



## Boat Archives - 'Carefree'



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<b>Length</b>	20'	<b>Prior Names</b>	
<b>Year Built</b>	1958	<b>Build No.</b>	20/4
<b>Beam</b>	7'6	<b>Hull Construction</b>	Double diagonal mahogany
<b>Draft</b>	1'6	<b>Deck Construction</b>	
<b>Engine Make</b>	Ford Watermota, recently replaced with Diesel	<b>Superstructure Style</b>	Open aft cockpit
<b>Engine Size</b>	1200cc (75HP), now replaced	<b>Number of Berths</b>	2
<b>Engine Fuel Type</b>	Diesel, previously petrol	<b>Location</b>	Bates Yard, Chertsey

## History

- 1958 One of only five 20' Star Craft, she was built at a cost of £2,676, taking 6 months to build. She was sold for £2,500, a loss of £176!
- 21<sup>st</sup> May On the occasion of the Richmond Lock and Weir Centenary, she was spotted
- 1994 by Diana Bates and purchased from Jeff Chipps, Commodore of T.Y.C. that very day. She was restored for Diana by Terry Dann, who served his apprenticeship with W Bates & Son in 1961. He stayed with the company for 23 years until they ceased production in 1983.  
Originally powered by a Morris Vedette.
- 2003 Sold to Tony & Gloria Mayes of Wargrave.
- 2009 Purchased by Fran and John Pullan, moored in Bourne End and happily used on most sunny weekends. No new work to report on her (May 2011).
- 2021 Debbie Russell (SCOC Events Secretary) reports she has acquired [CAREFREE](#) and has had her transported to Bates Yard at Chertsey. "I bought her off Richard Veitch of Spade Oak Reach, Cookham and he, in turn, purchased her from his next door neighbours, Ian and Sue Berrido in 2016".