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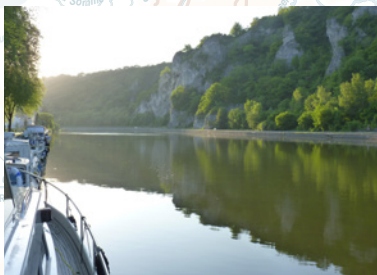
Linssen Boating Holidays® is a leading network of exclusive charter locations in Europe, all featuring high-quality, comfortable Linssen yachts. Our mission? Offering boating enthusiasts a unique and carefree experience – stylish, relaxed and with the familiar comforts of home.

The Linssen Boating Holidays® network is growing steadily and now includes a number of carefully selected destinations in the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Finland, Switzerland and the Czech Republic. But we want to expand further.

That is why we are looking for **new charter locations** and **experienced partners** who share our passion for quality, service and hospitality. Whether you already run an existing charter base and would like to enhance your offering with Linssen yachts, or have plans to start a new location – we would like to hear from you.

In particular, we see interesting growth opportunities in France, Croatia and northern Germany, but other attractive sailing areas are also under consideration.

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What do we offer you?

- Partnering with a strong, internationally recognised brand
- Marketing support
- Participation in joint promotional campaigns and boat shows
- Access to a loyal and international customer base

Are you ready for the next step in top-level chartering?

We look forward to your response.

Contact us to discuss the possibilities of a partnership with Linssen Boating Holidays® without obligation: wendy.linssen@linssenyachts.com.



I am sitting on the aft deck of St. Omer. as I write this introduction. A cup of coffee at hand, enjoying the morning sunshine. The rest of the crew are still fast asleep. Nicest time of the day.

Yesterday (it is now 1 June), we celebrated the silver wedding anniversary of colleague Chris and his wife Inge. Chris, who has been part of our Linssen family for 30 years, was keen to celebrate with all of us.

We thought, great, let's go by boat! After all, if there's a mooring nearby, we prefer to take our 'cottage' with us. It was an enjoyable evening.

Today we'll take another trip around the Maasplassen lakes, and then the Ascension Day weekend will be over. It's always great fun, and I always meet new Linssen owners I don't know (or don't know very well) yet. That's the case this time too. Moored next to us is 'Margot', a beautiful Grand Sturdy 500 AC Variotop Mark II. The owner comes up to me enthusiastically and gives me an Omer. bottle opener. He follows all our adventures on Facebook and thought I might appreciate this. You bet I do! How incredibly nice. The 'Margot' turns out to be the former 'Boffer', and then of course I know which boat it is. Glad to see the new owners are happy with it. I'll have Mathijs bring another Linssen merchandise package, and that will round things off nicely.

Yesterday we were in Thorn, where we met people from Cologne with a steel cruiser built in 1978. They didn't have a corkscrew on board (needless to say we did) and so we ended up talking to them too. It was their first boat and they really enjoyed sailing. They had completely repainted the boat during the winter and it looked good. A friend from the marinas had said, "It looks like a Linssen", and now they were moored alongside us. At the end of the evening, they promise to visit us sometime, with their friend.

That's the way it is on the water. Almost everyone is approachable and strikes up a conversation with other boaters. Since we established our Linssen Yachts Cruising Group five years ago to keep in touch with all of you during the COVID-19 pandemic, the network has only grown larger. This group now includes over 4,000 Linssen owners, charterers and enthusiasts, and a great deal of relevant information is exchanged. Trips, tips,

routes, get-togethers. Absolutely fabulous. I never dared to dream that it would be such a success. Thank you all for continuing to contribute so enthusiastically. It keeps our family community active and thriving!

This summer, we are joining the Jonkers-Linssen Tour to the UK once more. Alexander has mapped out a challenging route from Zeeland to Suffolk, Essex and Kent.

From 18 July to 9 August 2025, we will be sailing to the south-east coast of England with fourteen Linssens. It will be a journey taking us along rivers, historic harbour towns and impressive nature reserves. The trip will start with a joint departure via the Roompotsluis lock in Zeeland. On Saturday 19 July, weather permitting, we will make the approximately 100-nautical-mile crossing to Woolverstone Marina on the River Orwell, near Ipswich. We will then set sail via the English rivers and east coast to destinations such as Aldeburgh, Woodbridge, Walton Backwaters, Brightlingsea, Tollesbury, Burnham-on-Crouch and Ramsgate.

You can follow us on my social media accounts, those of Linssen Yachts and Jonkers Yachts.

The St. Omer. crew wishes you all a great summer. We look forward to seeing you in Maasbracht in the autumn (or this summer, if it is on your route) to hear your stories and experiences 'live'. If anyone would like to share their adventures with others, please let us know. We are always looking for interesting seminars for our in-house shows.

See you on the water, or in Maasbracht!

Yvonne Linssen



Yvonne Linssen

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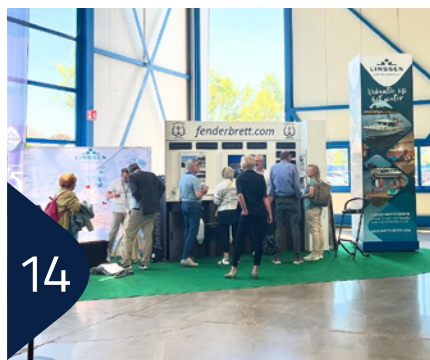
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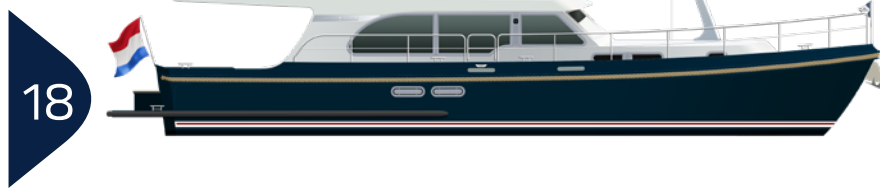
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Vltava River from a Linssen
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From furniture maker to
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BOOT Düsseldorf

Every year, in the final quarter, the finishing touches are put to the preparations for BOOT Düsseldorf. This is the largest in-door water sports fair, always held in January.

Transport

Before the Christmas holidays, the three yachts were already packed and ready to be transported to Hall 1 of the 'Messegelände' in Düsseldorf during the night immediately after the turn of the year. The yachts are

sealed to prevent damage and ensure that they arrive as clean as possible.

Once the yachts are in place, our stand construction team begins the considerable task of laying floor coverings, installing lighting, erecting structures, placing furniture and much more. Finally, everything is neatly arranged and the exhibition doors open to visitors.



Sealing the boats



Ready for transport



Night transport



Positioning



Our team is at your service

Your Linssen Owners Card - now digital!

When they take delivery of their yacht, Linssen owners receive the Linssen Owners Card, which contains all the necessary details about their yacht, such as the boat type, name, CIN number and date of delivery and warranty. Traditionally, this was physical card. However, starting this year, the Linssen Owners Card is now fully digital.

A seamless transition to digital

The new digital Owners Card is designed for ease of use and instant access. Instead of carrying a plastic card with you, your Owners Card is now securely stored in the digital wallet on your smartphone. This means you no longer have to worry about forgetting or misplacing your card: you always have it with you, right at your fingertips.

With your Linssen Owners Card:

- You always have the building number of your Linssen yacht to hand. Separate cards are unnecessary. This is important for all your service queries.
- You gain easier access to our stands at trade fairs and Linssen events. All you have to do is wait for your access badge at the stand reception desk.
- You can easily register when visiting our showroom.

Who is the digital Owners Card for?

Whether you have just taken delivery of a brand new Linssen yacht or are the proud owner of a traditional model, this card is for you. All Linssen owners – regardless of the age of their yacht – are eligible for the digital Owners Card. It ensures that every member of the Linssen family can continue to enjoy all benefits.

How do you apply for your digital Owners Card?

Visit our website at www.linssen-yachts.com/owners and complete the application form.

You will then receive your digital card by e-mail, which you can add to your phone's wallet.

How do you activate the card?

1. Make sure you have a wallet app installed on your phone (this is standard on Apple phones; on Android phones, you will first need to install it manually from the Play Store).
2. Click on the link below from your phone and you will immediately receive a notification to add the card to your wallet.
3. You can also click on the link from your laptop/computer. You will then see a QR code that you can scan with your phone to activate the card.

Show your card on your next visit!

Are you planning to visit a Linssen event or boat show? Show your Linssen Owners Card at the entrance/reception desk and experience how easy it is to gain access and identify yourself as a proud Linssen owner.

We look forward to welcoming you soon - with your digital Linssen Owners Card!

Scan to request the card



Our furniture construction process: 33 years of innovation and automation

In 1992, Linssen Yachts took a groundbreaking step in the furniture construction process with the purchase of a CNC nesting milling machine and a semi-automatic panelling system. This machine cut all parts from a sheet of plywood, which resulted in a huge improvement in quality and cost savings with sufficient repeat volume. As a result, since the 1990s we have been delivering furniture of a quality that was virtually unheard of in the yacht building market.

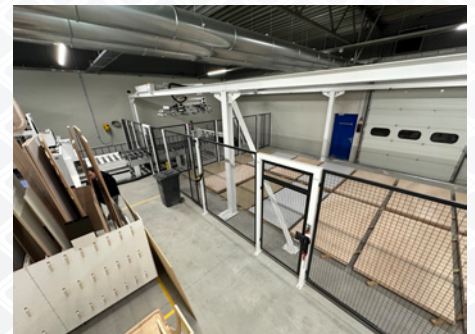
In 2007, after the first machine had proven its worth, we installed a Homag nesting milling machine and

a fully automatic panelling system. This new installation offered more possibilities, worked faster and was more versatile, allowing more and more manual operations to be carried out by machine. We also purchased a band veneering machine to finish the ends to a high standard in a semi-automated process. This combination further increased quality, as several complex operations could now be automated.

An additional advantage was that from then on we could process high-quality plywood compositions such as okoumé, covered with both

wood veneer and the much harder High-Pressure-Laminate (HPL). This significantly increased the longevity and finesse of our yacht interiors.

In 2012, the site that housed these machines was bursting at the seams, and we decided to move them to an external location. The machinery was expanded with a Homag 5-axis milling machine, which could perform full 3D milling work. Thanks to this expansion in space and technology, we were able to produce many complex components for our yachts in an industrial, high-quality manner.



This process increasingly took people and the environment into account, with heavy work being carried out by machines and optimisation of panel use, reuse of residual materials and dust collection ensuring a responsible process.

Due to the many operating hours of these machines, a subsequent replacement was necessary. Before taking this step, we subjected the process to critical scrutiny, involving various students to ensure that it was carried out in accordance with lean manufacturing principles. After this preliminary work, we researched the market to select the most suitable machine.

We opted for a line-up with a fully automatic 'chaotic' panel system for project-based panel management, a sticker machine for component coding and work instructions per component, a 3-axis nesting milling machine with 22 different tools, a self-designed module carrier system for

transporting the milled components, a band veneering machine for free forms, a band edging machine for straight edges and a vertical CNC milling machine for all 5-axis machining operations. An online connection between the engineering and work preparation team in Maasbracht and the machines and operators in Echt ensures fast data exchange of machine files and drawings. Supplier Homag can remotely monitor all machines if required.

At the end of the process, six experienced furniture builders are ready at uniformly equipped workstations to assemble each module with high-quality lamella, screw or glue connections. They use a touchscreen on which 3D drawings of their workpiece can be projected from any viewing angle and cross-section. This is also available to machine operators. There is constant coordination between engineers and the workshop floor to optimise the workpieces, ensuring that this remains a

dynamically improving process in line with Kaizen principles.

Thanks to the much more compact design of the process (no more intermediate products waiting for further processing), we were able to significantly reduce the floor space required from 5,500 m² to 1,700 m². This building was renovated and insulated in such a way that we can heat it with just a few heat pumps. The installation of solar panels will be the final step in completing this major optimisation project.

All this will result in a reduction in the lead time for furniture construction, an increase in quality, a significant reduction in the floor space required and a substantial decrease in overall energy consumption. The advantage for the Linssen customer?

Again, more value for money! ◆



Taking safety and efficiency to the next level!

Since the beginning of this year, we have started using eight new aerial work platforms in our coating department, with heights ranging from 3 to 5 metres. Thanks to specific modifications to the aerial work platforms, tools and materials can be attached to or mounted

on the platform. This not only makes work safer, but also more efficient. In this way, we continue to innovate and strive for optimal work processes. Together, we take safety and productivity to the next level! ◆



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Linssen Yachts André Suintjens Easter Tour 2025

From 18 to 21 April 2025, 19 proud Linssen owners took part in this unique spring cruise on the Meuse in Limburg. The trip began in Kinrooi (Belgium), with stops in Venlo and Well, and ended in the charming town of Roermond with

the traditional Easter breakfast. Along the way, participants enjoyed beautiful sailing weather, pleasant evenings, dinners together and the welcoming atmosphere of sailing in a close-knit Linssen community.

This annual trip has now become a popular tradition. Check out the highlights, splendid yachts and unforgettable moments on and around the water. ◆

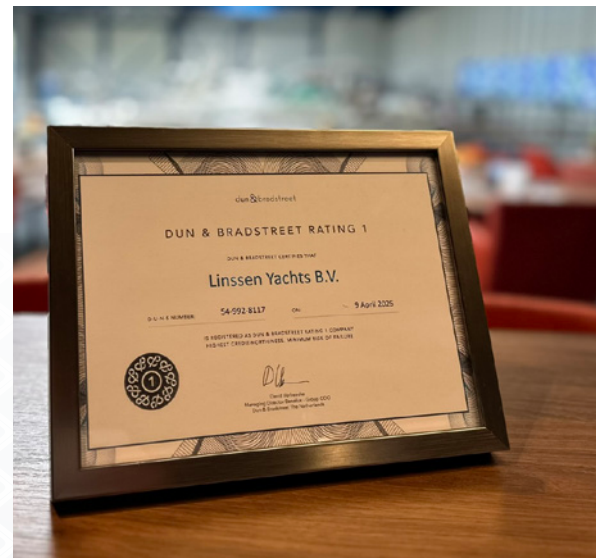


Linssen Yachts receives D&B Rating 1

Maximum credit rating in recognition of solid business

At Linssen Yachts, we have been striving for reliability, quality and continuity for more than 75 years. These core values have been reaffirmed with the award of the highest credit rating by the internationally renowned credit information agency Dunn & Bradstreet (D&B): **Rating 1**.

This rating places Linssen Yachts in the top category of financially sound businesses, which means that we are considered one of the most reliable companies in our sector. It is recognition of our stable growth, our responsible financial strategy and the long-term relationships we maintain with customers, suppliers and partners.



Getting future professionals excited about engineering

At Linssen Yachts, we believe in the power of craftsmanship – today and tomorrow. That is why we are actively working to inspire young people for a future in engineering. Some of our colleagues from production regularly visit open days and job fairs at secondary schools and vocational training institutions.

Using a specially constructed demo model of a helmsman's position,

they give students a unique insight into the world of yacht building. The model shows both the fine woodwork of our interior construction and the technical components of the helmsman's position. This shows how versatile and challenging the work at Linssen Yachts is.

A display and a large TV with impressive video footage of our yachts under construction and on the water

complete the presentation. In this way, we not only convey our passion, but also show young people how bright a future in the engineering sector can be.

Are you curious about how we are working to bring in new professionals? Follow us on social media or drop by at one of our events. ◆



Experience the most beautiful aspects of Bavaria from the Main and Danube rivers.

New LBH® destination in southern Germany: Sail from Nuremberg with Blau-Weiss Yacht Charter

We are proud to welcome Blau-Weiss Yacht Charter as the newest partner within the Linssen Boating Holidays® network. This expansion means that from this season you can also discover the beautiful southern German cruising area – aboard a comfortable Linssen 35 SL AC.

The home port of Blau-Weiss Yacht Charter is in Nuremberg, a city rich in history and an excellent base for a relaxing boating holiday. From here, explore the picturesque Danube and Main rivers at your

leisure, passing impressive cities and charming villages along the way.

Depending on the length of your cruise, Kelheim, Regensburg, Bamberg and Würzburg, among others, are within reach. Enjoy historic city centres, majestic castles, local gastronomy and a relaxed cruising pace – exactly as you would expect from a Linssen sailing holiday.

The Linssen 35 SL AC offers everything you need for a comfortable stay on board: a spacious interior, two sleeping cabins with their own sanitary facilities and, of

course, the reliable and quiet sailing characteristics of Linssen Yachts.

Blau-Weiss Yacht Charter and Linssen Boating Holidays® together guarantee quality, service and unforgettable boating experiences – also in this new cruising area. Book your boating holiday now and discover southern Germany from the water!

More information and direct booking can be found at www.linssenboatingholidays.com



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Travel bloggers @Globusliebe sail the Willems Route



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The Willems Route

Travel bloggers Julia Lassner & Patrick Endres (@Globusliebe), together with Linssen Boating Holidays®, sailed the Willems Route for a week from charter base Aqua Libra in early May.

During their trip, they posted several messages on their social media. A comprehensive trip report is on their website. Read and enjoy along: globusliebe.com (in German).





FOUR-SEASON INSPIRATION:

LINSSEN YACHTS BOAT SHOWS

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4 TIMES A YEAR

Scheduled throughout the year, Linssen Yachts organises four exclusive in-house Boat Shows. This means that you can view our newest and well-maintained pre-owned yachts, take a trial sailing trip, get inspiration for new boating trips and participate in fascinating seminars at any time of the year, whatever the weather.

WORTH VISITING

Full showroom

During all our shows, the showroom forms the heart of the event. Here you will find a wide selection of new and well-maintained pre-owned Linssen yachts. In a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere, you can experience the differences between the AC and Sedan versions and



between the Grand Sturdy, Linssen SL and Linssen Variotop® series models.

Seminars – enrich your knowledge and boating experience

Our seminars are gaining in popularity and attendance. For each show, we select current and relevant topics that will deepen your boating knowledge and inspire you to discover new cruising areas. This enables us to offer you a surprising and educational programme every time.

Take a look behind the scenes

A tour of our production halls will give you a unique insight into how we build your yacht. You will see how the steel hull is created, how the preservation process – blasting and multilayer coating of the steel – is carried out and how the technical systems are installed on the Logicam line. The interior, delivered as complete modules from our furniture factory in Echt, is then expertly assembled.

Trial sailing – experience the tranquillity, luxury and manoeuvrability

Board a yacht of your choice (or a similar model) and experience the feeling of freedom on the water. Discover the peace and quiet on board, the comfortable sailing performance and the high level of finish that distinguishes Linssen yachts.

Explore European charter locations with Linssen Boating Holidays®

Find out more about our unique charter destinations during the Boat Show. Discover how to explore Europe from the water with Linssen Boating Holidays® and get inspired for your next boating holiday.





LINSSSEN YACHTS BOAT SHOWS

MARCH - SEASON OPENING The year opens in spring with the Season Opening Boat Show. It may be chilly outside, but the showroom is nice and comfortable. We turn on the heating on the yachts outside in the marina, which means that a trial sailing is no problem.

MAY/JUNE - SPRING EDITION Just before summer begins, you can enjoy the Spring Edition show. The sun is shining, it's getting warmer and trial sailing is a pleasure. This will undoubtedly make you wish for more.

OCTOBER - RIVER TRIALS Autumn is just around the corner and the days are getting shorter. The boating season is over for most people. Time to look ahead to the 2026 season.

NOVEMBER - LINSSSEN YACHTS BOAT SHOW Since our 50th anniversary in 1999, this has been the event of the year. Our showroom gets a makeover and the atmospheric Christmas decorations show off our yachts to their best advantage. Here, it's all about "inside", togetherness, atmosphere and connecting with fellow Linssen skippers, Linssen Boating Holidays® charter guests, our international sales crew and more.

LINSSSEN YACHTS BOAT SHOWS

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This year we will be organising the:

Linssen Yachts River Trials: 3 - 8 October 2025
Linssen Yachts Boat Show: 21 - 24 November 2025

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Would you like to mark the dates for 2026 in your calendar? Then here are the dates:

Linssen Yachts Season Opening: 20 - 25 March 2026
Linssen Yachts Spring Edition: 5 - 10 June 2026
Linssen Yachts River Trials: 9 - 14 October 2026
Linssen Yachts Boat Show: 20 - 23 November 2026

DISCOVER OUR PROVINCE OF LIMBURG WITH A MULTI-DAY VISIT

Linssen Yachts is based in Maasbracht, in the Municipality of Maasgouw. Located in the heart of Limburg, near the Belgian and German borders, our yard is easily accessible by car, on foot, by bike - and, of course, by boat. Is it too far to visit for the day? Why not make it a multi-day stay and discover what our beautiful region has to offer.

Shopping – from charming city centre to outlet paradise

Are you a shopping enthusiast? If so, visit the bustling city centres of Venlo, Roermond, Maastricht, Heerlen or Maaseik. Roermond is also home to the McArthurGlen Designer Outlet - Europe's largest outlet centre with more than 200 shops. The nearby Maasmechelen Village is also well worth a visit.

Culture – history and contemporary art at your fingertips

Limburg offers a wealth of cultural attractions. Combine your visit to Linssen Yachts with a stroll through the picturesque village of Thorn with its white buildings, a visit to the Bonnefantenmuseum in Maastricht or discover hidden gems such as the Fotomuseum on the Vrijthof. Explore the Rattentoren tower with the model of Roermond or admire the Romanesque architecture of the Munsterkerk church.

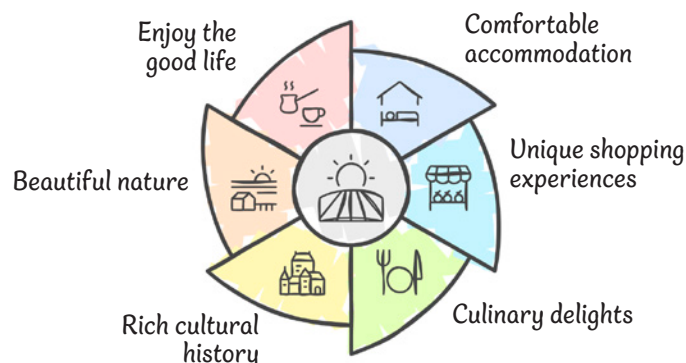
Food and drink – enjoy the good life

Whether you love Michelin starred restaurants or simple, tasty local dishes: Limburg is a culinary region par excellence. Are you a beer lover? Visit one of the many craft breweries for a tour and tasting of distinctive specialty beers.

Are you more of a wine lover? If so, the Limburg vineyards, such as Wijngoed Thorn and Wijngoed Aldeneik, are well worth a visit.

The list of attractions is endless. Examples include the historic town of Rekem, Fort Eben-Emael, the Hoge Kempen National Park, the marl caves in Kanne and countless hiking and cycling routes through the rolling countryside.

The versatile charme of Limburg



Accommodation – welcoming and comfortable

For a pleasant stay, there are plenty of options in the region: from charming family hotels to comfortable business hotels in nearby towns. ◆



LIMITED EDITION YACHTS

EXPEDITION EDITION

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At Linssen Yachts, we constantly strive for innovation within our core values of quality, comfort and timeless design. Every now and then, we add an extra dimension with a special edition. In the months ahead, a series of our yachts will be produced as the Expedition Edition – a version that feels familiar, but with a number of adventurous accents.

The Expedition Edition will be available on yachts from 35' to 45'. A total of 22 yachts have been reserved for this unique version. All yachts come with our exceptionally comprehensive standard equipment, plus a carefully selected package of extras at an attractive added cost. This equipment varies depending on the model, but always offers added value for owners looking for something special.



EXPEDITION EDITION



What also sets this version apart is the exclusive Expedition Edition package that we include free of charge. This package consists of practical, stylish and personal items that underline the character of this series:

Expedition Edition package:

- Leatherman multitool met Linssen Yachts logo
- Bubalou Champ stool & wine cooler with Expedition Edition logo
- Expedition Edition hip flask
- Personalised leather coasters
- Dalvey Voyager hand compass with engraving
- Subscription voucher for one year 'Waterkaarten' app
- Decorative cushion and throw set, selected by Boatstyling
- Stainless steel Expedition Edition logos on starboard and port side near the side entry
- Teak steering wheel with wooden spokes and Expedition Edition engraving in the hub
- Expedition Edition stamp in the teak deck (AC models only)
- Interior stainless steel badge with serial number and Expedition Edition designation

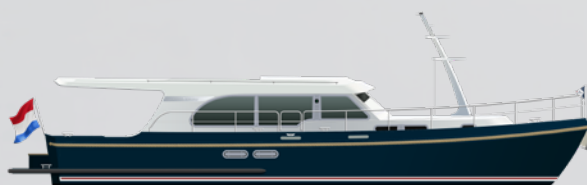
The sense of discovery

The name 'Expedition Edition' does not refer to rugged trips to faraway places, but to the feeling of discovery. After all, sailing with a Linssen means new landscapes, harbours, cities and encounters every time you set sail. This special edition is our subtle yet tangible interpretation of that experience.

The Expedition Edition is a limited edition. Each yacht is individually numbered and proudly displays this special edition designation – from the steering wheel to the badge in the interior.

Are you curious about the available models? Your Linssen dealer will be happy to inform you about the possibilities. ◆

More information?
Visit our website:







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YOU CAN'T SAIL IN SWITZERLAND...

**...a major misconception.
And one that I am only too happy to rectify.**

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By Yvonne Linssen

My love for Switzerland was literally instilled in me at a young age. As a child, I spent a large part of my summer holidays there with my parents, who now actually live in this beautiful country. Mountains, lakes, fresh air and endless peace and quiet: Switzerland is deeply rooted in our family. And yes, in my boating heart too. Who says you can't go sailing in Switzerland? Nothing could be further from the truth.

My first real introduction to the Swiss lakes dates back to 1986 – I was then seven years old – with a Zodiac on Lake Murten. We were staying in Hotel Schiff, in Murten at the time. What followed was an annual exploration of the country's most beautiful lakes. Every summer a different lake, a different view, a different feeling.

In 1987, we sailed on Lake Thun, with Leissigen as our mooring

place and the charming Hotel Kreuz as our home base. A year later, we explored Lake Geneva, from picturesque Lutry. Lake Geneva feels more worldly, bigger, more spacious. You cruise past big cities like Montreux and Lausanne, but at the same time you feel the tranquillity of the rippling water. France sparkles on the other side.

In 1989, we went to Lake Constance and stayed in Arbon,



where the steel-blue water seemed almost endless. (The maximum depth of the lake is a whopping 251 metres!) Lake Constance lies at the meeting point of Germany, Austria and Switzerland – a unique location that makes your boat trip even more special. Around the lake, medieval towns, vineyards and alpine panoramas alternate. Visit historic Lindau (D) with its charming harbour, cultural Bregenz (A), and the flowery island of Mainau. Lake Constance is not only big (63 km long), but also grand in atmosphere and beauty. On the Swiss bank are such gems as historic Stein am Rhein, with its colourful facades, and Romanshorn, which is an important hub with good ports. Charming Arbon, with its promenade and half-timbered houses, and lively Rorschach are also worth a visit. From the water, you can see the Alps looming behind rolling vineyards and orchards.



Lake Lucerne

In 1993, we discovered Lake Lucerne from Küsnacht am Rigi. On Lake Lucerne, you sail between steep mountain flanks, past chapels and castles, with the city of Lucerne as the radiant centerpiece. It is like sailing in a painting. The lake is jagged in shape, with branches cutting deep into the landscape. You can cruise around for days without the scenery repeating itself.

Each lake has its own character, its own atmosphere. And always that combination of water and mountains, of fresh mornings and warm memories.

Later, with our Fjord 'Henri Mer' (1994-2000), sailing became even more comfortable. In 1996 we sailed on Lake Lucerne again, this time from Hergiswil with as home base Hotel Pilatus, and in 1998 we enjoyed the Mediterranean flair of Lake Maggiore, with Club Nautico Patriziale Ascona as our base. It is

Our Fjord "Henri Mer"

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Henri Mer

Our boat was named Henri Mer – coined by Peter Linssen – and inspired by the Jura wine estate Henri Maire, but also a nod to the French word for sea: mer. A little wine, a little water... and that's just the way we like it.

SEELAND (3 JURA SEEN)

Lake Neuchâtel is the largest lake entirely within Switzerland. It is 38.3 km long and 8.2 km wide at its widest point. On the northern bank is the town of Neuchâtel, on the western side Yverdon-les-Bains.

The Broye Canal provides the connection to Lake Murten. This is the smallest of the three lakes

at 22.8 km² in area. It is 8.2 km long and up to 2.8 km wide. On the southern shore is the town of Murten (Morat).

On the northern side is the wine region of Le Vully. Lake Biel can be reached via Lake Neuchâtel and the Zihl Canal. Lake Biel is 39.3 km long. The town of Biel (Bienne) lies at the

north-eastern tip. Near Biel, you can sail up the Nidau-Büren Canal and continue along the River Aare to the centre of Solothurn. In the south, via the town of Erlach, you can reach the St. Petersinsel peninsula, where you can also spend the night at the jetty.





The turquoise colour on Lake Brienzsee

a lake for leisurely cruises, enjoyment and occasional stops at a good restaurant or local market. Locarno and Ascona are vibrant, with Italian flair and Swiss precision. Nature is lush, the sun shines more often, and the boating season is long. The contrast between palm trees and mountain peaks is nowhere more palpable than there. Sailing between Switzerland and Italy on the water. Very special! In Ascona, we stayed at Hotel Tobler. Incidentally, the owner of this hotel was also a

Linssen owner and first owned a Linssen Dutch Sturdy 320 AC and later a Grand Sturdy 410 AC.

In 2001, we took a Nidelv out on Lake Thun, and in 2002 we sailed on Lake Brienz for the first time, mooring in Bönigen, with its almost emerald green water and steep banks. In 2003 and 2004, we sailed on Lake Thun again, mooring at Faulensee. Lake Thun, located on the western side of Interlaken, is the larger and better-known of the two, with picturesque towns like Thun and Spiez on its shores. On the east side lies Lake Brienz, known for its turquoise colour and tranquillity. Here you will find charming Brienz, known for woodcarving, and have views of waterfalls and steep mountain sides. Both lakes are popular with boating enthusiasts,

hikers and those seeking peace and quiet – and together they form a magnificent backdrop for a boat trip in a Swiss atmosphere.

In 2004, we introduced both Grand Sturdy 29.9 models, AC and Sedan, developed and built simultaneously, and it was an instant success and the start of our LOGICAM production method. Much of the first batch of 29.9s went to Switzerland. From 2005 onwards, we spent seven years sailing on the three Jura lakes again, with our 'Henri Mer', the Grand Sturdy 29.9 Sedan based in Cheyres, and later with a slightly larger Zodiac NZO on the Jura lakes (2013-2019).

Time and again that feeling of coming home on the water. Our home base was always Hotel Bad Muntelier in Murten.

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Grand Sturdy 29.9 Sedan "Henri Mer" on home base Hotel Bad Muntelier in Murten

YOU CAN'T SAIL IN SWITZERLAND...

...a major misconception. And one that I am only too happy to rectify.



Length: approx. 8 km
Area: 22.8 km²
Max. speed: 40 km/h
Smaller and intimate,
with charming villages
and direct access to
the Canal de la Broye,
which connects
Neuchâtel and Murten.



8. Lake Biel (Bielersee)



Length: approx. 15 km
Area: 39 km²
Max. speed: 40 km/h
A lively lake, known for
its wine villages on the
northern shore and
direct connection to
the network of canals
between the Jura lakes.

Length: approx. 38 km
Area: 217 km²
Max. speed: 40 km/h
A peaceful lake
surrounded by vine-
yards and nature
reserves. The largest of
the three Jura lakes.



9. Lake Neuchâtel (Lac de Neuchâtel)

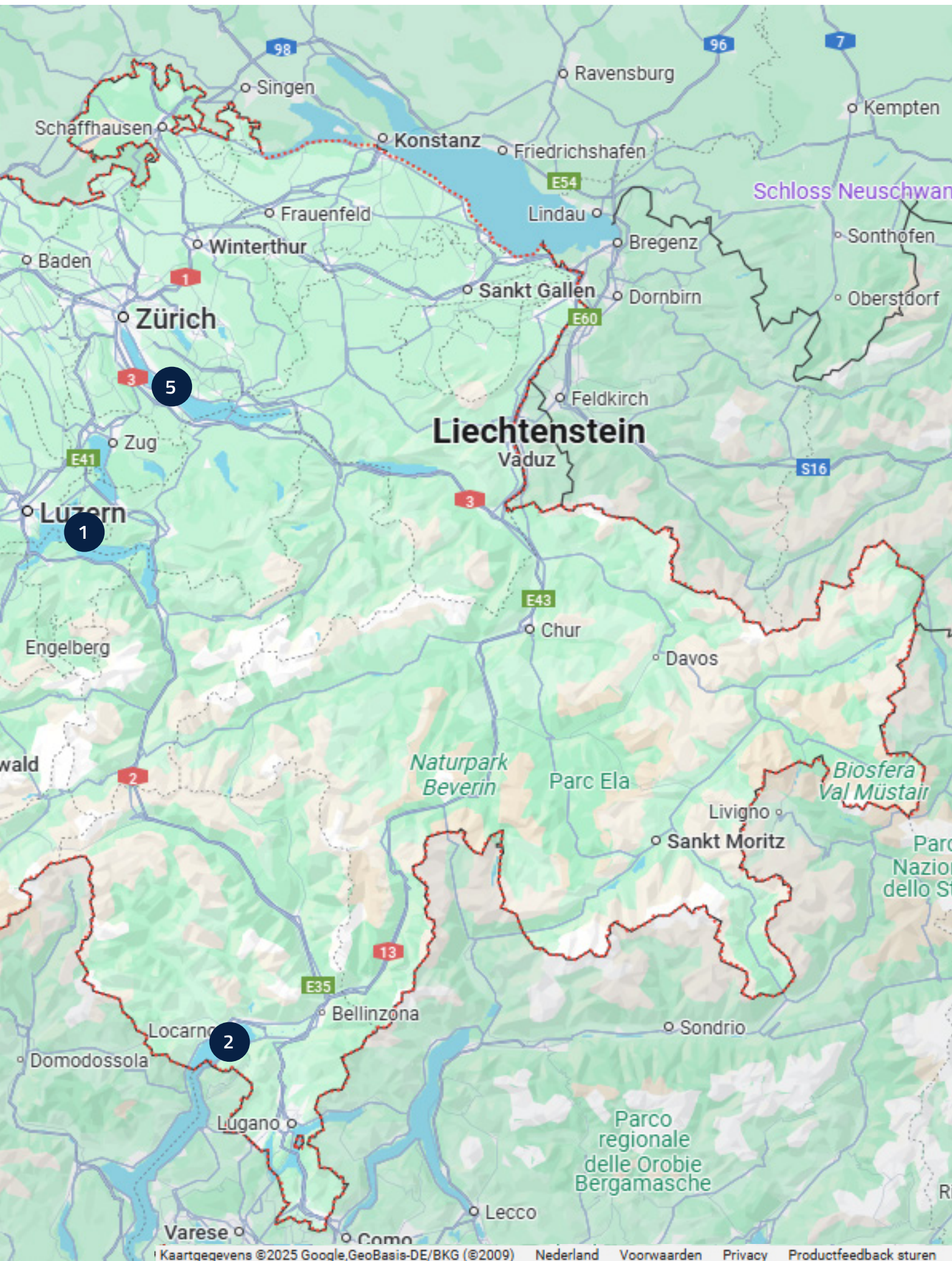


Length: approx. 73 km
Area: 580 km²
Max. speed: 50 km/h
on open water
The largest lake in
Central Europe, with
sophisticated lake-
side towns such as
Geneva, Lausanne and
Montreux.



6. Lake Geneva (Lac Léman)





Length: approx. 38 km
Area: 114 km²
Max. speed: 30 km/h
Switzerland's most iconic lake, surrounded by steep mountains and historic towns such as Lucerne and Weggis.

1. Lake Lucerne (Vierwaldstättersee)



2. Lake Maggiore

Length: approx. 65 km
Area: 212 km² (shared with Italy)
Max. speed: 60 km/h
Italian-Swiss lake with Mediterranean flair, palm trees on its shores and charming towns such as Locarno and Ascona.



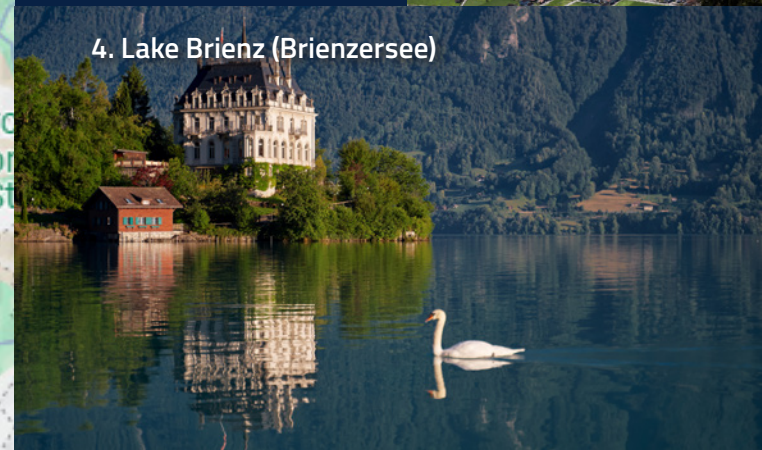
Length: approx. 17.5 km
Area: 48.3 km²
Max. speed: 40 km/h
Large mountain lake with views of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. Along its banks are atmospheric towns such as Thun, Spiez and Interlaken.

3. Lake Thun (Thun)



4. Lake Brienz (Brienzersee)

Length: approx. 14 km
Area: 29.8 km²
Max. speed: 40 km/h
Spectacular lake with clear turquoise water. Quieter than Lake Thun, it is surrounded by steep mountain sides and charming villages like Brienz and Iseltwald.



Length: approx. 40 km
Area: 88 km²
Max. speed: 30 km/h
Perfect for combining city and nature, with Zurich right on the water.

5. Lake Zurich (Zürichsee)



SWITZERLAND? NAVIGABLE? ABSOLUTELY!

Yvonne Linssen



TRAVEL STORY



You're never too young to learn on the Zodiac NZO

For me, it also brings back memories of my first time sailing in Switzerland on the Zodiac, the boat trips with my mum and dad, learning to manoeuvre the Fjord, and just being together.

What started as holidays became a tradition. And what became a tradition grew into a lifelong bond with this country.

I am reminded of Mr Hürlimann's statement in our Facebook group: "Es linsselt immer mehr auf den Seen!" The smile returns to my face automatically. After all, it's true. It 'linsselt' indeed. Not loud, not grand, but steady and sincere. And I hope many more may follow.

Switzerland? Navigable?
Absolutely!

Yvonne Linssen

When our Zodiac NZO was sold, we did not sail in Switzerland for several years. There was no possibility for us. After 3 Lacs Yacht Charter was launched, we got the itch again and rented 'La Gourmandise' (Grand Sturdy 35.0 Sedan) in 2023 and 'La Barrique' (40 SL AC) in 2024 with our family. During this latter boating holiday, mum and dad also joined us for a few days. We have many fond memories of our wonderful holidays! Mathijs and Sophie also got to experience sailing on the Swiss lakes. They happily enjoy it just as much.

Of all the lakes in Switzerland, the Seeland lakes are still our favourite. Not only are they picturesque, but also very accessible. And with three lakes, connected by two canals, it is a beautiful

and vast cruising area with many possibilities. Quiet villages along the banks, vineyards that reach down to the water, and a sailing area that lends itself perfectly to relaxed, slow cruising. For displacement yachts of around 9 to 13.5 metres, this is the perfect area. You will therefore encounter most Linssens here.

The feeling of carefree enjoyment on the water is hard to put into words. It is the moment when you moor in a small port, or drop your anchor somewhere. The moment you open a local bottle of wine on a terrace. Or on a clear morning, observe the snow-capped peaks of the Alps from your aft deck or cockpit. It's sitting on the deck with family, enjoying the evening sun and a glass of wine, while the mountains turn red in the fading light.



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Paul, Mathijs, Sophie, Jos, Rina and Yvonne together on the 'La Barrique' on the Drei Juraseen in 2024



THE IMPORTANCE OF A WELL-MAINTAINED BOAT FILE

When a Linssen motor yacht is delivered, each owner receives a carefully compiled folder: the boat file. This folder constitutes an indispensable wealth of information and documentation, essential for managing, maintaining and preserving the value of your yacht. Just as a car's maintenance records contribute to its value and reliability, the boat file plays a crucial role in the life cycle of your motor yacht. In this article, we explain why a well-maintained boat file is invaluable.

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What is the boat file?

The boat file you receive contains important documents we have already collected for you. It serves as a central repository for all relevant information relating to your yacht.

In addition, the boat file includes a tablet with digital manuals for technical components on board. This modern addition ensures that you always have access to practical information.

Why is the boat file so important?

1. Preserving the value of your yacht. A motor yacht is not only a source of comfort and pleasure, but also a worthwhile investment. Regular and accurate updating of the boat file helps to maintain the value of your yacht. A documented maintenance record gives potential buyers confidence in

the technical condition of the boat, should you ever decide to sell it.

- 2. Maintenance support.** A motor yacht is a technically advanced vessel that needs regular attention. A complete and up-to-date boat file enables mechanics or service professionals to work quickly and accurately. The file provides a record of previous servicing, repairs and replacements carried out, saving time and costs.
- 3. Warranty and goodwill.** During the warranty period, a correctly maintained maintenance log is often a prerequisite for claiming warranty or goodwill. Even after this period, the file can be invaluable when requesting support or determining whether work is necessary.



Your role as owner

As an owner, you have an important role in maintaining the boat file. After each service, add the work receipts, invoices and completed service sheets. This applies not only to work carried out by professionals, but also to maintenance carried out by yourself.

We also recommend using the maintenance recommendations in the owners' manual. For those less technically inclined, Linssen sales and service partners offer comprehensive support. These professionals are skilled and trained to ensure your yacht remains in top condition.

A lifelong companion

A Linssen motor yacht is designed for a lifetime of boating pleasure. By keeping your boat file up to date, you ensure that your yacht remains as reliable and attractive as it was on the day of delivery, even after many years. This file is not only a practical guide for the present, but also a valuable reference for the future.

We wish you countless unforgettable moments on board and encourage you to proudly update your boat file. After all, value retention, reliability and safety start here: in your personal documentation of care and dedication to your Linssen motor yacht. ◆

The Linssen boat file

Order information:

An overview of all additional order confirmations.

Delivery papers:

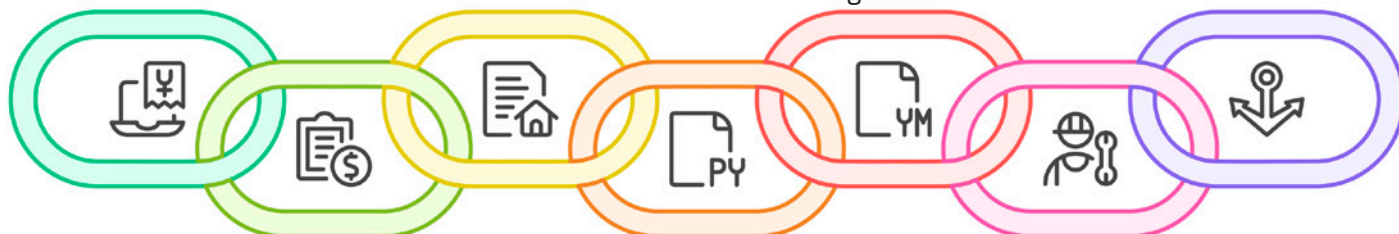
Documents received at the time of delivery.

Registration forms:

Documents such as VHF radio registrations and flag letters.

Logbook:

For keeping track of your travels and experiences.



Financial documents:

New construction invoices and VAT documents.

Boat papers:

Certificates of ownership, CE certificates, declarations of conformity and insurance policies.

Maintenance documentation:

Reports on maintenance, winter and summer preparation, and inspections.



RICK GOLSTEIJN FROM FURNITURE MAKER TO TECHNICAL QUALITY CONTROLLER

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Rick Golsteijn (age 44) lives with his girlfriend in St. Joost, Limburg, just a few kilometres from our boatyard in Maasbracht. The house they live in has been in the family for generations: first his grandparents, then his parents, and now Rick is the third generation to live there. They recently completed a thorough renovation. "We didn't just paint, we also knocked down and moved walls. All to make the house more logical and spacious." Thanks to his broad technical knowledge, Rick has done much of the work himself - in his spare time.

During his training at technical college, Rick met his good friend Björn Michels, who has also been working at Linssen for many years and remains a close friend to this day. After technical college, he followed a vocational training course in woodworking at St. Jansberg college in Belgium, where he specialised in furniture making. He found his first job at an aquarium manufacturer, but it didn't last long. During a night out, Björn told him about a vacancy at Linssen Yachts, and that turned out to be the start of a long career.

"At the job interview, I saw a yacht up close for the first time. That interior, all those complex shapes... I really thought: I could never make that," laughs Rick. Nevertheless, he was hired and started at Linssen in August 2001, almost 24 years ago now.

Love of long-distance travel

Rick and his girlfriend share a great passion for travelling. Not just any weekend getaway, but faraway destinations with diverse cultures and impressive nature. The list of countries visited includes China,

Malaysia, Cuba, Peru, Mexico, the US, Thailand and Vietnam. "This year we are going to Japan for the second time. A stunning country with beautiful nature, ultra-modern cities that you can reach in no time by bullet train, and a culture that never ceases to surprise you. People wait patiently for their turn, even during rush hour, although you will be pushed onto the metro by a train pusher, but in a friendly manner," he says with a smile. "When you return to the Netherlands, you really notice the difference."

Broad experience within Linssen Yachts

After several years in furniture construction and interior painting, Rick was asked to work temporarily on Logicam – the predecessor of our current series production lines. “I said, OK, but only temporarily. I don’t want to work there permanently. And now, 20 years later, I’m still there,” he says with a wink. “They were great times, with a close-knit team. Long days, and when necessary, we even worked through the night to get a yacht finished on time.”

Series production really took off with the introduction of the Grand Sturdy 29.9 in 2004. Rick worked in all interior positions on Logicam 1, and later also on Logicam 2 for the larger 40–45 foot yachts. It was there that his interest in the technical side of yacht building began to grow, particularly electrical engineering. “I pointed that out, and was given the opportunity to work on technical modules at the Prefab department. From there, I

also started working in the engine rooms. That’s how I built up a broad technical base.”

Quality as an underlying principle

These days, Rick is responsible for the ‘QC dry’ – the Quality Check before the yacht is launched. He meticulously checks every detail and, where necessary, marks parts that still need correction or adjustment. For the past six months, he has also been working on the IBS, the In-Bedrijf-Stelling (Commissioning). This involves starting up, configuring and testing all technical systems on board as soon as the yacht is in the water. “The systems are becoming increasingly extensive and complex. That means I still have a lot to learn and can continue to develop. And that’s what keeps the work exciting and challenging, even after almost 24 years.” ◆



Hiroshima, Japan



Palenque, Mexico



Angkor Wat, Cambodia





CONCLUSION OF ANNIVERSARY YEAR

During last year's Linssen Yachts Boat Show, we celebrated our 75th anniversary together with many of you. We greatly appreciate you taking the time to visit us and view our yachts first-hand.

It was great to welcome so many enthusiastic visitors to our showroom in Maasbracht. The seminars were well attended, the tours of the boatyard were fully booked,

and both the showroom displaying our new yachts and the Collection showroom displaying our pre-owned yachts were buzzing with activity. ◆

GOOD CAUSES

During the recent Linssen Yachts Boat Show, Linssen Yachts presented cheques to three charities for which the company raised money as part of its 75th anniversary celebrations. The cheques were symbolically handed over by the young fourth generation of

the Linssen family, emphasising the importance of corporate social responsibility into the future as well.

During its anniversary year, Linssen Yachts donated €750 to each cause and made a donation to the selected charities for every yacht

sold. In addition, suppliers, partners and customers contributed generously to the fundraising campaign. In total, a splendid amount was raised for the three causes.

Water for Toubacouta

Water for Toubacouta received €6,102 in support. This amount will enable the construction of additional wells in Toubacouta, Senegal, further improving access to clean drinking water for the local population.

Action Pepernoot (Children's Aid Foundation)

Children's Aid Foundation received €5,386. Thanks to this contribution, no fewer than 215 children who would otherwise have received no gifts for Sinterklaas will be able to enjoy a wonderful Sinterklaas with presents and treats.

Maas Cleanup

Maas Cleanup received €5,832. This support means that the organisation can remove even more pollution and plastic waste from the Maas, thereby creating a cleaner river and a better living environment.





DISCOVER PRAGUE AND THE VLTAVA RIVER FROM A LINSSSEN 40.0 AC.

**A unique experience with Linssen Boating Holidays®
and our partner Bohemia Yacht Charter.**

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By Luc Vanthoor

Since the 2024 season, Linssen Boating Holidays has a new partner, based in one of Europe's most beautiful cities: Prague! As Prague is a name that certainly captures the imagination, we and our crew – consisting of Paul, Peter, Cornel and myself – had to explore this region, of course.

Our voyage lasted from Saturday 12 October to Thursday, 17 October 2024. It was a special and unique experience in a region where few charter operators currently operate. From Prague, you have many options, not only regarding the Vltava, but also the Elbe.

Bohemia Yacht Charter's home port is a stone's throw from the historic centre of the Prague. Prague, the magical capital of the Czech Republic, is often called the 'City of a Hundred Towers'. In fact, this is a serious underestimation because the city has a total of about 550 towers. The city's historic centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Located on the banks of the Vltava River, Prague combines a long history with a vibrant culture and impressive architecture. What makes this city extra special is that it is also a perfect base for a unique nautical experience. With a Linssen Yacht, you can explore Prague and the surrounding area from the water, while enjoying the comfort and freedom offered by a yacht.

A city with a long history

Prague has a history dating back more than a thousand years. The city was founded in the 9th century and quickly evolved into

an important political, cultural and economic centre in Europe.

One of the most iconic sights is Prague Castle, a huge complex that towers high above the city. Built in the 9th century, this castle was the seat of Czech kings and later presidents for centuries. Within the walls of the castle you will find the impressive St Vitus Cathedral and the charming Golden Street, among other sights. Another site not to be missed is Charles Bridge, a Gothic masterpiece spanning the Vltava River. Built in the 14th century, this bridge connects the Old Town with the Malá Strana district. It is one of Prague's most popular walking routes: along the way, you will encounter beautiful Baroque statues and may just stumble upon a group of lively street

performers. It was a special experience to sail under this bridge with our 'own' Linssen.

From the Vltava river, many of Prague's most famous sights are easily accessible on foot, including Old Town Square with its famous astronomical clock, Wenceslas Square and the Jewish Quarter (Josefov).

The charm of the Vltava

The Vltava, which flows through the heart of Prague, is the longest river in the Czech Republic (440 kilometres) and forms the backbone of the region. The river springs from two different sources in the Bohemian Forest and flows into the Elbe near Melnik. This river is not only a source of inspiration for artists, such as the composer Bedřich Smetana, with

Practical tips

Preparation

Before you cast off, you will receive detailed instructions about sailing and how to use the facilities on board. It is useful to install a good translation app, such as Google Translate or DeepL, on your smartphone. Outside the tourist areas, people mostly speak only Czech. Karl Heinz Kranich (Bohemia Yacht Charter) is very accessible by phone and is permanently available in the case of any questions.



his symphonic poem 'Vltava', but also an important waterway for recreation and transport.

The Vltava is navigable from Prague between the Slapy Dam and its mouth in the Elbe. As there are several dams and weirs in the Vltava, the current is limited.

Upstream to Slapy Dam

When you travel upstream from Prague, the Vltava guides you to the Slapy dam, one of the most impressive waterworks in the Czech Republic.

Built in the 1950s, the Slapy Dam has a height of 67 metres and a length of 260 metres. The dam plays a crucial role in water management, electricity

generation and flood protection. The hydropower plant attached to the dam has a capacity of 144 megawatts.

Moreover, the Slapy reservoir, at the top of the dam, is a popular destination for water sports, swimming and fishing. The dam's reservoir has a total area of 14 square kilometres and a length of about 44 kilometres. If there is space, pleasure boats may also moor for a while at the spot usually reserved for the Slapy-Prague steamers, to enjoy the views from the dam, with the sky being reflected in the waters of the reservoir.

Between Prague and the Slapy Dam, there are several sights

Practical tips

Boating licence

No license is required to rent a Linssen yacht on the Vltava, but experience is recommended. Knowledge of buoying and lock manoeuvres is necessary. The locks on this river are spacious and comfortable. The only drawback is that people speak very limited English or German. The lock keepers are friendly and helpful, but usually speak only Czech.





Štěchovice lock and hydroelectric power station

Practical tips

Navigating

The buoying and markings on the Vltava are correct and well maintained. In normal weather conditions, there is little current on the river. The Vltava is a natural rain-fed river. During prolonged periods of heavy rain-fall, the flow on the river will increase, as on any rain-fed river.



From left to right Luc, Cornel, Peter, Paul

worth exploring. For example, you will pass the charming town of Davle, where the Sázava river flows into the Vltava. This place offers magnificent views and is ideal for a short stopover or an overnight stay. Davle has a comfortable and well-equipped passenger jetty. There are about three restaurants in the town, all of which have earned good reviews. A pedestrian bridge connects the shore from the passenger jetty to the town centre. There are also several shops where you can buy fresh supplies.

Further upstream, you will find the historic town of Štěchovice, known for its ancient lock and beautiful natural surroundings.

Downstream to the Elbe

From the Slapy dam, you can continue your journey downstream, back to Prague and on to the point where the Vltava and Elbe rivers meet at Mělník. Along the way, you pass idyllic villages and impressive landscapes.

One of the highlights along this route is the town of Nelahozeves, home to the beautiful Renaissance castle of the Lobkowitz family. This castle houses an impressive art collection and offers a fascinating insight into the history of the Czech Republic. Nelahozeves has a small marina with a comfortable jetty. Opposite the castle, there is a restaurant called Vinopalna, which is definitely recommended!

At Mělník you can enjoy the picturesque view at the confluence of the two rivers. This town is also known for its vineyards, where you can taste local wines and learn more about the region's wine traditions.

Using the Vltava as a base allows you to explore not only Prague but also the surrounding nature and villages in a way not possible with more traditional forms of travel.

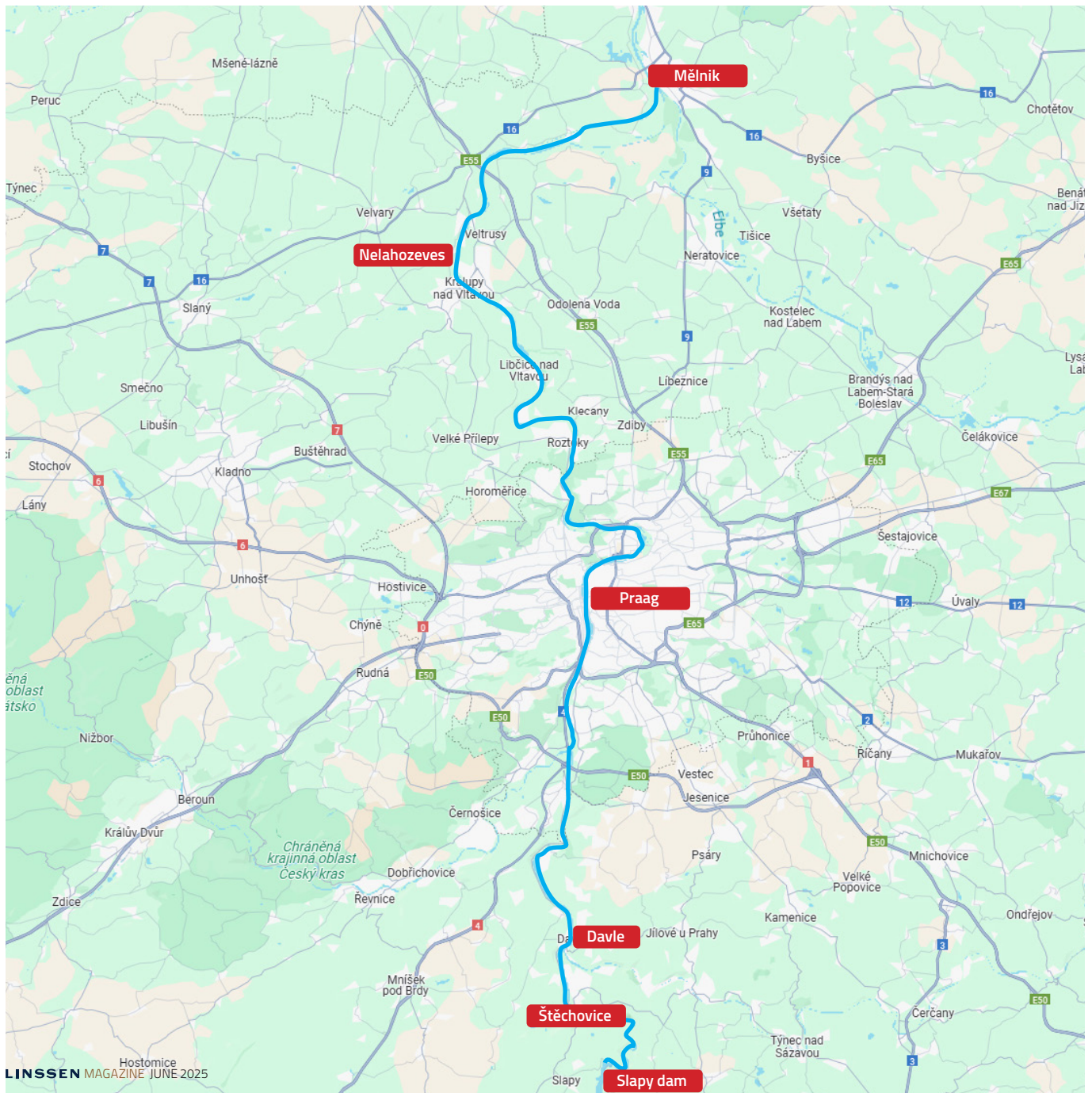
You can relax on the water, enjoy spectacular views while having access to a wide range of cultural and historical attractions.

Conclusion

With a Linssen yacht, you will experience Prague and the River Vltava in a unique and unforgettable way. Whether you want to explore the historic splendour of Prague, experience the tranquility of the Slapy Dam or discover

the picturesque landscapes along the Vltava and Elbe, this nautical experience offers something for everyone. Hop on board and be enchanted by the magic of Prague and the Vltava!

Peter, Paul, Cornel and Luc



▪ **Season:** The boating season usually runs from April to October, with the best weather conditions in late spring and early autumn.

▪ **Restaurants and shops:** We used Google Maps to make reservations at restaurants and to find grocery stores. There are very many restaurants in the Prague area. The prices for food and drink are slightly below the

European average, with a wide variety on offer. Local specialties include: Česnečka – garlic soup, Smažený sýr – deep-fried cheese and Svíčková na smetaně – beef stew with a creamy carrot sauce.

▪ **Public transport:** Prague and its surroundings boast an impressive public transport network. Prague and the surrounding area have an impressive public

transport network. We did not use it ourselves because most of the restaurants and shopping facilities were within walking distance of the moorings. Google Maps and the 'PID Litacká' app make it easy to get around the region by public transport.



Why opt for Bohemia Yacht Charter?

Your hosts Karl Heinz Kranich and his wife Ivana take hospitality to a whole new level! They rent out a Linssen Grand Sturdy 40.0 AC equipped with every possible comfort. For instance, the boat

has a generator, induction hob, a microwave-grill combination, air conditioning, high-quality kitchen equipment and much more.

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Aqua Libra PASSIONATE ABOUT WATER SPORTS AND SOLIDARITY

As a loyal Linssen partner in Belgium, Aqua Libra has been active for many years as a charter partner within Linssen Boating Holidays and, for a number of years now, also in the sale of our motor yachts. In addition to their professional commitment to boating enjoyment in Europe, Arlette and Luc – the driving forces behind Aqua Libra – are also committed to a special project in Africa: the Water for Toubacouta project in Senegal.

During the Linssen Yachts anniversary year 2024, in which we celebrated 75 years of craftsmanship, we raised money for three charities that are all about water (see page 34). One of these initiatives was Luc and Arlette's water project in Senegal, which really touched us because of its clear human impact and their personal involvement.

Water for life

Luc and Arlette have strong ties with the region around the village of Toubacouta, located on the edge of the world's largest mangrove forest in southern Senegal. Many villages in this region suffer from

extreme drought and a lack of basic amenities such as drinking water. Through their non-profit organisation 'Water for Toubacouta', they are committed to building wells in villages that are completely dependent on rainfall and brackish surface water.

Thanks to the support of Linssen Yachts – including a donation of €6,102 – a new well could be provided in the village of Niokholokho. In January 2025, Luc and Arlette travelled again to Senegal, where they were able to see for themselves the impact of an earlier project in the village of Santhie Bamba.



Arlette, together with Mireille Roijen, accepts the cheque for €6,102.

From dry soil to flourishing life

In April 2024, construction began on a well, dug entirely by hand to a depth of 30 metres. A solar-powered water pump was installed at that depth to bring the water to the surface efficiently. The results are impressive: hygienic conditions have

greatly improved, women use the water for traditional fabric dyeing (batik), and agriculture has even become possible during the dry season. This not only ensures food supplies, but also provides income from local sales. This enabled the purchase of a donkey and cart,

which can be used to transport ten children to school every day – a major step forward in a region with an illiteracy rate of over 90%. ◆



April 2024



February 2025

Responsible entrepreneurship

The way Luc and Arlette are committed to Toubacouta reflects their broad view of water as a source of life, connection and development. Just as they guide their customers in realising their dream on the water – whether

through buying their own Linssen or a luxury boating holiday – they also put their passion into sustainable change.

Their efforts show how the world of luxury and well-being can be linked to solidarity. This makes

Aqua Libra not only a professional partner in sales and charter, but also a company with a warm heart.

"Your passion becomes a purpose when you use it to serve others."



Read more about the project at www.waterfortoubacouta.org or via their Facebook page: Water for Toubacouta

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AQUARELLE FRANCE AND LINSSSEN YACHTS FRANCE JOIN FORCES FOR OPTIMAL COVER

For many years, Aquarelle France, based in charming Auxerre, has been our trusted and successful Linssen partner for the French market. From the heart of France, they have guided countless customers in their search for a Linssen motor yacht with passion and expertise. With their deep-rooted knowledge of the region, the French market and customer requirements, they are an indispensable link in Linssen Yachts' European dealer network.

In order to better serve the growing interest in southern France, we are welcoming a new partner to our network: Linssen Yachts France. This new representative office is located on the famous Canal du Midi – a dream location for anyone who wants to discover southern French life from the water.

A clear division: North and South

While Aquarelle France will continue to focus on northern France, Linssen Yachts France will take care of the southern half of the country. The two partners will work closely together and guarantee nationwide sales, service and maintenance cover, tailored to regional needs and opportunities.

Linssen Yachts France brings years of experience in the French recreational boating sector. They know the market, speak the language and understand the culture. This puts them in an excellent position to provide expert guidance to new customers and support existing Linssen owners with technical advice, service and maintenance. But they go one step further...

Linssen Live Away: a unique concept for southern France

Linssen Yachts France is introducing a completely new concept called Linssen Live Away, which goes beyond simply boating. It offers a total experience for those who want to truly embrace French life without compromising on comfort, safety or social connections.

▪ Enjoy French life on the water

Step aboard your own Linssen and sail with the 'parent ship' through the southern Netherlands, Belgium and across the enchanting French waterways. Discover iconic locations such as the Eiffel Tower from the Seine, taste the best wines in Burgundy and sail to the Mediterranean Sea. In winter, Castelnaudary, a charming town on the Canal du Midi, is an ideal base for experiencing authentic French life.

▪ Climate as a bonus

The mild climate of southern France is ideal for those who want to extend the sailing season or spend the winter on board. The sunny days and mild temperatures make for a pleasant and relaxing stay.

▪ Carefree enjoyment with excursions and organised activities

Whether it's visiting local markets, wineries or historic towns, we try to take all the hassle out of your trip. Your hosts are your personal guides and are on hand with tips, itineraries and reservations.



From left to right Wendy Linssen, Audrey Coppelmans, Henk Coppelmans (Linssen Yachts France), Ed Houben, Yvonne Linssen and Mike Gardner-Roberts (Aquarelle France)

■ Easily accessible

With several airports a short distance away, the region is well connected to the Netherlands and other European countries. You can easily explore the area or welcome guests with a hire car, bicycle or on foot.

■ Technical and practical support

Maintenance on the way? No problem. Coppelmans Marine Service (CMS) offers mobile service wherever you are. In addition, your hosts can help you with things like arranging fuel deliveries.

Aquarelle France in Auxerre

Of course, Aquarelle France remains an essential partner in our Linssen network. Based in the beautiful town of Auxerre, on the banks of the Yonne River, they combine yacht sales with a well-equipped marina and extensive service facilities. Aquarelle France not only assists clients in purchasing a Linssen yacht but also provides technical support, berths, winter storage, and maintenance. Their many years of experience, strong regional presence, and personal approach make them a trusted point of contact for both new and existing Linssen owners in Northern and Central France. Together with Linssen Yachts France, they now form a complementary duo that ensures seamless coverage of the French market.

More than just boating

Linssen Live Away is a concept that meets the modern needs of our customers: flexibility, comfort, adventure and support. It offers you the chance to really live on board your yacht, with all the comforts of home and the beauty of southern France as a backdrop. Whether you want to temporarily leave the hustle and bustle behind, spend the winter in the south or meet new people, this unique concept makes it possible.

Welcome to Linssen Yachts France. Welcome to a new way of experiencing things.

Is France your dream cruising region, but are you hesitating? About the language, the possibilities, or the sailing area? Or are you interested in Linssen Live Away?

If so, contact one of our partners to help you.

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Investing in a Linssen yacht for charter: the benefits at a glance.

Buying a motor yacht sounds to many like a luxurious and perhaps unattainable dream, but by investing in a yacht and participating in a Linssen Boating Holidays® charter programme, this dream can become a realistic and smart investment.

Participation in a high-quality charter programme

Linssen Boating Holidays® is Linssen's charter network, where private owners can accommodate their yachts. As an investor, you can make your yacht available to this network, which means that your yacht will be rented out to a select group of customers during the year. Linssen Boating Holidays® partners guarantee a high-quality charter experience, keeping your yacht in excellent condition and allowing you to benefit from the network's expertise and level of service.

Advantages: Cost savings and revenues

One of the greatest benefits of putting your yacht under charter is the ability to cover the fixed costs of the yacht by means of rental income. Examples are mooring costs, maintenance, insurance and a small amount of depreciation.

When buying a valuable yacht that holds its value, tax and VAT issues are also important. We have professional partners to support you and us in this process.

Personal use without compromise

Of course, you can also use your yacht within the Linssen Boating Holidays® charter programme. As an investor, you retain the ability to enjoy sailing your yacht several weeks a year, whenever you wish. The rest of the year, the yacht is managed by the charter partner. This offers you the best of both worlds: the freedom to go off on your own adventure, combined with the benefits of the charter.

"This offers you the best of both worlds: the freedom to go off on your own adventure, combined with the benefits of the Buy & Charter concept."





Value retention and professional maintenance

Linssen Yachts is known for the quality and durability of its yachts. The Grand Sturdy series and the Linssen SL series are timeless designs based on high-quality construction. The yachts are known to retain their value particularly well. By bringing the yacht into the charter programme, you will also benefit from professional maintenance. This not only ensures an optimum experience for customers, but also extends the life of and ensures value retention for your yacht.

A growing yacht rental market

The recreational water sports sector has continued to grow in

Europe in recent years. With the increased popularity of relaxing the pace of life, slow cruising and increasingly luxurious holidays, there is greater demand for reliable, comfortable motor yachts such as the Linssen yachts. Accommodating your yacht in a charter programme offers the opportunity to capitalise on this growing market and benefit from the rising demand for yacht rentals.

Flexibility in ownership

Investing in a Linssen yacht for charter also offers flexibility. For example, after the agreed period, you can decide to use the yacht entirely by yourself and explore other areas.

Conclusion: Smart investment in a Linssen yacht

Investing in a Linssen for charter not only offers financial benefits, but also allows you to enjoy your own yacht without having to worry about costs or maintenance. The high quality of Linssen yachts, the strong demand for charter yachts and the professional management of the Linssen Boating Holidays® partners make this an excellent investment for anyone considering buying a yacht.



Are you interested in investing in a Linssen yacht for charter? If so, please contact Wendy Linssen (wendy.linssen@linssenyachts.com) for more information on the possibilities and benefits.



Gommans Zeilen

PERFECT FIT AND CRAFTSMANSHIP

For many years, Gommans Zeilen has been a trusted partner of Linssen Yachts. This family business, specialising in the production of cabrio hoods, bimini tops and the exclusive Variotop® system, recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. A milestone that not only underlines the company's years of experience and expertise, but also highlights the successful partnership with Linssen Yachts. In this article, we take you through the process behind the production of these essential accessories and show how Linssen Yachts benefits from an innovative approach thanks to digitisation and series production.

The expertise of Gommans Zeilen

Based in the Netherlands, Gommans Zeilen has developed over the years into a leading company in the field of nautical canvas. The company provides customised solutions for various yacht builders and private individuals, with craftsmanship and innovation at its core. Their working methods are characterised by precision, high-quality materials and in-depth knowledge of marine construction.

When manufacturing covers and bimini tops, Gommans Zeilen pays a great deal of attention to durability and functionality. Materials are carefully selected based on weather resilience, UV protection and wear resistance, ensuring that the end products are not only aesthetically appealing but also offer years of protection and comfort on board.

Efficiency through digitisation

One of the major advantages of the cooperation between Linssen Yachts and Gommans Zeilen is the efficient working method created by series production at Linssen. Yacht hoods and bimini tops are normally measured individually and made to measure, which can be a labour-intensive process. At Linssen Yachts, however, accurate measurements are taken only once for each type of yacht. This data is then digitally processed and stored, ensuring a fully optimised hood production process.

Thanks to this digitisation, hoods and Variotop® fabrics can be ordered on demand, with each hood perfectly matching the respective building number. This saves time and minimises the risk of errors, while keeping the production process smooth and consistent. For Linssen owners, this means a





guaranteed fit and fast delivery of their hood or bimini, with no extra measurements or adjustments required.

The importance of a perfect hood

A well-designed and perfectly fitting hood is an essential part of on-board comfort. Not only does a hood offer protection from the elements, but it also adds to the look and functionality of the yacht. Gommans Zeilen bimini tops and hoods are designed with an eye for detail and integrate seamlessly with the luxurious appearance of a Linssen yacht.

In addition, the Variotop® system is a unique concept exclusive to Linssen Yachts. This innovative convertible system allows you to create a completely open helmsman's position or provide shelter in less favourable weather conditions with a single hand movement. The perfect finish and fit of the outer fabric, insulation fabric and inner canopy ensure the system functions smoothly and forms a seamless transition with the rest of the yacht.

Innovation and forward-looking cooperation

The collaboration between Linssen Yachts and Gommans Zeilen is based on mutual trust and a shared

passion for quality and innovation. By using modern technologies, such as digital measurements and automated production processes, a high level of efficiency is achieved without compromising on craftsmanship.

Conclusion

Thanks to its collaboration with Gommans Zeilen, Linssen Yachts can equip its yachts with perfectly fitting hoods and Variotop® canopies without compromising on quality or efficiency. The combination of traditional craftsmanship and modern technology makes it possible to consistently deliver high-quality products that contribute to the comfort and appearance of every Linssen yacht.

With a solid foundation in digitisation and series production, Linssen Yachts continues to innovate and set the standard in the world of luxury motor yachts together with Gommans Zeilen. The future looks promising, and the joint commitment to perfection will undoubtedly continue to contribute to unforgettable boating experiences for Linssen owners worldwide. ◆



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EXPERIENCE THE COMFORT OF A LINSSEN YACHT LINSSEN BOATING HOLIDAYS®

Do you dream of relaxing cruises on scenic canals, rivers and lakes or along impressive coastlines? Are you considering buying a Linssen motor yacht, but would you first like to experience what it feels like on board? If so, a holiday with a Linssen yacht booked through one of our Linssen Boating Holidays® partners is the ideal way to discover the comfort, quality and sailing characteristics of our yachts.

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A week on the water offers you the perfect opportunity to discover which yacht suits you. Experience the space and comfort on board, discover the difference between a Sedan (with open cockpit) and an AC (with aft cabin), and get a good impression of life on board. Whether you are sailing as a couple or with the whole family, you will experience the yacht in a way that a brochure or viewing can never offer.

Choose your favourite cruising area

With charter locations in countries including the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, France, Italy and Sweden, you can combine your trial cruise with an unforgettable boating holiday. From your chosen departure port, you will sail through the most beautiful regions of Europe, at your own pace and with complete freedom.

From rental to purchase – always carefree guidance

After your sailing holiday, we will be delighted to invite you to our boatyard in Maasbracht or to one of our

dealers for a personal follow-up meeting. Together, we will look at the yacht that best suits your needs. Do you have questions about matters such as insurance, financing, mooring, boating licence or winter storage? No worries: through the Linssen 'Start Boating' concept, we guide you from orientation to delivery - and beyond.

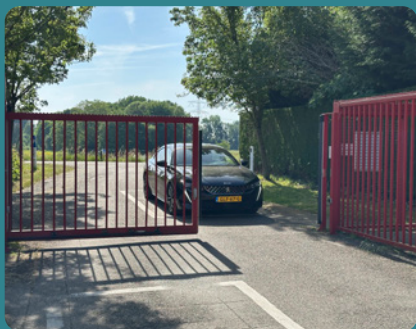
Your rent will be setoff

If you decide to purchase a new Linssen yacht of the same length or larger after your holiday, we will deduct the full rental price* from the purchase price of your new yacht. So your holiday becomes an investment in years of boating pleasure.



See what the first day at Linssen Boating Holidays® is like. From arrival to trial run...

Arrival



You will arrive at your Linssen Boating Holidays® charter partner. Parking is often in a secure car park or enclosed area.

Welcome



You will be welcomed by the partner team.

Paperwork



After a cup of coffee or refreshment, the paperwork will be completed. Contract, insurance and route planning are gone through.

The harbour



Your charter yacht is in port. The available facilities are explained.

The charter yacht



Together you will go to the charter yacht

On board



You take the first steps on board. Your charter partner is going to explain all the details of the ship to you.

Technical explanation



On board, you will be explained how all technical components work.

Tips and tricks



Explanation of mooring lines, useful tips & tricks and, of course, a trial run.

Enjoy...



Enjoying together the peace and comfort on board...

That is:
Slow down... and start living!

Start Boating at Linssen

FOR AN ENJOYABLE START TO YOUR LINSSEN ADVENTURE

With **Start Boating at Linssen**, we offer a particularly complete service package, both before, during and after we build your Linssen.

For us, it's the most natural thing in the world. A huge advantage for you!



1. You travel to Maasbracht and visit our yard.

We are at your service.

We will help with your trip planning, hotel booking and any transfers. Once in Maasbracht, we offer: yard viewing, sea trials, info on valuation trade-in, clear explanations and quotation.



2. Wondering about financing and tax issues?

We are specialists in VAT issues and have partners to support us and you with tax issues and possible financing.



3. You buy your dream Linssen yacht. We start constructing the yacht.

You get clear order confirmation and options, fixed contact person during the construction process, regular progress updates and photos of the construction process.



4. You insure your new yacht. You have our assurance of quality.

We provide support in choosing the right insurance from our partners.



5. The handover of your new Linssen in Maasbracht

Your yacht will receive comprehensive quality checks and tests, exterior and interior cleaning. You get a celebratory handover, free (temporary) berth in our marina and 1 day of training. A full diesel tank and complete boating equipment (including fenders, mooring lines, boat hook, life buoy, scrubber, national flag and anchor ball are included.



6. Boating training

We offer additional boating training (tailor-made), assistance in registering marine VHF numbers or applying for special documents, as well as the possibility of taking a VHF or navigation equipment course.



7. Transporting your yacht by road or water?

We work with professional partners who unburden us and you in this respect. Your ship arrives safely at its destination.



8. Interior styling for the personal touch on board?

We have styling experts to support you and us in this. A consultation with Boatstyling is among the options.



9. Mooring and winter storage

We will be happy to help you find a berth and possible winter storage.



10. 3-year warranty as standard, but we continue to provide the best service even after that

Our Customer Service team, together with a European network of Linssen Service Partners, is ready for damage and repair service, cleaning and washing, winter storage, etc.

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