



Ship Fact Sheet



FREE ENTERPRISE VIII (1974) later PRIDE OF CANTERBURY

Base data at 19 January 1987. Last amended 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
Registered owners*	Townsend Car Ferries Ltd
Managers*	European Ferries Group Plc
Operators*	Townsend Car Ferries Ltd
Builders	Verolme Shipyard Alblasterdam BV
Yard	Alblasterdam
Country	The Netherlands
Yard number	862
Registry*	Dover, UK
Official number	362864
Call sign*	GUEN
IMO/LR number	7368499
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	5,170 gt
Net tonnage	2,048 nt
Deadweight	1,268 tonnes
Length	123.60m (405.5ft) loa; 116.10m (380.9ft) b/p
Breadth	19.45m (63.8ft) extreme
Depth	11.13m (36.5ft) moulded
Draught	4.388m (14.4ft) maximum
Engines	3 x 8-cylinder 4 SCSA Man Vee diesel engines
Engine builders	Stork-Werkspoor Diesel NV
Works	Amsterdam
Country	Netherlands
Power	12,600 bhp/9,267kW
Propulsion	3 controllable pitch propellers and 2 transverse thrusters forward
Speed	21 knots
Passenger capacity*	1,123
Cargo capacity	280 cars or 24 freight units
Crew	
Employment*	Dover/Calais/Zeebrugge/Boulogne service

Career

- 06.04.1974: Launched.
18.07.1974: Delivered as *Free Enterprise VIII* for Townsend Car Ferries Ltd, Dover. Placed on Dover/Calais/Zeebrugge/Boulogne service.
19.01.1987: The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company acquired European Ferries Group Plc which included Townsend Car Ferries Ltd.
31.12.1987: Owners restyled P&O European Ferries (Dover) Ltd.
1988: Renamed *Pride of Canterbury*.
22.01.1988: Damaged her rudder berthing at Boulogne.
24.01.1988: Dry-docked at Calais for repairs.
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.
02.04.1993: Sold to Nisyros Shipping Ltd, Piraeus, Greece, and renamed *Romilda*.
No further details.

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