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Boat Archives - 'Starcraft Enterprise'

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Length	30'	**Prior Names**	Mira Star, Tratina, Frances May, Bernadette II
Year Built	1952	**Build No.**	30/2
Beam	10'2	**Hull Construction**	Double diagonal mahogany
Draft	2'9	**Deck Construction**	
Engine Make	BMC Vedette, changed to diesel in 2001/02. Bow thruster fitted in 2010	**Superstructure Style**	Open aft cockpit
Engine Size	1000cc (originally)	**Number of Berths**	2 + 2
Engine Fuel Type	Diesel	**Location**	Henley-on-Thames

History

	Originally named MIRA STAR, then TRATINA, she was built for the Bates hire fleet with an open rear deck. Original engine said to be a Ford V8.
1991 July 2019	Owned by Peter Smart & Tricia Geary of Hurley. News from Tricia Geary (via FB) We owned her “from about 1992 to 2002 when we sold her to Mark Cooper who changed her name from Tratina to Frances May. She was originally Mira Star, one of the Bates's hire fleet. Peter was a boat-builder on the Thames and we completely restored her. I did all the red paint in the bilges, which I expect is still there!”
	Owned by Mark Cooper of Dorchester-on-Thames.
	Owned by Linda Jones and moored in Henley-on-Thames.
2017	Newly restored and available for hire on the Thames out of Harleyford Marina. Now named BERNADETTE II (source: Chris Edgerley).
May 2025	News from Belinda Russell: “My Father bought Tratina (now Bernadette II) in the mid 1970s. She was moored at a place past Bisham Abbey, with a large Club House on the mainland and we had to get a chain ferry to a very small island. Myself and my siblings have lovely memories of Tratina enjoying childhood outings and especially the annual trip to Henley Regatta. We had thought she'd been called Myra like my mother so it's interesting to read it was Mira Star. I always remember the summer of 1976 on our way back from the Regatta, I fell into the water after climbing out the back. My father had taken the top wooden rails off whilst revarnishing! Although near the weir, the hot summer meant such a low water level, little was going over the weir and thankfully me neither. Later in my early 20s, my boyfriend and his friends were allowed to use the boat on the understanding that they sanded and varnished the deck. They sanded but didn't varnish! She was by then moored at Peter Freebody's. In 1987 My now husband and I took her up to Sunbury-on-Thames. At the helm, I nearly took him off the top of the boat where he was resting by "accidentally" motoring under a weeping willow. Later she fell into disrepair even though we had the whole hull replaced in double diagonal mahogany. I believe my father then called it a day and "gave" it to Peter Freebody. It has been heart warming to read that she has been given a new lease of life and available for hire.”
Oct 2026	Now owned by Tara Allison and renamed STARCAFT ENTERPRISE (source: Sarah Woolley).