Ronny Mathys and Ruben Linssen explained the concept of the Deckbridge and the close collaboration between Linssen and Nasta Marine. The new Deckbridge was finally unveiled to loud applause.

The guests were very eager to see the new yacht, because test sailings were planned for the entire weekend with various customers and relations of Nasta Marine.

For more images of the Classic Sturdy 36 Sedan Deckbridge, see page 20.



#### MONIKA AND FREDY BLUST TRANSFER THEIR BOAT YARD

ROMANSHORN, MAY 2014



After 33 years, Fredy and Monika Blust have transferred their boat yard in Romanshorn, Switzerland, to their successors André Vrecer and Christine Popp. Customers and friends came to celebrate the transfer.

Fredy set up his business, which is widely known all around Lake Constance, 33 years ago. At first, he was not based at a permanent location, but later he set up his own boat yard in Egnach. In 1985, he had to opportunity to establish his business right on the lake in Romanshorn, close to the new SBS marina, where he could maintain and restore larger yachts. In 1987, he sold his first Linssen yacht, a typical Dutch steel displacement vessel. This was the start of 27 years of successful cooperation with the Maasbracht boat yard. The guests at the celebration therefore included Peter Linssen, who wished to take the opportunity to say farewell to Monika and Fredy Blust on the occasion of their well-earned retirement.

In the course of time, Fredy and Monika bought their own Linssen, they also sold a 40-foot Linssen and supplied

Linssens to the Swiss emergency services and water police. The yachts were always fully equipped by Blust. Together, Monika and Fredy Blust ensured that the Dutch Linssen classics achieved the status that they now have in the Lake Constance region: pleasure yachts that have a permanent place in the hearts of countless Linssen fans. In Romanshorn, those fans could always be sure of perfect support and advice with regard to both purchasing and service provision. Many loyal customers who have been visiting the boat yard for years took the opportunity to come and thank Monika and Fredy.

The yard has been acquired by André Vrecer and Christine Popp. Before he started working in the IT sector and as a consultant, Vrecer worked for several years at a boat yard on Lake Zurich. He has always been a yacht enthusiast and was looking for a way to fulfil his dreams with his own boat yard. He entered the service of Fredy as an ordinary member of the boat yard staff. Fredy introduced him to all the Linssen trade secrets, so that he could take over as the new boat yard manager in January. According to Vrecer, Linssen yachts represent a special attitude to life: "A Linssen gives you the time and the space to enjoy your relaxation and freedom." His partner, Christine Popp, who has a commercial background, will support him in the administrative aspects of the boat yard. Fredy Blust will continue to offer advice and support for the time being. Monika Blust will continue to assist the sales department.





#### REFURBISHMENT FURNITURE FACTORY

MAASBRACHT, SEPTEMBER 2014

The refurbishment of the furniture factory mentioned in our previous edition has now been completed. The result is a streamlined workshop with optimal routing, efficiency, ergonomic workstations and computerised processing, and with new outer walls entirely in the same style as the rest of the boat yard.

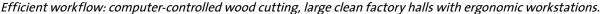
As a result, the furniture factory is better equipped to handle the larger interior modules for the new Grand Sturdy 52.9 and – shortly – the 58.9.

The ready-made interior modules, floor and wall elements, furniture sections, ceiling panels and doors are subject to extensive quality controls and are labelled, packed and transported to Maasbracht by means of a sophisticated logistics process, to be fitted in the build number in question on the Logicam production line.















Completely in line with the Linssen boat yard in Maasbracht: the new outer wall of the furniture factory.



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#### LINSSEN OWNERS CLUBS

MAASBRACHT, 2014

#### **FINLAND**

Since 1 April 2014, Linssen Yachts has five active owners associations. In addition to those in the UK, the Netherlands/Belgium, Germany and Switzerland, there is now a Linssen Owners Club Finland.

The fifth Linssen owners association has been set up by a number of enthusiastic Finnish Linssen customers. This new association will collaborate with the other associations and exchange information about voyages, technical expertise, maintenance and other practical matters. They are also inviting other Linssen owners to visit the splendid coast of Finland or several of the many hundreds of islands. Saimaa Lake is also worth a visit. The Wall Street Journal recently designated it as one of the 'Great Lakes around the World'.

For more information, do not hesitate contact the Finnish club.

"The faithful band of Linssen owners is increasing all the time, as is the number of owners associations. We are exceptionally proud that so many owners have set up an association – on their own initiative but with our approval, of course. It shows just how close our owners feel to the boat yard and the Linssen family", Yvonne Linssen explains. "The associations regularly come to the boat yard for a technical instruction day, a 'cooking on board' workshop and other joint activities."

#### L\*O\*G

On 24 May, the Linssen Owners Group NL-B celebrated its first five years at the Limonadefabriek restaurant in Streefkerk. In the course of five years, the LOG has become an enthusiastic group with a stable membership.



Meeting of the Finnish Owners Club (above) and the L\*O\*G in the Netherlands (right)

Sailing and a love of Linssen yachts brings people together. The Linssen Owners Group is characterised by sociability and solidarity. Special friendships are forged, people help one another with technical tips and smart solutions. Experiences of splendid voyages at home and abroad are exchanged and voyages to, for instance, Berlin and the Moselle are made in small groups.

Following a splendid sailing season, we can look back on a series of successful LOG activities. In addition to the five-year celebrations, three LOG voyages were organised: from Roermond to Streefkerk, to Overijssel and to the Wadden Sea. There was a great deal of interest for the day trip to the Kinderdijk mills and we recently had a fantastic finale to the season at the De Brasem marina in Oude Wetering.

#### **LAKE CONSTANCE**

In addition to the five 'national' associations, a Lake Constance Linssen Club has also been set up this year. In magnificent weather, eleven Linssen owners and their splendid yachts were guests at the MBSV marina in Fussach. They were welcomed on the terrace of marina restaurant Schwedenschanze with a delicious aperitif offered by the MBSV Rheindelta yacht club. This was followed by an excellent dinner in the Schwedenschanze. There was a relaxed and cheerful atmosphere, so that the evening was a success in all respects.

#### LINSSEN YACHTS BOAT SHOW

During the Linssen Yachts Boat Show in November, the various owners associations will again be organising a gathering and dinner on Saturday 22 November in de Roosterhoeve in Roosteren.

You can find further information about the owners associations on their websites at:

www.linssen-owners.nl www.lyev.de www.linssen-owners.org.uk www.linssenclubschweiz.ch (i.o.) www.linssen-owners.fi www.blust.ch/412/linssen-club-bodensee



#### NEW JETTIES AT KREUSCH

#### MAASBRACHT, AUGUST 2014

At Wassersport & Freizeitzentrum Kreusch in Schweich near Trier on the Moselle, entirely new jetties were fitted in the summer.

The floating aluminium jetties have more room and are more easily accessible. The water and power supply points are clearer, so that the service level has been increased substantially.

Every main jetty has between 40 and 50 moorings in various sizes and yachts of up to 15 metres can berth.

#### WLAN

For those who want to read their e-mails or log on to their company network while on holiday, a WLAN network is now available.



#### NAMING OF SIX YACHTS AT PAPENBURG BOAT SHOW

MAASBRACHT, APRIL 2014

Hennings Yacht-Vertrieb has been representing Linssen Yachts in Germany for almost 25 years, and having sold almost 500 yachts, it may be termed extremely successful.

At the Papenburg Boat Show, more than 30 yachts were on display at the jetty and in the covered hall. They ranged from 25 to 50 feet and included both brand new and pre-owned models.

There were many Linssen owners present who were keen to explain to an interested public why they had chosen a Linssen and what their experiences were. In this way, like-minded and interested people could meet one another in a pleasant setting to exchange knowledge and experiences. "Our boat show was again a huge success", explained founder and owner Heinrich Hennings, who was very satisfied with the event.

The highlight of the weekend was the naming of six yachts. This means that there are six additional happy Linssen owners who are now sailing Europe's waterways and enjoying the endless freedom offered by the yacht of their dreams. The yachts named represent a nice cross-section of the entire Linssen portfolio. The naming started with a classic: a St. Jozef vlet 10.50 AK from 1984. That was followed by a Dutch Sturdy 320 and a Grand Sturdy 410, after which it was the turn of the more up-to-date Grand Sturdy 34.9 AC and 40.9 AC. The ceremony was concluded by the flagship, the Range Cruiser 450 Sedan Wheelhouse I-Class.

All yachts were named and handed over to their owners in a festive atmosphere with lots of best wishes and, of course, a bottle of Champagne. We wish all yachts and their owners a safe voyage!

#### CRUISE DAYS, 27 AND 28 SEPTEMBER

Fantastic weather, splendid yachts, interested visitors and happy owners. The second Cruise Days event in Papenburg was a great success in every respect. The highlight was when the Perle was named and transferred to the new owners from Hamburg. The next day, they cast off and departed on their Grand Sturdy 34.9 AC towards their home port. We wished them a safe voyage and many enjoyable and relaxing hours on their magnificent yacht!



#### **AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND**

MAASBRACHT, 2014

Many Australians and New Zealanders consider Europe to be an excellent location to spend the summer. Temperatures are pleasant and there is a great deal of culture and history to be discovered. Sailing the many inland waterways is, of course, an even better way of experiencing Europe, and more and more people are keen to do so on a Linssen.

In collaboration with Duncan Hart, Linssen Yachts is offering a total formula, which means that Australian or New Zealand owners can securely leave their Linssen yacht behind at one of the Linssen Yachts partners in Europe. Moreover, assistance is offered in obtaining navigation licences and other documents.

Duncan Hart is also agent for Linssen Boating Holidays®.



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#### EUROPEAN BOAT OF THE YEAR 2015

MAASBRACHT, OCTOBER 2014

In September of each year, the nominations are announced for the European Powerboat of the Year. In the displacement category, the Classic Sturdy 36 Sedan Deckbridge has been nominated for 2015.

The award is an initiative of Boote, Europe's leading water sport magazine, in cooperation with European powerboat and yacht magazines from the Netherlands (Motorboot), Austria (Yachtrevue), France (Neptune),

Italy (Boatmag.it), Norway (Batliv) and Switzerland (Marina CH). 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 17 January 2015, the first day of BOOT Düsseldorf.



# LINSSEN YACHTS THE VARIOTOP® COMPANY

IN 1993, LINSSEN YACHTS INTRODUCED A YACHT WITH A FULLY AUTOMATIC FOLD-ING ROOF FOR THE FIRST TIME: THE VARIOTOP®. IN 2014, THE VARIOTOP IS STILL BEING APPLIED VERY SUCCESSFULLY TO THE GRAND STURDY 500 AC, THE RANGE CRUISER 430 AND 450 SEDAN AND THE GRAND STURDY 45.9 SEDAN.

#### WHAT IS THE VARIOTOP®?

Variotop® refers to an adjustable helmsman's position on a motor yacht, with the following elements being connected interactively:

- an electrically operated folding hood which ensures that with one press of a button, you can enjoy the sun's rays or shelter from the rain (without having to use fasteners or tenax fittings);
- comfortable sitting and standing with good all-round vision;
- continuously adjustable cockpit bench ensures unobstructed views for everyone;
- the highest level of the adjustable cockpit bench is such that the head of every helmsman can be brought ABOVE the level of the windscreen, therefore providing the best view and ensuring that the head is in the sun and wind in the case of fine weather;
- the folding section can be closed off by means of swinging doors;

- a luxurious dashboard with the instruments always conveniently located, irrespective of whether the helmsman is sitting or standing or whether he or she is tall or short;
- the wheel is in the correct position, irrespective of whether the helmsman is sitting or standing;
- the thrust handle is in a safe place and positioned ergonomically.

#### THAT IS THE LINSSEN VARIOTOP®!

In 2015, Linssen Yachts will be introducing a new generation of models with the Variotop®.

These will include a 36' and a 41' yacht.

If you wish to know more, please contact: Sales@Linssenyachts.com



Artists' impressions 41' AC Variotop® Mock-up Variotop®







## LINSSEN BOATING HOLIDAYS

MAASBRACHT, SEPTEMBER 2014

#### NEW DEVELOPMENTS, LOCATIONS, COUNTRIES AND AREAS



#### **SWITZERLAND**

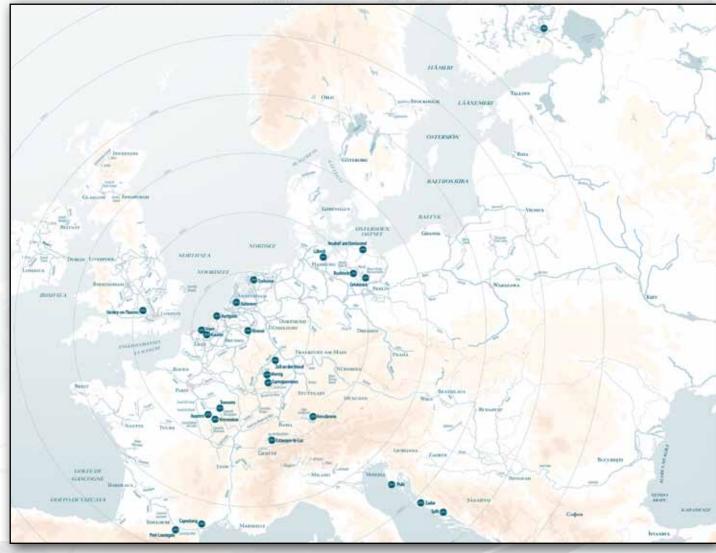
In addition to the sale and service of Linssen Yachts, Nasta Marine has also opened a Linssen Boating Holidays® charter base in Estavayer-le-Lac. This means that LBH customers can not only discover Lake Neuchâtel, with historic towns such as Neuchâtel and Yverdon-les-Bains, but can also sail via the Canal de la Broye to Lake

Murten or via the Canal de la Thielle to Lake Biel with the imposing St. Peter's Island.

These lakes, which run parallel to the Jura, can now be discovered by foreign Linssen charterers too.







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Grand Sturdy 30.9 AC, Lake Saimaa, Finland

**FINLAND** 

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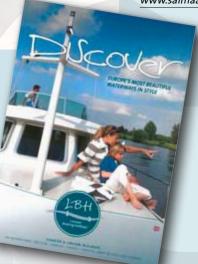
The Wall Street Journal has designated it one of the Great Lakes of the World: Saimaa Lake in Finland. And that is precisely the location where Linssen Boating Holidays® has opened its latest base. This network of lakes, canals

and islands is just a 2.5 hour drive from Helsinki. Idyllic shores, with typical Finnish wooden houses and plenty of

As from the 2015 season, Linssen Boating Holidays® will

have eleven partners, with 25 bases in the Netherlands,

the UK, France, Germany, Belgium, Croatia, Switzerland





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# Lingson Show

# SEDAN DECKBRIDGE

# "DE LINSSEN CLASSIC STURDY 36 SEDAN DECKBRIDGE IS A REAL INNOVATION"

(Lori Schüpbach, Marina.CH test September 2014)

#### CLASSIC STURDY 36 SEDAN DECKBRIDGE – $15~\text{M}^{2}~\text{MORE}$ SPACE

The unique feature of the Deckbridge is the access via the foredeck, which means that no space is lost in the cockpit or on the deck. Moreover, the short set of steps to the Deckbridge ensures that access is safe and easy. Handrails on and along the cabin deck and on the steps provide excellent security.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

The first in the series (build number 1) was delivered just before the summer to Estavayer-le-Lac on Neuchâtel Lake. In a two-day session, photos were made of the 36 Sedan Deckbridge, together with a Classic Sturdy 36 Sedan Longtop, a Grand Sturdy 30.9 Sedan Longtop and a 34.9 Sedan Longtop, against the backdrop of the splendid Jura mountain range. The result was an imposing set of images that we can use for years to come in our brochures, newsletters, on the website and at boat shows.

#### **TEST SAILINGS**

Furthermore, editors from Marina.CH (Switzerland), ANWB Waterkampioen (the Netherlands), Motorboot (the Netherlands) and Fluvial (France) subjected the yacht to extensive tests prior to the official presentation in late August.

They were all extremely enthusiastic about the new concept. "The Linssen Classic Sturdy 36 Sedan Deckbridge is a real innovation", "Why hasn't anyone ever had the idea of placing the steps at the front?", "A very smart move"... were just a few of the comments.

The Deckbridge (build number 2) has now been introduced at various international shows: the HISWA Amsterdam In-Water Boat Show (NL), Interboot in Friedrichshafen (D) and Hanseboot in Hamburg (D).

If you haven't had the opportunity to visit one of these shows, come to Maasbracht and visit the Linssen Yachts Boat Show on 22, 23 or 24 November.

#### CLASSIC STURDY 42 SEDAN DECKBRIDGE

The successor to the 36 Deckbridge is now in production too. The Classic Sturdy 42 Sedan Deckbridge is currently in the 'hull' phase and will be presented at the Linssen In Water Boat Show 2015 (8-11 May 2015). Make a note of it now in your diary!















Text and photographs: Luc Vanthoor

#### FOUR MEN AND A BOAT

THE THAMES IS UNDOUBTEDLY ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING RIVERS IN EUROPE. IN FACT, THIS 346 KM WATERWAY DESERVES THE DESIGNATION "ROYAL". I THEREFORE THOUGHT IT WAS A REAL PRIVILEGE TO BE ABLE TO CRUISE THE THAMES IN A LINSSEN GRAND STURDY 34.9 AC.

Peter invited Cornel, Paul and me to start from Hobbs of Henley – the base for Linssen Boating Holidays – and explore the scenery where the "Midsomer Murders" are filmed, setting off in October 2013. But I had some reservations: I still always associate the autumn with bleak, rainy weather, so combining that with England seemed to guarantee that I'd get wet. But things turned out completely different.

At about ten in the morning on Saturday 5 October, we arrived in Henley-on-Thames, the home base of Linssen Boating Holidays' partner Hobbs of Henley. The fact that the Hobbs boatyard can look back on 140 years of receiving guests quickly made itself apparent. Our Linssen – the "Jacqueline IV" – was moored there waiting for us, with neatly made beds and with every luxury, in between a number of boats that absolutely radiated nautical tradition. While the first "narrowboats" glided past our mooring, Jonathan Hobbs took us on board one

of the firm's gems, the passenger vessel "New Orleans". This "sternwheeler" looks like it would be more at home on the Mississippi than on the Thames, with its impressive paddlewheel at the stern and its high smokestacks just aft of the wheelhouse. The New Orleans isn't actually steam-powered, but it still has all the appeal of a real paddle steamer. All that was missing were the Southern belles with their crinolines, big sunhats and parasols, ac-



companied by their beaus in bespoke suits and top hats, smoking a big cigar.

Before we'd even been in Henley for half an hour I knew that it was going to be an exceptional adventure: "Four Men in a Boat" and surroundings exuding the grandeur of the Victorian period, topped with a hearty serving of nautical tradition in a region where hospitality is still something that people take seriously.

The town of Henley is situated in Oxfordshire. It is home to just over 10,000 people and also to the Leander Club, the oldest rowing club in the world. The club organises one of the world's most prestigious rowing competitions, the Henley Royal Regatta. This five-day event runs from Wednesday to Sunday at the end of the first week of July. Entry to the regatta at the Leander Club's grounds is very expensive. The site is completely sealed off and admission is solely for club members and their guests, on condition that they appear in the prescribed attire.

After visiting the New Orleans and having a nice cup of coffee at the riverside coffee house, we embarked. At about noon, we cast off and proceeded downstream, without really knowing how far we would be going. In fact, there wasn't really much choice: around here, the Thames doesn't have any navigable tributaries, so you just go either upstream or downstream.

#### MIDSOMER MURDERS

I was quite surprised when Peter turned out to recognise some of the places that we passed, even though he'd never been there before. It soon turned out that he is a big fan of the TV detective series "Midsomer Murders", with Chief Inspector Barnaby. All the filming for the series took place in the picturesque landscape along this stretch of the Thames. You can even take a special Midsomer Murders tour to visit the most important filming locations. What a lot of fans don't know is that "Midsomer" isn't a village but is meant to be a county with lots of villages, all located in the area around Henley-on-Thames. One of the episodes – Dead in the Water – was filmed mainly in Henley itself.

Half an hour's cruising brought us to our first lock, Hambleden Lock. It wasn't immediately clear whether we needed to operate the lock ourselves or whether the lock keeper would do it for us. But there was no lock keeper to be seen. Because it was about teatime, we quickly concluded that he was away having tea somewhere, so we decided to take ourselves through the lock. Less than a quarter of an hour later, we were able to continue downstream.

The river wound before us through the picturesque landscape. Wide meadows full of sheep, weeping willows that



It's teatime, so that means self-service at the lock

seemed to be admiring themselves in the tranquil water, magnificent villas with impressive boathouses and typically English gardens, where it seems as if the grass has been cut with nail clippers and the box hedges shaved by a barber. There were so many different impressions to take in that we actually became a bit speechless. It's hard to express the charm of this area in words.

After cruising for some four hours, and passing through four charming little locks, we arrived at the marina at Bourne End. We moored by the fuel station, parallel to the navigation channel. Bourne End is a small town with the air of a village – or is it the other way round? The harbourmaster was extremely welcoming and gave us various "tips for tourists", focusing particularly on the best places to eat or go for a drink. After buying groceries for breakfast, we went to the local Chinese restaurant and had a delicious "number 74". At about one in the morning, we turned in for our first night on board.

At about 7.30, I was rudely awakened by the shouts of someone right next to the boat. It sounded like an officer giving orders to his troops, and it sounded pretty commanding. I rushed up on deck to find out what was going on. To my surprise, there was nothing suspicious – just the mirror-like Thames, veiled in thick mist. In fact, the mist was so thick that I couldn't see the other side of the river, even though it's only fifty metres wide at this point. In the meantime, I had been joined on deck by Paul and Peter, who were rubbing the sleep out of their eyes.

Once more, we heard voices from the mist. Now there were two or three, and they were approaching rapidly. Suddenly – as if from nowhere – an eight appeared, not even ten metres from our Jacqueline IV. It swept past us, followed by a little motorboat in which the coach was shouting commands to the lady crew.



Isn't that a bit dangerous? You're facing backwards, you're in thick mist, and you're going at top speed... And in fact – not two minutes later – another eight bashed into our swimming ladder. Fortunately, nobody was hurt and no equipment was damaged.

The moral of this story is therefore: on Sunday morning, certainly if its misty, try to stay as far as possible out of the navigation channel of the Thames, at least if you want to have a nice quiet breakfast.

After a lengthy breakfast, we cast off about noon and continued downstream. It was a lovely sunny day – summery rather than autumnal. The scenery was very similar to what we had seen the day before. Magnificent villas with beautifully tended gardens, boathouses that could sometimes only be distinguished from real houses be-

cause they were built in the water. The typical narrowboats, the absence of any commercial vessels, the extreme friendliness and helpfulness of the lock keepers... in brief, everything made us feel welcome.

In the late afternoon, we arrived at Windsor, the town famous for its castle. We wanted to spend the night in Windsor but we were surprised to find that there was nowhere to moor. On the left bank there were a few shallowdraft boats tied up by a meadow, but the 1-metre draught of our Linssen meant that there was no way for us to get ashore. Fortunately, Jonathan Hobbs had warned us about this kind of thing before we set off, and had said we should phone him if we ran into any problems. Half an hour later, we were tied up alongside the "Barking", a splendid classic steam-powered tug, and under the shade of Windsor Castle. Talk about being privileged!

At Windsor, we also noticed the large number of swans – hundreds! It was like an invasion. They all belong to the Queen, and in the third week of July each year all the swans along the Thames are counted. A law going back to the twelfth century states that all unmarked swans in English open waters belong to the monarch. The annual census – "swan upping" – is to keep track of how many there are. Swans traditionally made for a tasty banquet, and the law was to ensure that farmers, townies, and country folk kept their hands off the royal birds. Swans are no longer on the menu, but the swans are still in-

#### **CLASSIC STEAM-POWERED TUG "BARKING"**

As big fans of steel-hulled boats, we were naturally impressed by the Barking, but its crew were also pretty impressed by our Linssen. We noticed an elderly gentleman who was constantly moving around the Barking with an oil pump. He didn't say much and was concerned mainly with his vessel. It later turned out that he had been born in the same year that the Barking was built, namely 1928. The hull of the Barking is entirely held together with rivets, and the vessel is in its complete original state. Getting up steam consumes 250 kg of coal every three hours. Under the gunwales of the ship there is room for a total of three tonnes of coal. When using coal as fuel, it's very important to keep the ship balanced.









spected and counted at various places along the Thames by the Queen's Swan Warden.

A prominent part of the scene at Windsor is of course the castle. It is in fact the largest still inhabited castle in the world, and has been lived in for more than 900 years. It occupies a site of about 5 hectares. Most British monarchs since the eighteenth century have used it as a second residence because they preferred to actually live at Buckingham Palace in London. (By the way, the Queen didn't seem to know we would be coming because she wasn't at home.)

At about midnight, passing by the sleeping swans, we made our way back on board the Linssen via the deck of the Barking. We needed to get up early the next day because the crew of the Barking wanted to get underway early, on their way upstream to a get-together of traditional vessels. When we woke up at 9 o'clock, they had already been stoking the boiler for two hours. The whole vessel was glowing with the heat, and puffs of smoke were coming out of the chimney. They wouldn't actually be leaving for another two hours, so we had time for a "full English breakfast" at an inn just below the imposing castle.

At 11 o'clock we cast off and wished the crew of the Barking a safe journey upstream, while we ourselves set off downstream. After passing under the bridge that con-

nects Windsor and Eton, we came to Romney Lock. Immediately after going through, we came to a little marina with places for passing vessels. We could in fact have spent the night there. For the next half hour, we were still passing the estate surrounding Windsor Castle. It was certainly impressive, but we found ourselves wondering who on earth mows all the grass, because the grounds looked just as neat and tidy as the other gardens that we'd seen so far.

Our journey that day took us to Shepperton Marina, one of the last harbours before you get to the tidal stretch of the Thames, where you are almost in London. Shepperton Marina is a full-service marina with 455 berths. Mooring there gives you certain privileges at the nearby Holiday Inn hotel. From here, we would need to travel back upstream, because our trip would end in three days time and we needed to go all the way back to Henley-on-Thames.

The next morning, we already cast off at 10 o'clock. We wanted to cruise a bit past Windsor and visit Maidenhead. On the way, we stopped for lunch at the Swan Hotel in Staines. The hotel is situated by the water, with a really nice terrace overlooking the river.

After lunch, we continued on to the quayside at Boulter's Lock, just east of Maidenhead. Boulter's Lock is one of the best-known locks in the area, first being built in 1772. A





rowing race that took place there at the end of the eighteenth century is described in Jerome K. Jerome's Three Men in a Boat (To Say Nothing of the Dog). We dined at "The Boulters", which is situated on the quayside by the lock. This restaurant offers really excellent cuisine, as is shown by its two "fork-and-spoon" pictograms in the Guide Michelin.

In the morning, we looked around Maidenhead itself but we found it a bit disappointing. There wasn't really much to see, so we were soon back on board the Jacqueline IV. From Maidenhead, we reached the little town of Marlow in two hours. Just upstream of the bridge in Marlow were a few moorings for passing traffic. We decided to stop

there and explore the town. Marlow is definitely worth seeing. It is familiar locally for its micro-brewery, the Rebellion Beer Company. This was started by two students in 1993 and is now famous far beyond Marlow because its beers have won several national and international awards. A large number of Marlow pubs serve the brewery's pale ale, and its special "Smuggler" and "Mutiny" beers.

After a stroll around Marlow, we cruised on to Harleyford Estate, which is situated in a picturesque location off to the side of the Thames. There has been a marina here since 1950, in between the Temple and Hurley locks. The estate is a kind of park with residential properties

Boulters Lock, Maidenhead



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The Swan Hotel, Staines

and holiday homes and is just a short walk from Marlow. We had the final dinner of our trip at the "Showboat", a restaurant on an old barge. After a splendid meal, we enjoyed the last of our stock of wine on the stern deck of the Jacqueline IV. The next day, we returned the boat to Hobbs of Henley and our special adventure came to an end.





In preparation for the trip, I had read Jerome K. Jerome's Three Men in a Boat, which was published back in 1889. Even after 120 years, it still gets across the atmosphere of this stretch of the Thames, where time really seems to have stood still. When doing my research for this article, I found that in 1900 Jerome published a sequel to Three Men in a Boat, namely Three Men on the Bummel, which is about a group of pals who go for a trip through Germany...

Let's hope.....!

#### MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AREA DESCRIBED:

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**CLASSIC STURDY** 

#### **CLASSIC STURDY 42 SEDAN**

The Classic Sturdy 42 Sedan is the latest model in the Classic Sturdy series. "Traditional, modern, solid and reliable is an appropriate description of this yacht", says BOOTE about the Classic Sturdy 42 AC.

The yacht has the typical Classic Sturdy details, such as the classic design, the sliding door, the dark green hull, the Classic Sturdy bollards and mast, etc. A unique feature of this new design is the extra large forward cabin with more space to move about, storage space and sleeping comfort. The pleasant saloon with the L-shaped sofa and two club chairs is directly linked to the open cockpit, which creates an extra large living space.



Artists' impressions





#### **CLASSIC STURDY 46 AC**

The Classic Sturdy 46 AC was also announced in our previous edition and it is now at an advanced stage of production. The hull has been preserved and coated and you can see this yacht – under supervision – in the production hall during the Linssen Yachts Boat Show.

This largest model in the Classic Sturdy series is characterised by the classic layout, with the galley and dinette to the front of the saloon.

#### CLASSIC STURDY 42 AND 46 AC - LAYOUT 2

From the 2015 season, an alternative layout for both AC versions will be available. This layout includes three instead of two cabins, which means that the sliding door will be eliminated. All the other elements of the Classic series are present.

## 30.9 & 40.9 **BRILLIANT EDITIO**

#### **GRAND STURDY 30.9 AC BRILLIANT EDITION**



#### **Basic specifications:**

LOA x beam overall x draft:  $\pm 9.75 \times 3.35 \times 1.00 \text{ m}$ 

Minimum air draft: ± 2.36 m

Headroom FC/saloon/AC: ± 1.83 x 1.94 x 1.87 m

Weight: ca. 8,000 kg **CE-classification:** C (coast)

#### **Engine:**

1x 4 cyl. Volvo Penta Diesel, type D2-55 ZF 25-H / 2.8:1

1x 41 kW (55 HP), 3000 rpm Alternator: 115A-12V

#### Base price 30.9 Brilliant Edition:

€ 199,650.-

#### **Equipment:**

Hull and cabrio in grey color, Stainless steel railing finished with aluminium dodger in color superstructure, Ships name in chrome, Selected upholstery for interior, Luxurious curtains for windows and hatches, Sun cushions on cabin deck, Luxurious LED reading lights, Saloon, FC and AC partly covered with off-white textured wallpaper, Shower and toilet FC in moderne New Comfort style Electric toilet FC, LED TV 23' in saloon, TV antenna type Glomex

#### 'Brilliant' Navigation Package

€ 15,730.-

- Raymarine C95 chart plotter
- Raymarine P70R auto pilot
- Raymarine Smart controller
- stern thruster
- remote control for bow and sternthruster
- · electric anchor winch

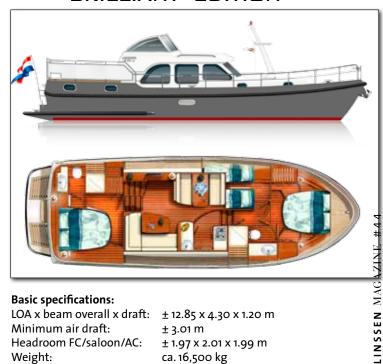
#### 'Brilliant' Deck Package

€ 20,330.-

- original Linssen teak deck on aft cabin
- closed covering over the aft deck fitted to standard cabrio
- deck boxes
- · cushions for deck boxes
- side ladder SB/port

All prices are inclusive of 21% VAT

#### **GRAND STURDY 40.9 AC** BRILLIANT EDITION



#### **Basic specifications:**

LOA x beam overall x draft:  $\pm$  12.85 x 4.30 x 1.20 m

Minimum air draft: ± 3.01 m

Headroom FC/saloon/AC: ± 1.97 x 2.01 x 1.99 m

Weight: ca. 16,500 kg **CE-classification:** B (Sea)

#### **Engine:**

1x 5 cyl. Volvo Penta Diesel, type D3-110 ZF 45-H / 3.031:1 (also available in twin engine)

1x 82 kW (110 HP), 3000 rpm

Alternator: 140A-12V

#### Base price 40.9 Brilliant Edition:

€ 369,050.-

#### **Equipment:**

Hull and cabrio in grey color, Stainless steel railing finished with aluminium dodger in color superstructure, Ships name in chrome, Selected upholstery for interior, Luxurious curtains for windows and hatches, Sun cushions on cabin deck, Mirror in aft cabin on aft bulkhead, Luxurious LED reading lights, Saloon, FC, AC and guest cabin partly covered with off-white textured wallpaper, Shower and toilet FC and AC in modern New Comfort style, Electric toilet FC and AC, LED TV 23' in saloon, electric TV lift, TV antenna type Glomex

#### 'Brillant' Navigation Package

€ 20,270.-

- Raymarine C127 chart plotter
- Raymarine P7oR auto pilot
- Raymarine Smart controller
- · stern thruster
- remote control for bow and sternthruster
- electric anchor winch

#### 'Brillant'-Deck Package

€ 27,290.-

- original Linssen teak deck on aft cabin
- · closed covering over the aft deck fitted to standard cabrio
- · deck boxes
- · cushions for deck boxes
- side ladder SB/port

All prices are inclusive of 21% VAT



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# "JUST TURN THE KEY AND OFF YOU GO"

SETTING OFF ON HOLIDAY IN THEIR LINSSEN 43 SL TWIN NO LONGER REQUIRES MUCH PREPARATION FOR TOM AND REGGIE JANSSEN FROM VENLO, OTHER THAN BUYING SOME GROCERIES AND PACKING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES. THEY HAVE BEEN CRUISING THE WATERWAYS OF EUROPE IN A LINSSEN YACHT FOR 25 YEARS NOW.

They started in October 1989 with a Linssen 35 SE, moved on to a Linssen 38 SC in 1995, and since 2001 their chosen vessel has been a Linssen 43 SL Twin. Tom and Reggie have always been especially attracted by the rivers and canals of France. Besides all sorts of other trips, the couple have invariably set off each May – since back in 1993! – for the fishing village of Le Grau-de-Roi on the Mediterranean, then spending three weeks cruising back to Venlo through France, Switzerland, Germany and/or Belgium. Sometimes their route takes them via Basel and sometimes via Paris. "I now know all of France's waterways," says Tom Janssen, "except those to the west of Paris, and I've never followed the Nivernais canal."

#### ALL THE GOOD LUCK IN THE WORLD

But why go straight down to Le Grau-du-Roi every year? It's because Tom and Reggie don't want to miss the annual feast of Saint Peter, the patron saint of fishermen. Le Grau-du-Roi then becomes the exciting venue for processions, water jousting, horse racing, and (bloodless) French-style bullfighting. Tom and Reggie are particularly impressed by the ceremony to commemorate the fishermen who never returned home from the sea. Fishing boats bearing a statue of the Madonna and flowers sail

out a short distance into the sea, where they form a circle and pray for all the victims of drowning. But as soon as the last "amen" has been said, they race back into port as fast as possible, because the first boat to arrive is the winner.

Horse racing and bullfighting are also a regular part of the feast of Saint Peter, with the young men of the village running through the streets after the animals. Tom explains that the idea behind the tradition is that if you grab a horse's tail and let yourself be dragged through the streets, you will then have all the good luck in the world. "But the area around Le Grau-du-Roi is wonderful anyway," he says with pretty villages built out in the marshes with money from the Marshall Plan."

After so many years of cruising, Tom and Reggie naturally have a real fund of stories to tell. Like the time they were on their way to Le Grau-du-Roi, and at Fontenoy-Le-Chateau a night-time storm caused a tree to fall across the waterway. "There was an Austrian couple in a boat ahead of us," says Tom. "They had all kinds of stuff on board – a saw, a large chopper, and even a great big axe. One of them sat on the fallen tree and started sawing. When he had almost sawn through, he decided he would break the last bit by pulling at the tree with his boat.

'You'll never manage it with that little boat of yours,' I said, 'but we can do it with our 9.5 tonne Linssen.' Sure enough: we cranked up the engine and at the third go we broke through the tree!"

#### A NIGHT IN A DARK LOCK

Tom has another story about the time at Sedan, in northern France, when they were forced to spend the night in a lock. There was a German chap with a motor cruiser who was in a real hurry to get home and who asked Tom to help him get through the locks quickly. "He had been sailing behind us for quite a while," says Tom, "and he'd seen that I was good at operating the French locks. It only took me 7 or 8 minutes to get through. I told him that he wouldn't manage it that same day because the locks were about to close." But the German fellow pressed me to help him, so we continued on at top speed. All went well until Sedan... "I pulled on the beam to open the lock gates, we entered, and all at once the lights went off. So there we were down at the bottom of the lock. We had to wait until the next morning. With a smile, Tom says that the lockkeeper looked very surprised when he found them there in the morning, by now at the top of the lock.

Tom and Reggie think that the River Saone and the Briare aqueduct over the Loire – at the end of the Rogny lock staircase – are among the loveliest places in France. "The aqueduct is only 5.5 metres wide, so we only just fit," says Tom. The aqueduct is 662 metres long and until recently was the longest in the world. Tom and Reggie say it's definitely worth a visit.

#### POT HOLDERS AND BABY BOOTIES

After all these years of cruising, Reggie Janssen is now a familiar face on the waterways of France. One reason is the crocheted and knitted articles that she makes – pot holders, ducklings, baby booties... because handicrafts is Reggie's favourite pastime. She sells her creations during the couple's trips. "Last year, there was someone who came over to me and said: 'I remember you – you were here in 2004 too. I bought three of your ducklings.' And

#### "JUST TURN THE KEY AND OFF YOU GO"

right away he bought another three!" The proceeds go to buying coffee and cake for the senior citizens' association in Venlo.

Tom and Reggie's latest trip with their Linssen 43 SL Twin started in Venlo and went via the Linssen Yachts harbour at Maasbracht (near Maastricht), down through Belgium via Liège, Huy, Namur, Dinant, and Hastière to the French border. It continued via Fumay, Deville, Mouzon, Stenay, Consenvoye, Verdun, Saint-Mihiel, Commercy, and Pagny-sur-Meuse to Toul. The return leg back to Venlo was via Metz and Neumagen (in Germany).

There's one thing that Tom wants to emphasise: "I was originally a car mechanic, and during my trips I've fixed a lot of faults in the boats of other travellers. But none of them was a Linssen Yacht. And our own Linssen yachts have been just as reliable. Over the years I've probably done about 7000 hours of cruising and I've never had any problems. Each time, it's just a matter of 'turn the key and off you go!"







Tom Janssen (79) – the former proprietor of a garage in Blerick – and his wife Reggie (80) have been cruising in various Linssen yacht for 25 years now. They bought a Linssen 35 SE in October 1989 and moved on to a Linssen 38 SC in 1995. Since 2001 their vessel of choice has been a Linssen 43 SL Twin. When they aren't cruising, Tom is a volunteer harbourmaster in Venlo. Tom and Reggie have two sons, two daughters, and seven grandchildren.



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#### LINSSEN YACHTS BOAT SHOWS

May

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You can also view our range of pre-owned yachts at www.linssenyachts.com. This site also includes the Linssen yachts on sale at our dealers.

#### LINSSEN IN-WATER BOAT SHOW

The annual Linssen In-Water Boat Show is the best opportunity to test sail the yacht of your dreams and to experience its excellent characteristics.

The Linssen In-Water Boat Show is open to everyone. You do not need to register in advance. Test sailings are scheduled on site. You may, however, have to wait before your yacht is available.

#### LINSSEN SEA TRIALS late June

Have you always wanted to know what it's like to sail the seas, with or without stabilisers, with a one or two engine vessel?

You can find out during our sea trials, which we organise from Blankenberge (B) harbour. Together with our dealer in Zeeland, Jonkers Yachts, and our Belgian representative, Linssen Yachts Belgium, we are pleased to invite you. If you are interested, contact our sales department or your local dealer for an appointment.

#### LINSSEN RIVER TRIALS

early October

In addition to the sea trials, we offer the opportunity in October for a river trial on the splendid River Meuse at our boat yard in Maasbracht. These are short trips intended to introduce you to Linssen, water sport and sailing. Contact us immediately to make an appointment.

#### LINSSEN YACHTS BOAT SHOW late November

The Linssen Yachts Boat Show is now famous throughout the boating world. In 2015, we will be organising this event for the 17th time. Our major new boats are introduced during the annual show. In our showroom, collection showroom and adjacent halls, you can view the yachts on display in a comfortable setting.

#### DO I HAVE TO REGISTER?

For the Collection Weekend, the In-Water Boat Show and the Linssen Yachts Boat Show, you do not need to register in advance. You need to register only for the test sailing events in June and October.

In the case of doubt, please contact us.

#### INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOWS & LINSSEN EVENTS

# Nieuwpoort Boat Show Nieuwpoort(B) 24.10-26.10.2014 Hanseboot Hamburg (D) 25.10-02.11.2014 Linssen Yachts Boat Show Maasbracht (NL) 22.11-24.11.2014 Salon Nautique de Paris Paris (F) 05.12-14.12.2014

#### 2015

#### **Boot Düsseldorf**

Düsseldorf (D) 17.01-25.01.2015

#### **BOOT Holland**

Leeuwarden (NL) 06.02-11.02.2015

#### **Belgian Boat Show**

Gent (B) 14-16 & 20-22.02.2015

#### **Linssen Collection Weekend**

Maasbracht (NL) 14.03-16.03.2015

#### **Hennings Yacht-Vertrieb**

Papenburg (D) 25 + 26.04.2014

#### Kreusch Wassersport & Freizeit

Schweich/Moselle (D) 25 + 26.04.2014

#### **Linssen In-Water Boat Show**

Maasbracht (NL) 08.05-11.05.2015

#### **Linssen Sea Trials**

Blankenberge (B) 27.06-29.06.2015

#### **Linssen River trials**

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Ref. nr. 60.2802.01; year of construction 2008 12.85 x 4.30 x 1.20 m; 1x Volvo Penta D3-110, 110 HP € 339,000.-



LINSSEN 442 SX

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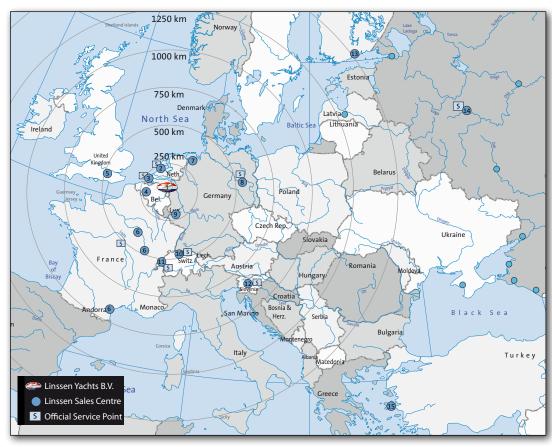
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