

The history of the Schouten shipyard and the lemmeraak yacht Senta (formerly Ibis)

The Senta was originally named Ibis. The lemmeraak yacht was built in 1927 at the Schouten shipyard in Muiden. Schouten shipyard was a family enterprise who had been building ships since 1806 in Muiden; fishing vessels, tjalken, pramen and zandbakken. Many commissions arose from the



The build of the first steel botter at shipyard Schouten in 1906.
(foto A.J.W. de Veer)

Zuiderzee fishermen from e.g. Bunschoten, Nijkerk and Durgerdam.

In 1846 Jacob Schouten also became owner of another dockyard in Muiden "De Hoop" in the Hellingstraat. His father was a ship-builder and sailmaker. The family took over the shipyard Nooitgedacht in 1849 which his son Hendrik managed. He died in 1894 after which his other son Cornelis took over in 1895. Difficult times prevailed with few commissions coming into the dockyards. By 1900 only one shipyard survived in Muiden that of

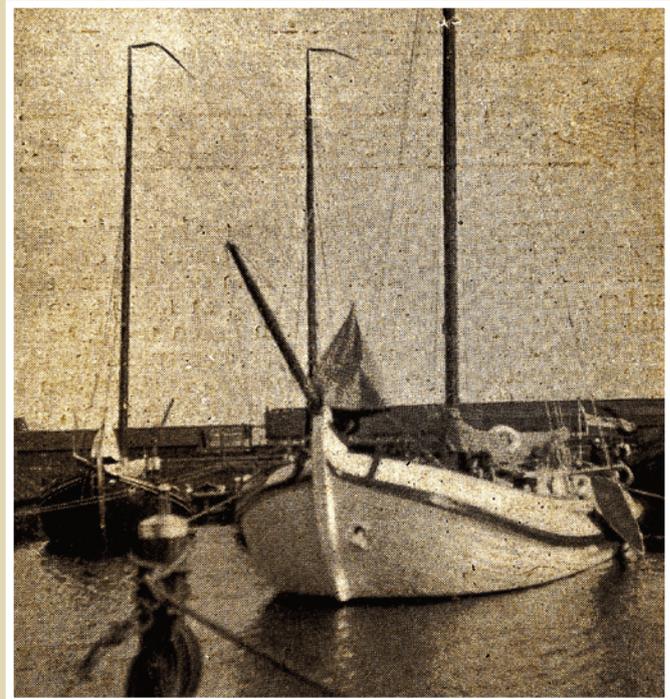
Schouten. During this period the transition from wooden to iron ships began. A turnabout was triggered as a result of steel construction. In 1913 a total of 34 steel ships were built. Not only working vessels were constructed but yachts too like, boeiers, schouwen, lemmeraken and hoogaarsen. One such yacht was the lemmeraak Ibis built in 1927 which belonged to Mr Wattentorff from Laren until 1933. Four such lemmeraak yachts were supposedly built at shipyard Schouten. We have been unable to confirm this.



The end of ship building in Muiden

The late seventies saw the end in ship building. Ship building in Muiden also came to an end and in 1979 Schouten ship yard was sold to A van der Vliet. Only repair work was still carried out but eventually this too also ended.

At the moment there are plans to develop housing on the site.



A 1927 article in *Waterkampioen* with subtitle: The new Lemmeraak yacht "Ibis". (photo Ir. J. Loeff)

Het voor den heer J. L. H. Waltendorp gebouwde boeierjacht heeft de volgende afmetingen: lengte 16 M., breedte 4.65 M., diepgang 1.05 M. Het wordt met een 4-cyl. Parsons 30 P.K. motor uitgerust.

The boeier yacht built for Mr J.L.H. Waltendorp has the following dimensions: length 16 M., breadth 4.65 M., draft 1.05 M. It is equipped with a 4-cilinder Parsons 30 H.P. motor.





Ibis in the lock, starboard side.

What happened to the Ibis?

From 1934-1942 the Ibis was sold to Mr Labberton and moved to Germany. There the Ibis was renamed Senta with Lübeck as home port. During the Senta's restoration in 1997 a medal from 1936 was found from the (controversial) Kielerwoche. Did the Ibis partake? The Nordseewoche reported that Dutch yachts participated between 1930-1939.

There is little information relating to the Ibis during pre- and post-war periods. Many questions about the German years still remain unanswered.

Eduard de Boer from the repairs shipyard in Makkum and his brother in law Paul Kroeze came across the Senta in 1991 at a dockyard

in Hamburg. The name plate gave Lübeck as home port. The ship belonged to the scouts and had been seriously neglected. They bought the ship and towed the leaking hull back to Makkum intending to restore the fine lined vessel. When Eduard de Boer's shipyard was discontinued the ship was put up for sale. In 1995 Jan Christiaansen bought the hull. Jan had been sailing and chartering the clipper Najade in the Waddenzee, Germany and Denmark since 1981. The Najade was primed for that specific area with restricted sea-approval. Jan was looking for a smaller boat to charter and sail with small groups in the same region as the Najade contrasting the scaling-up of commercial charter sailing vessels.



Restoration

The Senta then underwent an extensive renovation between 1997 and 2000. Like the Najade the Senta was refurbished for the area with restricted sea-approval. Ship-building experts firm Gaastmeer designed the vessel keeping in consideration the monumental significance of the former Ibis. From rubbing strake down the hull was completely renewed by ship restorer Bouke van de Kolk at the Hunfeld shipyard in Farmsum. Employees from shipyard Bultjer constructed a wooden rubbing strake. Together with the restorers in Farmsum the hull with deck layout was returned to its former glory preserving listed parts and details including the wooden rubbing strake.





Charter ship Senta from 2001-2024

Since 2001 the Senta has sailed over the Dutch and German Waddenzee, the Baltic Sea, in Denmark and England.

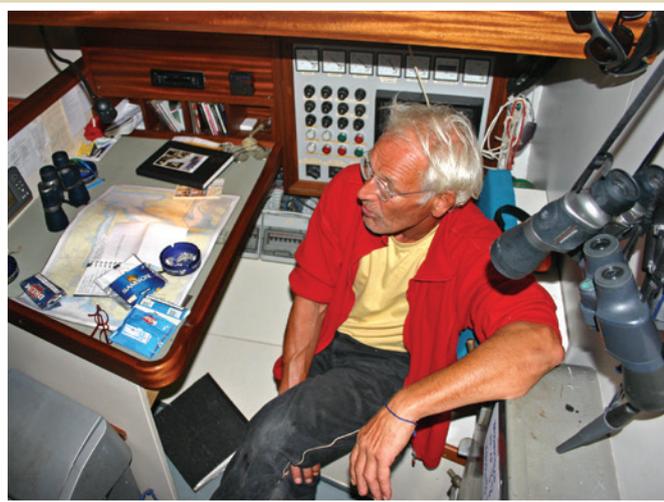
It is a comfortable sailing yacht accommodating 8 passengers and crew. In the last twenty years the visible culture change in the world heritage of the Dutch and German Islands has been explored. In countless voyages we sailed this forever fascinating and changing tidal area.



The yacht was also fully at home in the English tidal waters including the rivers Black Waters with Maldon, Colne with the Brightling Sea, Deben, Aide and the Ore.

The Senta was also featured in the tv serial "Rond de Noordzee" and in the film "Silence of the Tides".

After 50 years of shipbuilding and sailing, Jan Christiaansen the current skipper will now hand over command to a new voyager and seafarer.



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