



# Ship Fact Sheet



## FREE ENTERPRISE V (1970) later PRIDE OF HYTHE

Base data at 19 January 1987. Compiled February 2010

\* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	Roll-on/roll-off passenger ferry
P&O Group service	1987-1993
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former names(s)	
Registered owners*	European Ferries Group Plc
Managers* and operators*	Townsend Car Ferries Ltd
Builders	N V Werf 'Gusto'
Yard	Schiedam
Country	The Netherlands
Yard number	CO7 55
Registry	Dover, UK
Official number	334049
Call sign	GNOE
IMO/LR number	7010509
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	5,044 grt
Net tonnage	1,978 nrt
Deadweight	1,132 tonnes
Length	117.80m (386.5ft) loa; 110.10m (361.2ft) b/p
Breadth	19.65m (64.5ft)
Depth	11.03m (36.2ft)
Draught	4.388m (14.4ft)
Engines	3 x 12-cylinder 4 SCSA Man Vee diesel engines
Engine builders	Smut Kinderdijk VOF
Works	Kinderdijk
Country	The Netherlands
Power	12,240 bhp
Propulsion	3 controllable-pitch propellers and 2 transverse thrusters (1 forward, 1 aft)
Speed	19 knots
Passenger capacity	1,125
Cargo capacity	210 cars of 21 freight units
Crew	
Employment	Dover/Boulogne passenger and freight ferry service

**Career**

- 31.01.1970: Launched.  
05.1970: Delivered as *Free Enterprise V* for Townsend Car Ferries Ltd, Dover, for the Dover/Calais/Zeebrugge/Boulogne service.  
1982: Transferred to the Portsmouth/Cherbourg service.  
1987: Reverted back to Dover/Calais service.  
19.01.1987: The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company acquired European Ferries Group Plc which included Townsend Car Ferries Ltd.  
22.10.1987: Townsend Car Ferries Ltd renamed P&O European Ferries (Dover) Ltd.  
22.01.1988: Renamed *Pride of Hythe*.  
15.03.1991: Sold by P&O European Ferries (Dover) Ltd to Abbey National March Leasing (1) Ltd and then leased back.  
07.01.1993: Laid up at Tilbury when the Dover/Boulogne service closed.  
01.04.1993: Transferred from Abbey National March Leasing (1) Ltd to P&O European Ferries (Dover) Ltd.  
07.04.1993: Sold to Charterhall Shipping Co Ltd, Limassol, Cyprus, and renamed *Laburnum*.  
2003: Chartered to Comanov and renamed *Tadla*.  
2007: Renamed *Veronica Line*.  
2008: Still reported in service.

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