

Nelson Milestones

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- 1959 18' G.R.P Launch exhibited at London Boat Show
- 1962 Exhibited at first Genoa boat show
- 1962 Daily Express Cowes / Torquay Race. "Espoir" winner of Index of Performance Award.
- 1963 Two 32' Nelson launches supplied to Ministry of Defence for Port Auxiliary Service.
- 1964 First 40' Trinity House Pilot Vessel "Vigia" delivered.
- 1967 40' "Grand Espoir" wins Guards International Trophy.
- 1967 Nine Patrol Launches ordered for Abu Dhabi Defence Force.
- 1967 Two 34' Nelson Boats supplied for service in H.M.S. Ark Royal.
- 1969 Four Nelson launches enter Daily Telegraph Round Britain Race and all complete the course.
- 1970 Two 34' Nelson Royal Barge Escort Boats supplied for service in H.M.Y. "Brittania".
- 1972 100th 40' hull completed as fifteenth Pilot Vessel "Vagabond" for Trinity House.
- 1976 250th 40' Nelson hull moulded.
- 1979 Frederikshavn Vaerft complete "Havørnen" for Danish Ministry of Fisheries.
- 1980 Frederikshavn Vaerft complete "In Daw" for the Burmese Government, got an order for repeat vessel.
- 1980 Nineteenth 40' Trinity House Pilot Vessel "Valkyrie" delivered.
- 1980 300th 40' hull completed.
- 1980 New designs for India, Sicily, Africa, and Sri Lanka
- 1980 M.o.D. approval for designs 18' - 320'