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**Boat Archives - ‘Belle Epoque’**

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| **Length** | 33’ | **Prior Names** | Deirdre Louise |
| **Year Built** | 1961 | **Build No.** |  |
| **Beam** | 9’6 | **Hull Construction** | Double diagonal teak |
| **Draft** | 2’9 | **Deck Construction** | Varnished teak |
| **Engine Make** | Twin Ford Watermota | **Superstructure Style** | Open aft cockpit |
| **Engine Size** | 1600cc | **Number of Berths** | 4 + 2 |
| **Engine Fuel Type** | Petrol | **Location** | Preston Crowmarsh |

**History**

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| 1961 | This is the only remaining 33' Star Craft with an open rear cockpit. (The other was dropped while being lifted by crane)! |
|  | Built for W A Howell, (the 3rd boat built for him by Bates) & named after his daughter. He owned 25' DEIDRE LOUISE (note different spelling) changed at some time on the 33' boat (photo on file from Classic Boat). Lloyds registered. |
| 1969 - 72 | Owned by W. Bates & Sons, and used by Mrs Beryl Bates (wife of Leonard). |
| 1972 | Purchased by Michael Martin from Bates of Chertsey, re-engined. |
| 1975 | Purchased by Mike & Sylvia Morrell. Mike was a founder of the Star Craft Owners Club. |
| 1979 | Previous BMC Vedettes replaced by Watermota Sea Tigers. |
| June 1991 | Registered with the TVBC. |
| 1994 | Owned by Roy Griffiths of Sunbury. |
| 1996 | Sold to Mr Brian Hawkins of Farnham. |
| 2004 | Sold to Tony and Gloria Mayes of Wargrave, previous owners of CAREFREE, a 20' Star Craft. |
| 2005 | Name changed from DEIRDRE LOUISE to BELLE EPOQUE. |
|  | Current owners are David and Sheila Newling-Ward. |
| 2017 | Current owner is now Ms Jo Ledbrooke. |