

## Laurent Giles Normandy class yachts

For the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 'Association Coques en Bois ' (May 2018) we continued the research of the "Normandy" class, already started in 2010, in order to invite them to our celebrations.

According to Laurent Giles archives, between 24 and 29 were built in the '50s & '60s. The class was never produced in grp. There is no class association and it is probable that it is the first time that this research has been undertaken in such depth.

The project continues and we have found traces of about a dozen boats. Several owners were present for the festivities in 2018 and continue to remain in contact. We hope to get more news of them, and others that we have not yet found, in the future.

Below is a list of Normandy boats , plus individuel information sheets where we have gathered enough information. Some information concerning the others can be found at the end. The list is based on different variations of the Laurent Giles archives plus our own information gathered from owners.

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<b>NY1</b>	<b>1956</b>	<b>Blue Mink</b>
<b>NY2</b>	<b>1957</b>	<b>Quasi *</b>
<b>NY3</b>	<b>1957</b>	<b>Sula</b>
<b>NY4</b>	<b>1957</b>	<b>Kestel *</b>
<b>NY5</b>	<b>1957</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>NY6</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>Black Witch II</b>
<b>NY7</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>Bravade</b>
<b>NY8</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>Calvados</b>
<b>NY9</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>Maalish *</b>
<b>NY10</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>Butler</b>
<b>NY11</b>	<b>1961</b>	<b>Amitie *</b>
<b>NY12</b>	<b>1960</b>	<b>Sheesmyne II / Gilliflower *</b>
<b>NY13</b>	<b>1960</b>	<b>Neptune *</b>
<b>NY14</b>	<b>1961</b>	<b>Surf</b>
<b>NY15</b>	<b>1961</b>	<b>Normandy / Anelor *</b>
<b>NY16</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>Camay *</b>
<b>NY17</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>Karis / Madadh Cuain *</b>
<b>NY18</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>Favorita</b>
<b>NY19</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>Les Six Marie *</b>
<b>NY20</b>	<b>1963</b>	<b>Cresta of Wight *</b>
<b>NY21</b>	<b>1963/8</b>	<b>Irene *</b>
<b>NY22</b>	<b>1964</b>	<b>Calluna *</b>
<b>NY23</b>		<b>?</b>
<b>NY24</b>	<b>1965</b>	<b>Sainte Agnes</b>
<b>NY25</b>		<b>?</b>
<b>NY26</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>Nérée III / Arvele *</b>

## **Other Normandy class boats.**

Boats for which there is not a profile sheet. Principal information mostly comes from extracts of the archives sent to us by the late Barry Van Greffen in about 2010

### **NY1 “Blue Mink” 1956**

Referred to in the article by LG in 1958 as being afloat in Chichester harbour so at least we know she was built. Probably built by one of the smaller yards in the Portsmouth area that have long gone out of business and whose records would be hard to discover.

### **NY3 “Sula” 1957**

'Tasmania' is all we know !

### **NY5 1957**

Possibly 'Gilliflower' but information from the owner of NY9 'Maalish' 1959 (who is now proprietor of the Coombes yard) would indicate that 'Gilliflower' was more likely to be NY12. Unless there was another one of the same name.

### **NY6 “Black Witch II” 1959** Itchenor shipyard.

No news of this boat.

### **NY7 “Bravade” 1958** Chantier de la Réserve

No information. We don't yet even know anything about the builder mentioned.

### **NY8 “Calvados” 1958** Harry Feltham.

Nothing known about this boat.

### **NY10 1959** Butler

No knowledge. LG Archives simply say 'Butler' 1959 but with the order number of NY13

### **NY14 'Surf' 1961** A.A.Coombes.

Information from two people who used to work for Alan Coombes suggest that 'Surf' was built for someone who worked for Proctor & Gamble and was sent down to the South of France. The other information they supplied concerned NY18 'Favorita'.

### **NY18 'Favorita' 1962** A.A.Coombes.

Probably the third Normandy built by Alan Coombes. The two gentlemen referred to under 'Surf' NY14 also mentioned that 'Favorita' was built for a member of the Thornycroft family and was taken down to the mediterranean. As a result of this information contact has been established with the grandson of the original owner who sailed on the boat as a child . All he really knows is that the boat was kept at Portofino and then moved to Porto Santo Stefano where the engine seized up and she was sold in about 1968.

**NY23**

No knowledge. Perhaps not built.

**NY24 'Saint Agnes' 1965 Sibiril.**

No information and Sibiril (or rather Sibiril Technologies as it was renamed) has been permanently closed since March 2022.

**NY25** No knowledge. We do know that the information given in the LG archives for this boat actually applies to NY26.

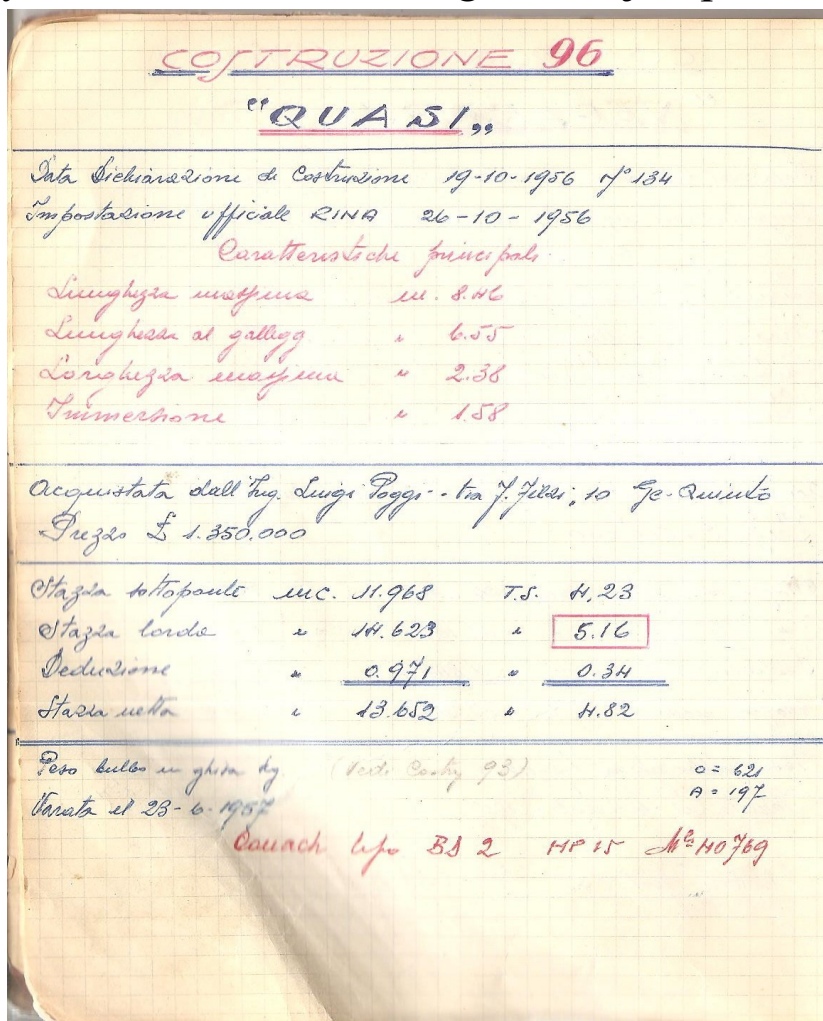
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NY2

« QUASI »

1957

Built by Sangermani shipyard of Lavagna, Italy, one of the most renowned Italian boatyards for its yachts, both classic and technically advanced. Cesare Sangermani jnr, patron of the



boatyard until his recent death in May 2018, provided a copy of the original invoice in the name of Luigi Poggi, no doubt the renowned sailor and crew member aboard "Italia", gold medal winner in the 8m<sup>2</sup> class in the 1936 olympic games. He said that his father knew the whole team very well. The invoice is reproduced here by kind permission of Giacomo Sangermani, who, with his brother, now runs the business.

Current situation unknown. (updated March 2023)

**NY4**

**« KESTEL »**

**1957**



Origin uncertain. Believed to be NY4. The last known owner kept her for 8 years (2009-2017)

Sold to someone who transported her to a yard near Melbourne where she is now considered to be abandoned and looking for someone to restore her.

<https://woodenboatshop.com.au/Normandy-Class>



Sailing area : Sydney, Australia 2009 - 2017, currently on dry land near Melbourne (updated March 2023)