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At the 16th Linssen Yachts Boat Show, we will be presenting SIX new Linssen models from the 2016-2017 programme:

- Grand Sturdy 350 AC
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- Grand Sturdy 410 AC (special charter edition)
 - Grand Sturdy 410 AC Variotop[®]
 - Grand Sturdy 470 Sedan Wheelhouse
 - Classic Sturdy 410 Sedan Deckbridge

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WE TAKE YOUR PLEASURE **SERIOUSLY**

This spring - while you were all relaxing on your boat - we were making holiday plans for the summer. Three weeks with no boats (well, we'll maybe sneak in a few), just enjoying time with the family. After sifting through a whole pile of options online, we decided to go to Denmark for one week, spend one week at home and go cruising on the Meuse in Limburg for one week. I don't want to tell you about the last item just now. You do know that.

"But Denmark?", I hear you say. Yes, Denmark. Billund, to be precise.

Those in the know will have got it by now. Correct. Legoland! An experience for young and old. An adventure. And, as a marketeer, I'm also curious to know how they approach the whole thing.

So, we booked it: holiday village including a pass for the park.

August soon came around and it was time to go. Our son (3,5) was keen to go as Lego (Duplo) is his favourite toy. Our daughter (1) simply went along with it but doesn't really understand it all yet.

After a seven-hour journey, we arrived in 'our' house. It's a great holiday village, with pleasant chalets, and there's a good atmosphere. We had a good sleep and then got up and headed for Legoland.

Once in the park, we couldn't believe our eyes. We had never seen so many Lego bricks all in one place before! And the buildings were really fantastic. But then came the highlight and, yes... it was a genuine Linssen! Wow, we were impressed. A Linssen in Legoland, that's really something. Straightaway we were sending photos to the family and the team via Whatsapp. Everyone was enthusiastic. On Facebook, people were debating what type it was. But dad and I agreed – it's a 44 SE (see photograph).

It was fantastic to see it. I'm curious to know what motivated Legoland's management. (This magazine will be posted to them – we'll keep you informed).

What's more, Jac Linssen – who happened to stumble across Legoland in Germany on his way back from holiday – reported that there were actually two Linssens in the German Legoland near Ulm.



I'm hoping there's a huge Linssen fan out there who would like to upgrade the mini-Linssen range in Legoland as well. In any case, we're happy to build along!



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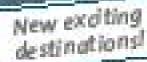
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INVITATION LINSSEN YACHTS BOAT SHOW



THE ANNUAL LINSSEN YACHTS BOAT SHOW WILL BE DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO THE NEW MODEL PROGRAMME FOR 2016-2017. DURING THE SHOW – ON SATURDAY 21, SUNDAY 22 AND MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER – THE FIRST MODELS WILL BE PRE-SENTED.



During this 17th show, the following yachts will be on display:

- the Grand Sturdy 350 AC
- the Grand Sturdy 350 AC Variotop[®]
- the Grand Sturdy 410 AC Variotop®
- the Grand Sturdy 410 AC (special charter edition)
- the Grand Sturdy 470 Sedan Wheelhouse
- the de Classic Sturdy 410 Sedan Deckbridge

VARIOTOP®

The term 'Variotop[®]' was dealt with in detail in our previous edition and the smallest Variotop, the Grand Sturdy 350 AC Variotop[®], was introduced before the summer, but it's quite likely that you have not yet seen it. Her larger sister, the Grand Sturdy 410 AC Variotop[®], will also be ready in November and we will therefore be presenting both Variotops in our showroom.

GRAND STURDY 410 AC

The new generation of yachts includes a totally new transom unit with stylish steps from the aft deck to the swimming platform. Although the spacious interior always had a mega yacht feeling, the new set of steps demonstrates that this is a real new generation Linssen.

GRAND STURDY 590 AC VARIOTOP® AND WHEELHOUSE

Last year's show featured the Grand Sturdy 530 AC Wheelhouse, the largest Linssen yacht ever built up until then. Its successor is the Grand Sturdy 590. There are no less than three of these 17.80 m yachts currently in production. Two of these are in the Logicam III unit for the installation of the engine room, technical systems and the interior. The hull of the other yachts is finished in our steel assembly hall.

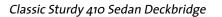
A guided visit to these yachts can be made during the show. Please contact your Linssen dealer.

GRAND STURDY 470 SEDAN WHEELHOUSE

You may have seen the new 470 Sedan Wheelhouse at one of the autumn shows in the Netherlands, the UK or Germany. This yacht alone makes the trip to Maasbracht worthwhile. The saloon, forward cabin, guest cabin and toilet/shower are very spacious and the wheelhouse together with the double doors create one large space with the open cockpit.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON 21, 22 OR 23 NOVEMBER.

Grand Sturdy 470 Sedan Wheelhouse





TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GRAND STURDY 30.9 AC AND 40.9 AC BRILLIANT EDITION BEFORE THE END OF 2015.

DATES:

SATURDAY21 - 11 - 2015SUNDAY22 - 11 - 2015MONDAY23 - 11 - 2015

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NEW MODELS ON DISPLAY

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- Grand Sturdy 350 AC Variotop®
- Grand Sturdy 410 AC Variotop®
- Grand Sturdy 410 AC (special charter edition)
- Grand Sturdy 470 Sedan Wheelhouse
- Classic Sturdy 410 Sedan Deckbridge

LINSSEN COLLECTION

Pre-owned Linssen yachts

Furthermore, the following yachts can be visited on the production line*:

- Grand Sturdy 590 AC Wheelhouse
- Grand Sturdy 590 AC Variotop® and various other yachts* which will be in different stages of production in our Logicam production units.(* only as part of a guided visit)

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... WHAT'S NEW?

NAMING FESTIVITIES AND BAVARIAN SAUSAGES

The handing over of a yacht is a very special occasion for the new owner. The arrival at the boatyard is followed by a detailed extensive technical explanation of the yacht, which takes up most of the day. Needless to say, an extensive trial sailing is part of the process and time is taken for a glass of Champagne and an official photo of the handover.

Customers regularly opt to have the boat officially named in the presence of family, friends and acquaintances. In that case, the Champagne bottle is usually smashed against the anchor.

THREE NAMING FESTIVITIES

In the spring, there were no less than three naming festivities in the Linssen Yachts marina. In May, the Drissner family took possession of their new Classic Sturdy 32 AC and celebrated the occasion with a modest naming ceremony.

They were followed by the Kerling family, who named their Grand Sturdy 500 AC Variotop[®] 'Hanseat'.

BAVARIAN SAUSAGE AND WEISS BEER

The following week, the Hohler family arrived in Maasbracht to name their Classic Sturdy 32 AC. This occasion was not restricted to family and friends, the entire staff of Linssen Yachts was also invited. Mr Hohler (from the Munich region) had brought along some tasty treats from his Heimat: Bavarian sausage from Munich, a special Weiss beer, Munich pretzels and the indispensable sweet mustard. The boat was named in time-honoured fashion by smashing a bottle of Champagne against the anchor, after which a local priest blessed the boat, the music started and the party for the staff got underway.

SWITZERLAND

Needless to say, naming festivities do not always have to take place at the boatyard in Maasbracht.

The Classic Sturdy 28 Sedan 'Celesta' belonging to Daniel Bossart and Zita Bucher is based in Vitznau on Lake Lucerne in Switzerland. On 6 June, they held their naming festivities in the presence of family, friends and acquaintances.



06.06.2015 Fam Bossart, Classic Sturdy 28 Sedan "Celesta"



22.05.2015 Fam Drissner, Classic Sturdy 32 AC "Elke"





13.06.2015 Fam Kerling, Grand Sturdy 500 AC Variotop[®] "Hanseat"





18.06.2015 Fam Hohler, Classic Sturdy 32 AC "Christa Maria"



LINSSEN BOATING EXPERIENCE

MAASBRACHT, JULY / SEPTEMBER 2015

SHOPPING CRUISE



Shopping at the Designer Outlet was nice, but the sailing was a fantastic experience. Wolfgang Schön (Mülheim an der Ruhr) Under the guidance of an experienced skipper, the Linssen Boating Experience allows you to enjoy gastronomy, culture, history, nature and much more. Together with carefully selected partners, we offer exclusive total packages.

SHOPPING CRUISE

In cooperation with McArturGlenn Outlet Shopping Center Roermond, we are offering the Shopping Cruise.

You will be welcomed by our 'captain' on board your Linssen yacht. After casting off, you will sail along the River Meuse through Limburg in the direction of Roermond. The motor yacht will glide slowly and comfortably through the landscape of the extensive Maasplassen lakes and splendid nature areas. Passing through one of the locks, we will head for Roermond city centre where we will berth along the Roerkade quay. You will receive a personalised VIP pass that offers extra advantages in Designer Outlet Roermond. You will spend the night on board your Linssen Yacht.

The next day, the skipper will come on board again and the voyage back to Maasbracht will begin.

DINER CRUISE

A similar cruise is possible in cooperation with restaurant Da Vinci (two Michelin stars) in Maasbracht. In the late afternoon we sail along the River Meuse in Limburg. In the evening you will enjoy Michelin-starred cooking at Margo Reuten's restaurant and end the evening on board your yacht. After a night on board, the voyage to the home port will begin the next day.



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RESTAURANT DA VINCI Havenstraat 27 6051 CS Maasbracht www.restaurantdavinci.nl

DINER CRUISE



BOOK?

For more information and bookings, please contact Aqua Libra Yachtcharter (Kinrooi, Belgium): : www.aqua-libra.be

GRAND STURYD 53

SEA TRIALS

MAASBRACHT, MAY 2015

The Grand Sturdy 530 AC Wheelhouse, which was presented during the Linssen Yachts Boat Show in November 2014, was delivered in April 2015 to Linssen dealer Hennings Yacht-Vertrieb in Papenburg in Northern Germany.

Various trials had been planned with journalists from several international boating publications to test the boat. The Netherlands was represented by the ANWB Waterkampioen and Motorboot magazines. The Belgian Varen magazine intended to publish an extensive report. The German Boote and Skipper publications also wanted to test this 'mega yacht' from Linssen. Finally, representatives of the UK Motorboat & Yachting magazine were also present.

Several of the test reports have now been published in the various trade journals.

It's hardly worth mentioning that you can linger comfortably and watch TV in the saloon, whose furnishings are made of American cherrywood, in surroundings reminiscent of a five-star hotel. Peter Marienfeld, Skipper (D)

The 530 is a prelude to something even bigger. But when you buy more length from Linssen, you are definitely buying more boat. Hans Papenburg - Motorboot (NL)

Ster GYG

The owner's cabin, four steps down from the saloon, gives you a superb feeling of space. Peter Marienfeld, Skipper (D)

Fantastically well engineered and kitted out to the hilt, this robust charmer is an intrepid beast. David Marsh- Motorboat & Yachting (GB)



WHEELHOUSE

EUROPEAN BOAT OF THE YEAR 2016

In the displacement category, the Grand Sturdy 530 AC Wheelhouse has been nominated for European Powerboat of the Year 2016.

This award is based on the opinions of leading international boating journalists from Germany, Italy, Norway, Switzerland, the Netherlands, France and Austria, who nominate products in various categories. They assess on the basis of quality, product innovation, price/quality relationship, sailing characteristics and construction.

The award will be presented during the opening ceremony of Boot Düsseldorf on Saturday 23 January 2016.

> The fantastically smooth-sailing steel single-chine hull sits like a house on the water and also leaves tracks like a train.

Hans Papenburg - Motorboot (NL)

The Grand Sturdy steel boats should never be pigeonholed as inland waterways boats. They're capable of far more intrepid cruising than that. David Marsh- Motorboat & Yachting (GB)

Motorboat (TR)

MB & Y (GB)

Emder Zeitung (D)

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It's like comparing a stay in the Savoy with a night in an Ibis. David Marsh- Motorboat & Yachting (GB)



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THE NEW PROGRAMME 2016–2017

THANKS TO NEW INSIGHTS, NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES, WE ARE CONTINUING TO IMPROVE OUR YACHTS. THESE IMPROVEMENTS ARE OCCASIONALLY SMALL DETAILS IN THE INTERIOR OR IN THE ENGINE ROOM, BUT THEY MAY ALSO INVOLVE MORE COMPLEX INNOVATIONS SUCH AS THE NEW TRANSOM UNIT WITH STEPS TO THE SWIMMING PLATFORM.

On the basis of input from our sales staff, dealers and several of our customers, and together with our in-house designer Anne Elsinga, we have combined the best layouts and most effective sailing characteristics to produce the new Grand Sturdy series. We have, of course, retained the most successful features of previous series.

The result is clear and transparent: six lengths (290, 350, 410, 470, 530 and 590) and four basic model versions (AC, AC Variotop®, Sedan and Wheelhouse). Within the series and depending on the model, existing options such as the longtop, deckbridge or a classic interior, etc. are still possible. The first yachts in this new series are being presented this autumn.

The HISWA Amsterdam In-Water Boat Show in early September marked the start of the presentations when it featured the Grand Sturdy 470 Sedan Wheelhouse.

The Southampton Boat Show in the UK, the Linssen Sailing Days (3 to 5 October, inclusive) in Maasbracht and Hanseboot (31 October to 8 November, inclusive) in Hamburg will follow.

Needless to say, the 470 will also be the focus of attention at the Linssen Yachts Boat Show (21 to 23 November, inclusive).



GRAND STURDY 350 AC VARIOTOP®







CLASSIC STURDY 410 SEDAN DECKBRIDGE



GRAND STURDY 530 AC WHEELHOUSE



INTRODUCTIONS

Grand Sturdy 290 Sedan BOOT Düsseldorf (D)	23.01-31.01.2016
Grand Sturdy 350 AC Linssen Yachts Boat Show 2015 (NL)	23.01-31.01.2016
Grand Sturdy 350 AC Variotop® Linssen Yachts Boat Show 2015 (NL)	23.01-31.01.2016
Grand Sturdy 410 AC Linssen Yachts Boat Show 2015 (NL)	23.01-31.01.2016
Grand Sturdy 410 AC Variotop [®] Linssen Yachts Boat Show 2015 (NL)	23.01-31.01.2016
Classic Sturdy 410 Sedan Deckbridge Linssen Yachts Boat Show 2015 (NL)	23.01-31.01.2016
Grand Sturdy 470 Sedan Wheelhouse Hanseboot (D) Linssen Yachts Boat Show 2015 (NL)	31.10-08.11.2015 23.01-31.01.2016
Grand Sturdy 590 AC Wheelhouse BOOT Düsseldorf (D)	23.01-31.01.2016
Grand Sturdy 590 AC Variotop® Linssen Yachts, Maasbracht (NL)	May 2016

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The brochures featuring the new model series can be found on our website. The image brochure provides information about the long history of Linssen and the production methods, while the Grand Sturdy brochure includes clear illustrations and layouts per model, as well as the basic specifications.



LINSSEN YACHTS



PROGRAMME 2016/2017



Welcome to the family

LINSSEN OWNERS' CLUBS

LINSSEN OWNERS CLUB FINLAND

The Finnish Linssen owners' summer gathering was held this year in Savonlinna in the heart of the Saimaa lake region. Linssen owners who were able to journey by boat sailed to Savonlinna in their own yachts. The others, who live on the coast, arrived by car.

This year, the gathering was made up of Linssen owners and the Linssen Boating Holidays® representative Saimaan Vuokravenho. Peter Linssen and Jo Linssen were present on behalf of the boatyard and Linssen Boating Holidays[®].

Saturday morning was devoted to several voyages on the lake and visiting Savonlinna and its open market.

The rest of the gathering took place in the splendid setting of Villa Tolvanhelmi, with typical traditional Finnish summer activities such as swimming, visiting a smoke sauna and barbequing.

GERMAN LINSSEN YACHTS OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

In May of this year, the German owners' association, together with Linssen Yachts, organised a sailing training session for the partners of various owners. Under the guidance of two experienced captains, a series of manoeuvres were practised in the boatyard marina and the surroundings. The CERTIFIK twelve participants were given sufficient time to perform and master the manoeuvres.

OWNERS' MEETING 2015

When this magazine goes to print, the German owners' association will be organising its annual owners' meeting. The meeting will be held this year from 2 to 4 October in the Hanseatic city of Stralsund. The three-day event traditionally attracts many Linssen owners, who spend several days together enjoying the cultural offerings of the region. They also take the opportunity to exchange information about interesting boating areas, maintenance and moorings, etc.

LINSSEN OWNERS' GROUP NEDERLAND – BELGIË (LOG)

L*O*G, the Dutch-Belgian owners' club, organised a number of activities this year, including an extensive joint trip both in spring and in autumn and held various theme days. A number of owners attended Sail Amsterdam (19-23 August).

Just like the other clubs, the Dutch club will also be participating in the annual "owners' dinner" held on Saturday 21 November during the Linssen Yachts Boat Show.

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LINSSEN OWNERS' UK ASSOCIATION

The UK Linssen Owners' Association continues to go from strength to strength, with about a hundred boats in the Association and two hundred members living in ten countries. As well as meeting on the water, our members get together for two dinners a year.

LINSSEN YACHTS BOAT SHOW

Typically over fifty members make the annual pilgrimage to Maasbracht for the impressive Linssen Yachts Boat Show in late November. The added attraction of receiving a very warm welcome from Marcel and his team at the Roosterhoeve Hotel & Restaurant, together with a superb dinner, always makes the trip worthwhile.

OWNERS' ANNUAL LONDON WEEKEND

The last Owners' Annual London Weekend took place on 7 and 8 March 2015 at the Shepperton Conference Holiday Inn. The venue has gained popularity with members and is ideally located on the Thames next door to Shepperton Marina. The owners of twenty-eight boats attended, making a total of sixty people including guests, Colin Watts and Donna Golding from Boat Showrooms of London and Ed Houben from Linssen Yachts BV.

The weekend programme started Saturday afternoon with a panel discussion on technical issues, maintenance tips, and subjects of general interest to owners, skippers and crews. The panel, comprising Colin Watts, Ed Houben and three experienced owners, responded to questions submitted in advance as well as questions from the floor. Once again, this proved to be a popular and lively start to the weekend.

Following a break to tour the Shepperton Marina, the group re-assembled for pre-dinner drinks, followed by a good banquet and social evening, when members could circulate, see old friends and meet new owners.

Sunday breakfast once again proved to be an all-morning social event when more cruising stories were swapped, plans made and more questions answered. After the event, a useful seven-page summary of the Saturday panel discussions was sent to all members.

In addition to issuing a comprehensive Annual Membership List and periodic Newsletters, members receive a Special Newsletter comprising members' experiences during the previous season. This year, thirty members submitted texts and photos relating to their 2014 season, resulting in what proved to be a fascinating forty page document displaying the diversity of cruising experience amongst our members. It also provided encouragement to members to cruise to new areas.

We are all looking forward to the forthcoming Linssen Yachts Boat Show and an opportunity to meet the other Owners' Clubs.



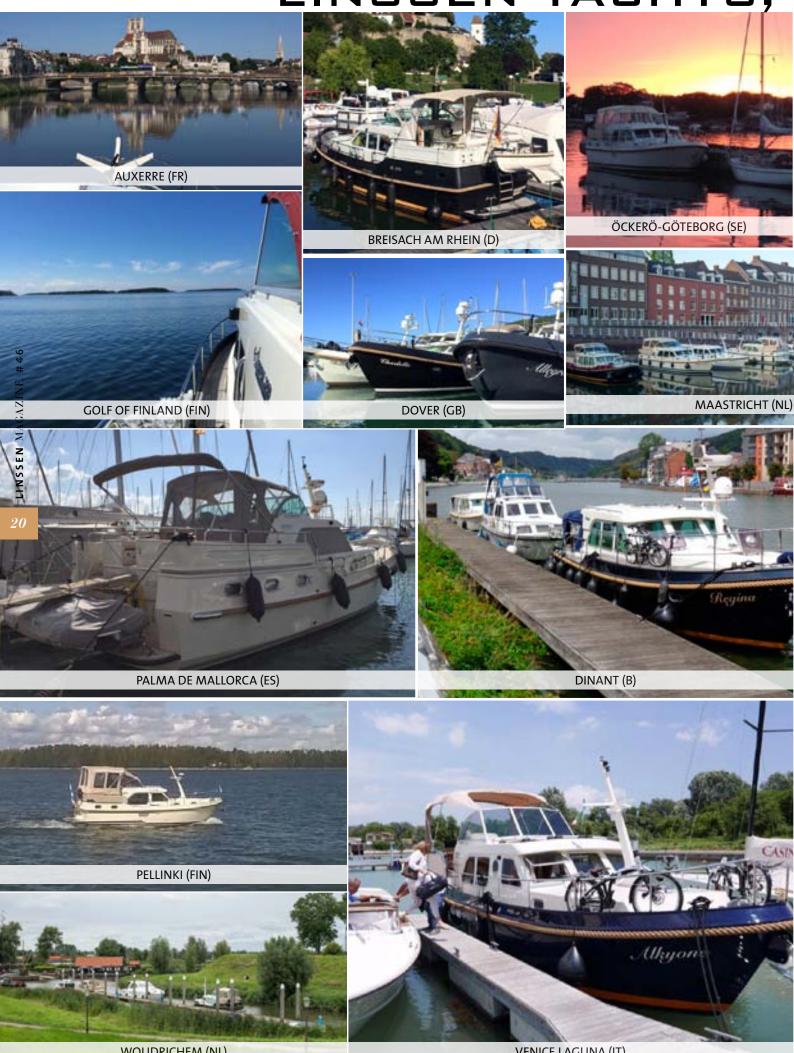
HOTEL RESTAURANT DE ROOSTERHOEVE. The location for the annual "owners' dinner". (www.roosterhoeve.nl)

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... WHAT'S NEW?

LINSSEN BOATING HOLIDAYS

LIVE YOUR DREAMS WITH LINSSEN BOATING HOLIDAYS®

Linssen has made a name for itself in the sector. This name covers a wide spectrum in the water sport market, symbolising quality in the Dutch yacht-building industry. Originally an association of independent Linssen yacht charterers, Linssen Boating Holidays[®] (LBH) is continuously increasing its presence in the charter market. Customers now benefit from clear structures and mature concepts. Excellent interaction between the boatyard and the charter providers has resulted in an increase in quality on both sectors. The involvement of dealers, charter companies and technical service providers guarantees both buyers and charter customers the highest possible standard of service.

IN MANY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

For many years, Linssen Yachts has been known for its professional distribution network in the European market. Supported by the painstaking approach and personal customer care for which all Linssen dealers are known, Linssen owners across Europe have developed into a big "family", whose crowning glory is the national Linssen owners' clubs. The activities of Linssen dealers do not just involve selling yachts as a lot of their time is taken up with the related customer care. This customer service is assured by specially trained staff, a fully committed management team and, last but not least, a family actively working alongside them.

This development is also of essential importance to Linssen's third mainstay in Europe. In the meantime, as many as twelve independent yacht charter companies in nine countries have come together under the marketing umbrella of Linssen Boating Holidays[®] to offer exclusive boating holidays on Linssen motor yachts. What makes LBH stand out in the market is the variety and uniqueness of its destinations. You can sail to destinations which you would otherwise not be able to find in a travel brochure.

Linssen Boating Holiday

A completely new destination since the 2015 season is the varied Saimaa Lakes region in Finland based in Savonlinna, from the Harri Niskanen family. Make your holiday a unique combination of adventure and culture and book your Linssen during the famous Savonlinna Opera Festival (8 July – 6 August 2016) in the magnificent mediaeval Olavinlinna castle. The Linnansaari National Park is also worth a visit and you certainly shouldn't miss out on a friendly BBQ or of course a Finnish sauna at one of the many fantastic moorings!

We are particularly proud of another "exotic" location,

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Venice, where the starting point is actually the only marina within walking distance of St. Mark's Square! Experience the city of love and attractions such as Murano and Burano with LBH partner Lagunalonga. And, to get away from it all, you can enjoy unique, magical and almost undiscovered places on the Laguna Veneta.

And in an extraordinary move on the charter market, you



can even charter from LBH the generously proportioned Grand Sturdy 36.9 AC from Kressbronn on Lake Constance and from Nasta Marine on the three Jura lakes in Switzerland (Lake Neuchâtel, Lake Morat and Lake Bienne) from the picturesque town of Estavayer le Lac and on Lake Geneva from Vevey, the "gem of the Swiss Riviera".

PUUR Yachtcharter is the LBH member with the largest Linssen fleet overall, supplying its yachts not only on the Mecklenburg and Brandenburg Lake District (Buchholz-Müritz and Zehdenick-Havel) but also on Lake Constance. Lübeck is the base for LBH partner Martin Stratmann's Mobiliar Club & Charter which offers fantastic destinations on the Baltic and North Germany's internal cruising areas.

OLM LÄÄNEMER

In Merzig an der Saar, the Schönberger family of Yacht Charter Holiday Tours offers a wide range of options, such as the wine rivers of Germany, the Alsace region and many other boating destinations, even including longdistance one-way trips as far as Paris. Other LBH partners are Waterfront Yachtcharter in the Netherlands with bases in Amsterdam, the "green heart" of the Netherlands and the Delta region, where you can sample many delicious seafood dishes. Belgium is home to BBoat, with its starting point in Kuurne in West Flanders, from where you can head for Bruges, Ghent and the Belgian coast along the wonderful inland waterways of the Westhoek region. Aqua Libra is based in Kinrooi - a stone's throw from the Linssen boatyard - at the point in the river Meuse where three countries meet and offers fascinating destinations such as Maastricht, Roermond, Liège, Louvain, Mechelen and Charleroi. Belgium, the land of beer and delicious chocolate...

France Fluviale has its base in Burgundy (St. Florentin and Vermenton) and on the Canal du Midi (Capestang and Bram) and will be happy to entice you into the world of gastronomy, vineyards and culture, in other words the legendary French savoir vivre. On the Thames, Hobbs of Henley takes you into the world of Oxford, Henley, Marlow and Windsor. On your journey down the river along the vast park surrounding Windsor Castle you will pass the fascinating locations where the "Midsomer Murders" TV series was filmed. And, last but not least, there's Cantal Marine with bases in Istria and North and Central Dalmatia, where you can discover and taste the wonders of the Adriatic, mooring your "own" boat in fantastic cities such as Pula, Zadar and Split.



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HENNINGS YACHT-VERTRIEB IN PAPENBURG CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY ON 1 APRIL 2016. IN 1991, HEINRICH HENNINGS TOOK THE PLUNGE INTO SELF-EMPLOYMENT AND FOUNDED LINSSEN YACHTS CENTER NORD. THIS WAS THE FIRST LINSSEN DEALERSHIP IN GERMANY AND TODAY HE IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL LINSSEN DEALERS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. HIS COMPANY HAS SOLD OVER 500 LINSSEN YACHTS TO DATE.

To celebrate the big anniversary in 2016, as many boats as possible are expected to find their way back to Papenburg. They are set to turn this small town on the river Ems, which is known for the large ships from the Meyer-Werft shipyard, into a centre for the Dutch steel displacement yachts from Maasbracht. This will probably be the biggest Linssen Yachts meet-up in the world – be there! **FROM 6 TO 8 MAY 2016**, Linssen owners with their yachts will meet in the port of Papenburg in the town centre. But owners who arrive without their yacht are also very



welcome! All skippers, owners and friends of the large Linssen family will be offered an exciting programme of events. After arriving on the Thursday (Ascension) or Friday, you should take advantage of the opportunity to explore Papenburg. You'll find out about Germany's oldest and longest fen colony and wander along the

Founder and Germany's Mr Linssen: Heinrich Hennings. main canal or through the wonderful municipal park, in which the regional garden show was held last year.

The official welcome takes place on the premises of Hennings Yacht-Vertrieb at 5 pm on Friday, 6 May. With a glass of beer in your hand, you will look round the exhibition and renew the acquaintance of many Linssen owners.

Saturday is a piece of original East Friesland. Starting at 3 p.m., you will get to know the small village of Emsdorf Mitling-Mark, the birthplace of Heinrich Hennings. Taking part in a typical East Friesian Bosseltour along the Ems will let you into the secrets of this traditional Friesian sport and, of course, also into North Germany's culture of food and drink...

The sporting theme continues on Sunday! Players will compete for the Linssen Sturdy Cup on the 18-hole course at Papenburg's Gutshof Golf Club. Those who feel more at home on the water than on the fairway can join a completely individual VIP tour of the BIG-TIME shipbuilding scene at the world-famous Meyer-Werft shipyard.

The Hennings crew looks forward to your registration and promises you an amazing event

with a quite special Father's Day weekend.

Following the company's proud tradition, the first highlight of the anniversary year is the **PAPENBURG BOAT SHOW ON 23 AND 24 APRIL 2016**. As well as a colourful programme of events, new members and their yachts will be admitted to the large Linssen family in a traditional launching ceremony on the Saturday.

Linssen's new product range can be viewed and sailed for the first time during the Papenburg Boat Show. The Grand Sturdy 290 Sedan, Grand Sturdy 350 AC and Grand Sturdy 410 AC will be making their debut in Papenburg. Also featuring in the covered exhibition space will be the Grand Sturdy 530 AC Wheelhouse.

Hennings Yacht-Vertrieb has pre-ordered these models as demonstration vessels, so you could be one of the first owners of this new Linssen series of yachts. There's no waiting – you can start the season with a new yacht from Hennings from 25 April. And it's still possible for potential buyers to have their personal requirements included in the specification!



The Linssen flag has been flying in Papenburg for 25 years.

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Linssen Yachts Meet-Up 2016 in Papenburg. Be there when the big family meets up at Hennings!



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The boat show in the covered floating exhibition space is probably unique and the highlight of the Linssen presentation in Papenburg.



OOSTERSCHELDE PHOTOSHOOT

MAASBRACHT, JUNE 2015

On Saturday 20 June 2015, Linssen dealer Jonkers Yachts in the Province of Zeeland photographed the longest fleet of Linssen boats ever.

The 13 Linssen yachts sailed from Zierikzee into the Oosterschelde estuary, where the yachts were photographed from a helicopter.

It certainly wasn't easy to get the yachts to sail in parallel, but once they had passed under the Zeelandbrug bridge, all yachts were on course and photographer Dick van der Veer was able to 'snap away'. In addition to photos of the entire fleet, splendid shots were taken of each individual boat. The fleet consisted of a Dutch Sturdy 320 AC, a Grand Sturdy 36.9 AC, two Grand Sturdy 40.9 ACs, a Grand Sturdy 40.9 Sedan, Grand Sturdy 430 AC, Grand Sturdy 430 AC Mark II, Range Cruiser 450 Sedan Variotop[®], Range Cruiser 450 Sedan Wheelhouse, Grand Sturdy 470 AC and as many as three Grand Sturdy 500 AC Variotop[®] Mark IIs. This was a very impressive fleet that attracted a lot of attention in the temporary joint home port of Zierikzee.

A similar photo voyage is very likely to be held again next year. If you are interested in participating, please get in touch.

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Well over 2,700 km of interconnected lakes, rivers and canals form an inexhaustible, dense network of navigable waterways of differing sizes. Most of them are located in the Länder of Berlin, Brandenburg and Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, one of the regions of Germany which is most steeped in history, whether it's the history of the Hanseatic League, the noble Junkers of Western Pomerania, the Prussian kings or the influence of Dutch princesses and craftsmen. Russian and French cultural influences can be observed everywhere - even Vienna has a share in it. The result is a region with unparalleled variety and diversity in terms of art and history.

The route is lined with big cities such as Berlin and Hamburg, as well as medium-sized towns such as Lübeck, Rostock, Stettin, Oranienburg, Potsdam, Brandenburg and Magdeburg. Art lovers seeking cultural diversity will feel right at home here. Take Potsdam as an example, where the influence of the Dutch and Russian colonies is particularly in evidence, even today. If you are interested in history, you need only follow in the tracks of Humbolt or "Old Fritz" (Frederick the Great) to Sanssouci palace.

This has continued into most recent German history, as witness the Potsdam Conference in Cecilienhof Palace or Templin, the municipality in which the current German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, was married.

Those interested in literature are warmly invited to visit Theodor Fontane or Kurt Tucholsky. But it's not only these luminaries of German literature who can be found here.

Museums, art galleries and major collections give way to small art studios, so that you can for example watch an artisan blacksmith or string instrument maker at work in the citadel in Spandau. There are also many aspects of regional history, which children and young people in particular find especially different and interesting. Examples include the inland waterway museum in Zehdenick and the Ziegeleipark industrial museum in Mildenberg.

Now 80 years old, the Niederfinow boat lift is a special technical miracle of German engineering and has to be experienced.

By contrast, you will find large expanses of unspoilt nature, where you can see herons, cormorants, ospreys, cranes, storks, ducks and great crested grebes, as well as



kingfishers, in their natural habitat.

Besides the large number of birds, you may also catch sight of rarer animals, such as beavers, otters, muskrats, bison, frogs, etc. Also worth a visit, especially for children and young people, is the Müritzeum in Waren, an excellent visitor centre featuring native fauna and flora.

You can go for a dip or while away the time in dreamlike, tranquil anchorages. The canals and rivers are lined by a variety of small towns, where you can stroll, shop and stop off for a while. An impressive range of restaurants have become established in this area, which treat customers with local dishes.

Of course, Berlin also offers a wide diversity of cultural, historical and natural features.

A detailed description is beyond the scope of this report.

We set forth from this fantastic landscape to explore new shores. We had investigated the Lake District after many years and the same applied to Berlin. We now wanted to test Category B on our Linssen 43.9AC "La Cabaña and visit the Baltic. We covered the route from Zehdenick along the Mälzer canal and the Voss canal to Berlin in a few hours and then headed east to the boat lift. We found a nice spot at Marienwerder Marina with Sabine and Lutz Biller when Lutz probably wanted to see whether the crew of La Cabaña could actually control the boat and allocated us a very nice spot right at the back corner. He then watched the manoeuvre very closely with a benevolent eye. As he didn't say anything more, we think he was probably happy. We also thought that we had performed our task well. So we treated ourselves at the marina's bistro. After a wonderfully peaceful night and a hearty breakfast on board, we set off for the boat lift. The passage was uncomplicated but, as so often, a great experience. We shared the lock with two passenger vessels, which didn't cause any problems in the large basin. The temperature had risen mercilessly and it felt like 40°C under the tarpaulin, but we couldn't escape it in the scorching sun. So we opened all the windows we could and we stepped on the gas to produce an air flow. In Oderberg that evening, the neighbours must have thought us a strange crew as we were all below deck in the saloon. Of course, they couldn't have known that we had an excellent air-conditioning system down there. This cooled the two cabins as well as the saloon, which was very

important in ensuring a refreshing sleep. A number of bigger vessels were moored with us in Oderberg, all of which - except one - gradually sailed out the following morning. Finally, we were ready, with the water tank full and batteries charged, everything OK. Temperatures promised to be high that day as well.

The water level reports for the Oder were giving rise to concern in the dry summer, which is why we decided to use the Hohensaartener-Friedrichtaler canal. Considering it's a canal, the journey is surprisingly attractive. There are low embankments to the right and left of the canal, which allow a view of the countryside beyond, with the floodplains of the Oder on the east side and farmland and forest on the west side.

There we discovered large tobacco plantations, which surprised us a lot, a little industry, both old and new, and small but inviting villages. Our destination was Schwedt, which we reached in about four hours. On offer were a small sport marina, which was not deep enough for us, and a bigger pleasure craft marina, which provided a fine mooring. It was any easy choice. This marina was another surprise. It was really well cared-for and housed ultraclean toilets and showers in an architecturally humorous building and had another nice bistro with a very pleasant all-rounder in charge. Besides the bistro, she was also responsible for the caravan park, the marina, selling shower coins, etc. She was cheerful and helpful despite being very busy. The usual, informative talk on the landing with Oder travellers did provide us with some information which we were able to use later in our trip. However, my desire to obtain a Polish flag as the host country flag remained unfulfilled. We again had to cool the boat to a level that allowed comfortable sleep.

After a delicious dinner and a glass of good red wine, we were ready for bed.



Now 80 years old, the Niederfinow boat lift

SZCZECIN

We were especially looking forward to our next destination, Szczecin. We had heard widely differing reports on the mooring options in Szczecin and were therefore eager to find out the truth. The marina in the centre of Szczecin was highly praised in the legend on our map but we had read and heard criticism elsewhere and so were not convinced. A marina a little further north at the terminus of a tram line was commended, so we went there. Wonderful water meadows accompanied us on our way to Szczecin. The inevitable industrial plants on the outskirts of Szczecin were followed by prominent and very busy docks and shipyards. There was a lot of traffic there. Then came the skyline of the city, with some magnificent buildings and two bridges which were so low that we had to lay not only the mast but also the tarpaulin completely flat. This occupied so much of our attention that we failed to see the city port on the east side of the West Oder. We therefore continued on our way, past more shipyards, until we reached Goclaw marina. The marina is small, clean and has everything you would need, even though parts of it are still very basic. The best thing about it is the small supermarket on the opposite side of the street and the tram station. The staff were particularly friendly, even though they spoke no German at all, which came as a bit of a surprise to us. Using a mixture of English and sign language, we were able to ask them everything and also obtain correct answers to all our questions. I managed to obtain a Polish host country flag from another German boater. The next day was reserved for Szczecin. In the morning, we took the tram into town. We caught an older model, i.e. we arrived in Szczecin half an hour later as if shaken (not stirred!) in a cocktail shaker! Our stroll through the city led us to St. John the Evangelist church, a wonderfully light building with a very beautiful but somewhat

unusual organ. One striking building turned out to be the former castle of the Pomeranian Dukes. It was still blisteringly hot, so we dropped by the small café in the Münzhof courtyard in the castle for a coffee and water. Today, the castle is used for music and art and as a museum and science centre. While we were sitting in the courtyard, we listened to a pianist who was already very proficient in his art. This is also where the tourist information office is located. We then headed for the Haken Terrace, which our guide book boldly claimed is one of the most beautiful terraces in Europe. We couldn't wait to see it and have to admit that it is very beautiful. The view is magnificent. It's about 500 metres long and about 20 metres above the Oder, thereby providing a great view over this part of the city. Behind us was a series of beautiful old buildings, including the Maritime University, the Vovoidship office and the National Museum. In the shadow of these historic buildings, on the Haken Terrace, we found a beautifully situated restaurant (Columbus) where we sat in the front row eating our lunch. Top quality and reasonable prices, including a breathtaking view, was our final verdict on this beautiful spot. From there we then saw the massive marina which we initially missed. It was eerily isolated. There was not a single yacht among the estimated 120 moorings!!! The area around the marina was not exactly chic either and it was extremely awkward to gain access to the city on the other side of the river. We planned to poke our nose into the marina on the return journey.

But we wanted to continue on our way. We proceeded north on the Oder, passed the entrance to Dabie Lake and took a second decision to come this way on the return journey. Further north, the waterway forks into the Oder and the Policki Canal, but we stayed on the Oder. It went on and on. The floodplains of the Oder appeared lush green when flooded, sometimes with old trees and



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sometimes with tall shrubs or reeds. The bird paradise seemed never-ending. Kingfishers flashed blue-green but they were so frantic that it was almost impossible to photograph them. We didn't see any more grey heron but we did see an osprey which flew overhead but apparently wasn't hungry. At least, it didn't appear to be hunting. The cruise along the Roztoka Odrzánska was uneventful but we stuck to the marked shipping channel for safety's sake. Level with Trzebiez, the riverbank retreated further and the great Haff showed us its most beautiful aspect. Because of the very good visibility, we were able to see the tall navigation signs (Brama Torowa 4 - 1) from a distance.

At wind force 4-5, we were also subjected to a heavy swell but this hardly had any effect on our 20-tonne Linssen. Our thoughts were directed towards the marina we should head for and we decided on Uekermünde, which we did not regret. We received a warm welcome at SSC Vorpommern. Dinner at "Backbord" was delicious, the prices reasonable and the atmosphere great. We were grateful for the always refreshing breeze as the heat continued unabated. When we wanted to start the air conditioning, the shore power had a relatively low rating (6 amps), which was insufficient for the air-conditioning unit. We briefly switched on the generator to cool down the yacht and then went to bed. The next morning, we decided to spend a quiet day in Uekermünde. We had not definitely planned our next destination. We had planned to call in at the marina at the entrance to the Peenestrom but made such good time that we decided to keep going. We continued north along the Peenestrom through the Moderort channel. Even our Linssen was now being tossed about in the wind, so we chose Rankwitz as our destination port. This was an excellent decision, as we can only recommend the charming harbour. Besides two

very good pubs, there is a fishmonger that sells fresh and smoked fish. Added to the beautiful port and the overall ambience, five pleasant holiday homes are situated right next to the port. It's a fine example of a successful port development. Our cruise continued, via Wolgast, into the Peenestrom. The entrance is somewhat industrial, which made us happy. There would be beautiful countryside again further north. The wind was now blowing at force 8 and all the locals were complaining that they had never before experienced so much wind so many days in a row. Kröslin was then our last port of call, a wonderful, very well kept marina opposite Peenemünde. Boat trips are run from here on a small passenger vessel. A day trip to Wolgast revealed a medium-size industrial town with the problems that sadly still persist in former East Germany, such as young people leaving.

In Kröslin, our travelling companions met acquaintances they had not seen for years, which resulted in a pleasant, convivial chat on board under the tarpaulin in gale-force wind (with gusts of around 7 on the Beaufort scale).

As the weather forecast was still issuing storm warnings, we had to abandon our actual destination of Greifswald and content ourselves with the fact that we had ventured into the Baltic.

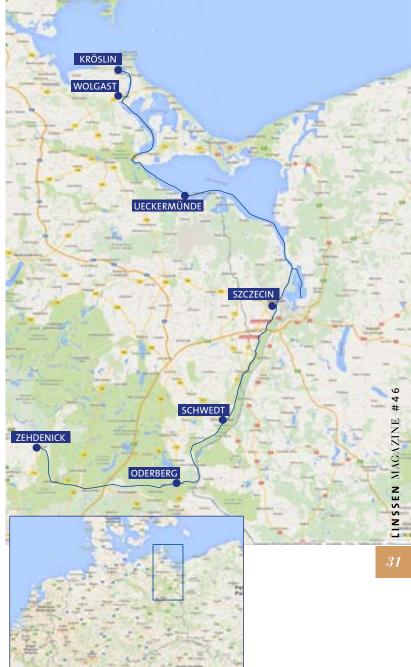
We turned around.

We now headed south in bright sunshine but still facing heavy winds. As intended, we then turned, a little to the north of Szczecin, into Dabie Lake to experience an idyllic landscape. It is uniquely beautiful. We took our time and, towards evening, looked for a port that would do justice to this landscape. We found a dream spot in the HOM marina at the south-eastern extremity of Dabie Lake. One reason was a Pole who spoke very good German and helped us with the formalities, but during this time a beautifully restored motor yacht arrived and



moored behind us. The owner was Polish, based in this port and unbelievably proud (rightly) of the yacht he had restored. Our Polish hosts removed the benches from the rustic table standing on the jetty and replaced them with comfortable garden chairs to make things more pleasant, another extraordinary sign of hospitality.

I would like to conclude the report with this port. The return trip to Zehdenick was uneventful. We arrived there four days later safe and sound and full of new impressions.





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THE FINISHING TOUCH OF BOATSTYLING BY AQUA LIBRA

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"Look, we will remove that grey cushion, put that red dish in the cupboard and place those purple candles on the saloon table. You see, the effect is totally different." Boat stylist Arlette Casters climbs on board the nearest boat in the Linssen Yachts showroom and immediately starts restyling. Within no time, the saloon has a harmonious but convivial atmosphere. The wooden interior with grey upholstery is given a refreshing new look thanks to purple features. And when the cabin door opens, you can see that the colour scheme is reflected even in the duvet cover. The bathroom textiles in the shower are also in purple and grey and feature embroidered logos of Linssen Yachts. Everything's been thought of, right down to the last detail.

For two years now, Linssen Yachts customers have been able to request the help of Arlette Casters in styling their boat. In consultation with the customer, she adds a personal finishing touch to the boat. After all, the interior of a brand new yachts might be splendid to look at, but that doesn't mean to say that it has the convivial atmosphere that you would expect at home. Using personal accessories, as well as bed linen, bathroom textiles, crockery, cutlery and kitchen equipment, Arlette is able to create the perfect atmosphere to reflect the customer's taste, so that those on board really feel at home. Everything is possible, from marine look to trendy lifestyle. "And it's important that everything is made to measure from the best materials. A towel, for instance, must be strong and should keep its colour, even after it's been washed for the tenth time." Arlette always remembers that her articles must be functional, because you can't put any old vase in a boat, however much you like it. "It has to be suitable and not fall over easily or cause scratches."

Every part of a boat presents its own challenges, and Arlette knows how to deal with them perfectly. For instance, the deck must have a warm and welcoming character, but it also needs to be wind and water-resistant. "That's why I have unbreakable glass and crockery and cushions that can be tied down. And all accessories are of superior quality that you can see and feel immediately." The bed linen in the cabins is made to measure in the colour of the rest of the interior. And if the customer wants it, a personal customer logo can be embroidered on the bed linen. Her ideas are based on the following premise. "Ensure that the accessories in all areas are properly harmonised,

because a balanced whole provides the best result and creates a sense of space." After all, a stylish interior gives the boat that finishing touch.

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