

Ships in Focus

'Penelope Everard'

(and her sisters)

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Most certainly from the Greenhithe 'Yellow Peril' stable, the stylish **'MV Penelope Everard'** built in 1963 for F. T. Everard & Sons Ltd., by Clelands Shipbuilding Co Ltd., was one of several sister ships built for the company. With a burden of 1583 GRT, 969 NRT, Summer DWT 2545, and dimensions of 264.8 x 39.3 x 17.0 ft, she was fitted with a British Polar Diesel Engine developing 1540 BHP, giving her a service speed of 11 knots. She was originally built with a Newbury Diesel Engine but retrofitted with the British Polar Engine in 1974.



A very functional and elegant looking **'Penelope Everard'**

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Although built with a wide range of short sea trades in view, she was destined to spend some of her time in the Baltic Timber and Wood Pulp trade, from Sweden; typically venturing up the Gota Canal to Lake Vanern and the Pulp Mills, such as at Karlstad, to load bales of Paper Pulp for the UK. She

was sold in 1984 to Galatia Shipping Co Ltd (Interuniversal Chartering SA, managers), Valletta, Malta and named PANAYIOTIS G, 1985 sold to Sykeon Shipping Co Ltd, Valletta, Malta; renamed PANAGIOTIS G, 1986 sold to Saini Shipping Co Ltd, Greece; renamed ELPIDA. In 1996 finally sold to Al Jendi Maritime, Syria; renamed AL GHAZI J. Deleted from the register 2011. Not bad after 48 years of service.

The **'Penelope Everard'** had two sister vessels, the **'William J Everard'** and **'Gillian Everard'**; The ex **'Gillian Everard'** under different ownership, named **Georgios**, and Honduras flag, was scuttled by NATO forces after they boarded her, 60 nm off Kuwait whilst attempting to smuggle 2083 tons of oil from Iraq during the Gulf War.

A similar class vessel for F. T. Everard & Sons Ltd., built in 1964 by Clelands of Wallsend, was the **'Rosemary Everard'**. 1583 GRT, 985 NRT and Summer DWT of 2634 tons. Dimensions 266.0 x 36.3 x 14.7 ft. Fitted with Newbery Diesel Engine, single screw 11 knots. Sold by Everards in 1984 and renamed **Theodores G**, resold 1993 and renamed **Berlice**, again sold 1997 and renamed **Rosemary Eve**. Reported missing between San Carlos and Zapara Is, Venezuela, in 2001.

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