| Length | 45' | Prior Names | Only ever La Chemme |
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| Year Built | 1965 | Build Number | 45/3 |
| Beam | 11' 9" | Hull Construction | Double diagonal teak |
| Draft | 3' 9" | Deck Construction | Teak |
| Engine Make | Perkins HT6354 x2 | Superstructure Style | Standard 45 ft with no flybridge |
| Engine Size | 145 hp turbo | Number of Berths | 6 |
| Engine Fuel Type | Diesel | Location | Medmenham |

History

| 1965 | Purchased new to order by Les Bennet of Stanmore. Cost £12,500.00 |
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| | a sum three times the cost of a semi detached house in the southeast |

at the time. Named La Chemme as an anagram of family names, but he also ran a company and a racehorse of that name. The anagram was made up from LA CH from Lily And CHarles (Les Bennetts name was really Charles but be liked to be called Les!) EM from EMMA and ME from Marianne. He sold her after a year and bought a Dutch steel

boat "Lady Holland II".

1965-87 Purchased by Mr Norman Hill of Wentworth Surrey, retaining the

Name "La Chemme". Thames based at Wraysbury and Chertsey. Moored Old Windsor for many years opposite the Bells Of Ouseley

Pub.

1987 (Feb) Purchased by Mr. Jack B. Reardan a director of Land Rover. His wife

Lillian wanted a country cottage holiday home when Jack saw La Chemme on the Bates moorings where John Bates had her in for refurbishment. Jack negotiated with Norman Hill who agreed to sell

her so no cottage was bought.

1989 Refurbished at Bates yard for Jack. An Eberspacher diesel heater was

soon fitted after a cold spring when Jack's wife Lillian refused to go on board until some heating was fitted. Jacks priority was always ice for a gin and tonic and she was used as a floating holiday home and did not venture far from her home moorings. Jack was later very involved in the formation of the Star Craft Owners Club and was its

first Chairman.

1990 Modern Furuno radar fitted before Jack Readan attended Dunkirk in

spectator fleet where she encountered some heavy seas.

December 1996 Acquired by Chris Edgerley & Roland J. Shea in an exchange deal for

their smaller Star Craft PACE now called Travis McGee. Initially planned to do first aid work over the winter but La Chemme was found to be in much poorer condition that expected. The decision was made to complete a full restoration. The hull was stripped back to bare wood where the teak hull was found to be in good condition.

| The superstructure and screens required major works and 2/3 rds of |
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| the port superstructure was replaced and both sets of forward facing |
| and aft facing screens were replaced. The engines were found to be |
| in good order and had very low hours for a boat of over 30 years use. |
| All three roofs had their old canvass painted roof coverings removed |
| and they were re-sheathed in ply and finished with the modern west |
| system. The original leather seating was sent away for re- |
| connolisation and the bunk mattresses were replaced. New Brookes |
| and Gatehouse instrumentation were fitted including GPS and auto |
| pilot during a complete rewiring. Jack and Lillian were regular visitors |
| to the Taplow yard encouraging Chris & Roly in their efforts. They |
| were pleased to see La Chemme taken on and being refitted to a high |
| level of finish. |

June 1998 After extensive structural restoration finally re-launched with the crew still screwing trim on during its first voyage to the Henley Trad

Rally.

July 1998 Winner of the Clarke Roller Trophy at Thames Traditional Boat Rally.

La Chemme starts her career as a charter boat for details see

www.lachemme.co.uk .

July 1999 Winner of the Bates Wheel at the Thames Traditional Boat Rally.

2000 Chris Edgerley skippered La Chemme for the first time to the Dunkirk

Commemorations

Summer 2004 La Chemme owned solely by Chris Edgerley after Roly retired from

boating to buy a holiday home in Portugal.

May 2010 Attended Dunkirk Commemorations for the second time.

September 2010 Attended St Katherine's Docks London Classic Boat Festival.

September 2011 Attended St Katherine's Docks London Classic Boat Festival.

June 2012 Participated in the Queens Jubilee Pageant London with 'Star' livery

adorning her hull.

September 2012 Attended St Katherine's Docks London Classic Boat Festival.

April 2013 Hull repaint and a section of timber replaced by starboard inway.

September 2013 Attended St Katherine's Docks London Classic Boat Festival.

September 2014 Attended St Katherine's Docks London Classic Boat Festival.

May 2015 Attended the Dunkirk commemorations after lift out at Penton Hook

for hull repaint, new keel band and props balanced and fared prior to attending commemorations for the third time, this time with Karinda,

Louis Philippe and New Venture.

July 2015 Runner up in Bates Wheel at Thames Traditional Boat Festival.

September 2015 Attended St Katherine's Docks London Classic Boat Festival.

| 2016 | Attended Ostend at Anchor Classic Boat and Music Festival with Karinda and New Venture. Heavy seas encountered on return trip. Two day delay at Ostend and two at Ramsgate. |
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| July 2016 | Winner of the Bates Wheel at Henley Traditional boat Festival. |