



Boat Archives - 'Hippocampus'



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Length	33'	Prior Names	Margo, Princess Penny, PACE, Travis McGee
Year Built	1960	Build No.	33/23
Beam	10'3	Hull Construction	Double diagonal teak
Draft	2'6	Deck Construction	
Engine Make	Twin Nanni 2.2 litre	Superstructure Style	Closed aft cockpit
Engine Size	80 HP each	Number of Berths	
Engine Fuel Type	Diesel	Location	Shepperton Marina

History

1960	Bates Star Craft motor cruiser. Boat No.23 of the 33' boats built at Chertsey. Originally named MARGO . She was originally fitted with a pair of Morris Navigator engines.
Early 1960's	Moored at Benson, Shillingford, later at Peter Freebody's when she was named PENNY PRINCESS .
1986	Purchased by Chris Edgerley & Roly Shea and restored by owners with technical carpentry by Mr Morris of Marlow. Used extensively on the Thames and will just get under Osney bridge. Renamed PACE after the Police and Criminal Evidence Act.
1996	Acquired by Jack Reardan in a sort of swap deal with LA CHEMME and put up for sale at Bates.
1998	Sold to Phillip Bramwell of Weybridge. Renamed TRAVIS McGEE after a fictional American detective.
2000	New 'Nanni' diesels fitted replacing original Morris Navigator engines.
2020	Now owned by Henry Sturge and renamed HIPPOCAMPUS . November 2020: Henry reports: She came out of the water recently and is currently in Southwold for some TLC. A fly bridge is being added (in keeping and carefully planned). The first and smallest with a fly bridge we believe and designed to pass under Osney Bridge!
Nov 2021	Henry reports work now completed and Shepperton Marina is her new home.
Dec 2023	<p>News from Chris Mason - Both my mother and father, Eileen and Donald Payen, owned Hippocampus when it was registered as Penny Princess, from about 1973-1979, and then Amoreena, formerly Sauseagal 2, from 1979-1984. My mother was the bedrock of our family and virtually ran our holidays and weekend breaks so it's only right to include them both. In fact, my father was just the pilot and delegated the rest!</p> <p>Penny Princess did indeed just pass Osney Bridge with us and motored the whole of the Thames from Lechlade to Queensborough. It was moored at Freebody's, where it briefly starred in a Twix commercial (the backdrop to a couple sharing a moment at the end)!</p> <p>Sauseagal 2 made several trips to the Netherlands (some hairy times around Sandetté lightship and the wreck in the estuary). I made extensive logs complete with sea spray stains, but I fear they no longer exist. I think her last mooring was on the River Hamble near Burlesden. It was rumoured she was sold to, then sold on by, a certain Elton John! Hmm...</p> <p>We'd love to know where Amoreena is moored in France as we have lived here for over 20 years. Hope you can update the PDFs to include both names and dates, if only that much.</p>