

m.v.VENDOME

IMO 5377977, O.N. 301255

The m.v.Vendome was built by Brazen Island Shipyard Ltd. She was Yard Nos 2, at Brazen Island, Polruan being launched on 6th July 1960 at Polruan.

She was 136 ft LOA with a 24 ft beam and a 10.5 ft draft. 45.1 x 7.6 x 2.7 m GRT 344 DWT **413 tons**
Powered by a 6 cylinder 4SCA Lister Blackstone engine she had a speed of 10 knots. She was built for Lockett Wilson line.



Launching of the Vendome from No 2 slip 6th July 1960



Lockett and Wilson House Flag
(back to front in picture)

In May 1968 they sold her to Thomas Watson (Shipping) Ltd of Rochester 252 St. Margaret's Banks, High Street, ROCHESTER, ME1 1HY and she was renamed Lady Sorcha. She was painted Light blue hull with red boot topping and funnels of yellow with light blue band between two red bands. These were the company colours. David J Bradley (Sr) took over Thomas Watson (Shipping) from Thomas Watson. His sons, the brothers David J Bradley and Stanley Bradley also went into business working as barge owners with Thomas Watson (Shipping). Thomas Watson (Shipping) had a tradition of naming vessels prefaced by "Lady".



Picture by **GORDON DALZELL**



They operated her until 19th July 1971 when she was sold to J.A.Osborne, Plymouth, Monserrat, Leeward Islands in the West Indies. He was the first minister of the island.



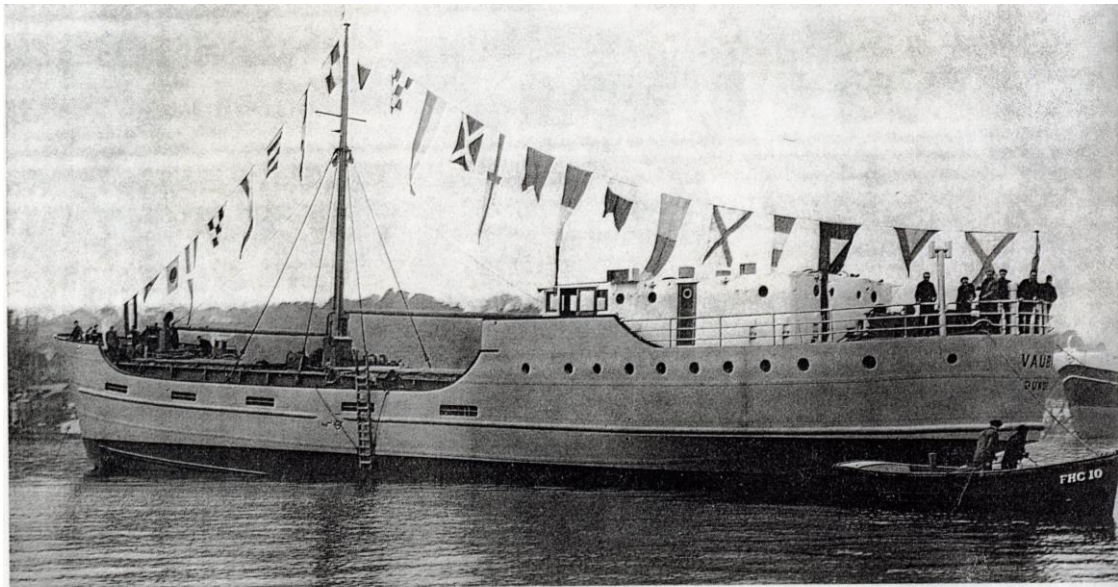
She traded around the islands until 20th August 1975 when she was in collision with a ship called M.V. WITSHOAL II (3643 GT) off position 13.59 N 61.04 W, when on passage from Trinidad to Monserrat. All the crew were saved

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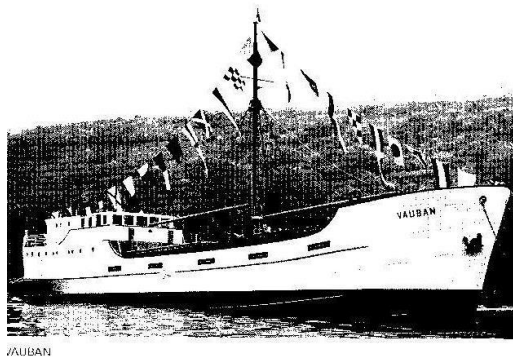
m.v.Vauban

IMO 5377240, ON 182569



Under the Bridges of Paris . . . from a shipyard at Polruan. The 420-ton motor coaster *Vauban* was launched, after a building of twelve months, from the Brazen Island shipyard, at Polruan, for the Dundee Perth and London Shipping

Co., Ltd., last month. She is designed for the London-Paris trade, and all her superstructure above the height of 18 ft. 6 ins. can be removed to allow her to pass under the Seine bridges. She carries a crew of seven, who have a cabin each.



Newspaper articles of her launch

The Vauban was built by Brazen Island Shipyard Ltd. Yard Nos 3 at Brazen Island, Polruan being launched on 6th July 1962. A sister ship to the "Vendome", she was completed and registered in November 1962. Built for the Dundee Perth and London Shipping Co Ltd part of the Lockett and Wilson group who leased and operated the yard. She was 45.3metres LOA and a beam of 7.2m and a draft of 2.9m with a GRT of 370 Tons and DWT 435 tons. Powered by a 6 cylinder 4SCA Lister Blackstone engine she had a speed of 10 knots and was registered in Hull



The ships bell and Builders plate





The Vauban's ships bell and builders' plate
presented to Fowey Harbour Commissioners
by Mr Mick Ellis, Harbour Commissioner of Fowey

On 4th Apr 1965 DUNGENESS LIFEBOAT R.N.L.B. MABEL E. HOLLAND escorted vessel the Vauban into Dover Harbour after she started taking in water.

In November 1968 she was sold to J.J.PRIOR (Transport) Ltd of London. A firm involved in Aggregates they then resold her to Coppack Bros and Co, Connah's wharf. This ship owning and chandlery business was founded in 1860 by Captain John Coppack. It ceased operation as a shipping firm in 1971, and as a ship's chandlery business in 1977. Its main trade was the export of steel from Deeside to Europe and Scandinavia. They operated her until April 1971 when she was sold to Cornish Shipping of Torpoint. They operated her until 1980 when she was sold to Bell Ship (Union Transport (London) Ltd Managers). Her Name was changed to La Belle Carole and painted but the sale fell through. She was laid up in Hull and then Ceol Mor Shipping Ltd of Hull were appointed managers and she was renamed "ROLSTON" in May 1981. Nearly eighteen months later she was sold to ChartBorder Ltd of Beverley, Hull with Wilship Maritime Services as managers and traded until November 1985 when she was again laid up in Hull. 1957-1979

She made her final voyage to the breakers New Holland Shipyard Ltd at Barton on the Humber and was removed from the register on 27th July 1987



Picture by [DEREK SANDS](#)



17/06/1987 Berthed River Hull Patrick Hill



Fosdyke, to unload fertiliser, 11/83.