

PRINCE



DATE BUILT. 1931	BUILDER. JAMES POLLOCK AND SON
TYPE ROYALTY CLASS	LENGTH 71.5 FT

THE ROYALTY CLASS BOATS WERE BUILT FROM 1929 TO 1932 FOR 'ASSOCIATED CANAL CARRIERS'.

THE LARGEST TYPE OF NARROWBOAT EVER MADE, THESE BOATS WERE DESIGNED WITH 5FT DEEP HULLS TO TRAVEL UPON THE THAMES AND BE LOADED DIRECTLY FROM THE SHIPS THERE TO SAVE LOADING TIME IN THE DOCKS BUT THIS DEPTH WAS UNSUITABLE FOR THE SHALLOW CANALS AND ONLY 6 MOTOR BOATS, 6 BUTTY BOATS AND ONE PROTOTYPE PAIR WERE MADE.

WITHIN A FEW YEARS ASSOCIATED CANAL CARRIERS HAD BEEN BOUGHT BY A NEW CONCERN, THE GRAND UNION CANAL COMPANY, AND THE BOATS BECAME THEIR FIRST CARRYING VESSELS.

QUICKLY THE GRAND UNION CANAL COMPANY GREW IN SIZE, EVENTUALLY ORDERING HUNDREDS OF NEW BOATS FOR TRAFFIC BETWEEN LONDON AND BIRMINGHAM AND PRINCE, ALONG WITH MANY OTHER ROYALTY CLASS BOATS, WERE GENERALLY DEMOTED TO MAINTENANCE WORK.

PRINCE'S SISTER SHIP, HENRY, WAS SCRAPPED IN THE 1950'S WHICH MAKES PRINCE THE ONLY POLLOCK AND SON NARROWBOAT IN EXISTENCE TODAY.