

SEAFRANCE RENOIR

Specifications

Year of built: 1981

Hull number : 256

Shipyard: Ateliers et Chantiers du Havre, Le Havre,

Dimensions : 130,03 x 23,02 x 5,00 m

Br/ Dwt. 8862/ 1865.

After rebuilding: GT. 16612

Engines: 2x Pielstick-Atlantique 18PC2/5V 400

Effect: 16778

Speed: 18

Passenger: 1576

After rebuilding: 1400

Lower berths: 0

cars: 330

Lane meters: 648 m

IMO: 7920534

Call sign: FNWH

History

22/12/1980: Launched.

Delivered on september 26, 1981 to Société nationale des chemins de fer(SNCF), Calais, France. The then ship's name was COTE D'AZUR.

28/09/1981: berthing trials at Dover.

29/09/1981: Madain trial trip on Calais-Dover line with a further trip from Boulogne to Dover.

7/10/1987: Madain commercial trip on Calais-Dover line but prevented by a strike.

1/12/1987: Visted the pool of London.

5/08/1982: Collided with Chantilly 4 miles off Calas. As damages were important(the bow visor especially), the ship was sent to Ziegler Yard, Dunkerque for repairs

11/08/1982: Resumed sailings as a stern loader only.

10/1982: Annual overhaul with bow visor repairs.

20/12/1982: Resumed sailings on Calais-Dover line.

6/1985-8/1982: Set on Boulogne/Calais-Dover line.

01/01/1986: Last sailing on Dover-Boulogne line.

2/01/1986: Set on Dover-Calais line.

22/01/1990: Registered to Société propriétaire des navires (SPN), based in Paris but the ship remains homeported in Calais. At the same time 49% of ferry operations were sold to Stena Line Ltd, London, England.

1/01/1996: Transferred to SEAFRANCE, aftern Stena Line and S.N.A.T agreement expired on december 31, 1995.

1/1996: Rebuilding at le Havre with extra passengers facilities added.

2/1996: Renamed SEAFRANCE RENOIR and re-introduced on Calais-Dover line.

1997: Side sponsons are added to fit new stability regulations.

30/11/2001: Laid-up in Dunkerque.

18/01/2002-3/2002: Set on Calais-Dover line.

3/2002: Laid-up again, to be used only in a reserve capacity.

2003: Back as a full time roster on Dover-Calais line.

9/04/2005: Laid-up in Dunkerque.

9/2005: Replaced SEAFRANCE MANET on the full time roster.

13/10/2005: Arrival at Dunkerque, rumoured to have been sold.

3/01/2006: Finally she resumed her sailings on Calais-Dover line.

30/11/2006-24/12/2006: Annual refit at les ARNO, Dunkerque.

27/12/2007: As Seafrance purchased the new JEAN NICOLI from SNCM, it was annouced that the new ship will replace Seafrance Renoir and Seafrance Manet.

Photos



Cote d'Azur under construction, photo courtesy of Roy Thornton collection



Cote d'Azur, photo courtesy of Roy Thornton collection



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Seafrance Renoir, photo courtesy of Ray Goodfellow



Seafrance Renoir inbound Dover on 8/04/08, photo courtesy of Ray Goodfellow