

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

SHIP FOR SALE

The Minister of Transport invites offers for the purchase from him of the under-mentioned ship "as lying" at Southampton.

2. "VIGILANT" Revenue Cruiser (ex "Isles Class" trawler "BENBECULA"). Single screw, steel, built and engined by C. D. Holmes & Co. Ltd., Hull, in 1943. G.T. 524. N.T. 170. Length 164'. Breadth 27' 8". Draught 13' 4". Engines: steam reciprocating triple expansion. I.H.P. 850 at 150 R.P.M. Speed 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  knots at 130/132 R.P.M. Consumption 8 tons per day. Bunker capacity 118 tons oil.
3. Arrangements for inspection should be made with Commander Barbour, c/o "VIGILANT", No. 16 Berth, Inner Basin, The Docks, Southampton. Tel. No. Southampton 26062.
4. Offers should be accompanied by a statement giving the name and address of the prospective purchasers and saying whether they intend to use the vessel for further trading, to re-sell her, or to scrap her either in the United Kingdom or abroad.
5. Offers should be addressed to the Ministry of Transport, Room 12/32, St. Christopher House, Southwark Street, London, S.E.1., in envelopes clearly marked "Offer to Purchase 'VIGILANT'" and must be received not later than noon on the 20th February, 1962.
6. Copies of form of purchase agreement, further particulars, plans and authority to inspect can be obtained from the Ministry of Transport, Room 12/05, at the above address - Tel. No. WATERLOO 7999 Ext. 2931.
7. The Minister will not accept responsibility for any errors or omissions in the particulars and description of the ship or for any information which the persons making an offer may have obtained from any person whomsoever.
8. The Minister does not bind himself to accept the highest or any offer.

R. W. BULLMORE

Signed by authority of the Minister of Transport at St. Christopher House, Southwark Street, London, S.E.1. this 10th day of January, 1962.

"VIGILANT"

Additional Information

This vessel was built to classification requirements, but is not classed by Lloyds.

Boiler: Single-ended, multitubular, 3 furnace.  
Built by C. D. Holmes & Co. Ltd., Hull.

Generators: Two - starboard in engine room

One steam 20 K.W. 110 volts D.C. single cylinder. Made by Robey & Co. Ltd.

One diesel 20 K.W. 110 volts D.C. 4 L.W. made by Gardner & Co. Ltd.

Accommodation: 26 crew and 10 passengers

Depth: 15'0" moulded.

Light displacement: 585 tons.

Deep displacement: 793 tons.

Propeller: 3 bladed cast iron 8' 9" dia, 11'0" pitch.

No lifeboats on board, but there are two diesel driven boarding boats 20' and 25' long. In addition there are six, ten men, inflatable liferafts.

Ballast: 40 tons pig iron.

The radio equipment on board is the property of the Marconi International Marine Communication Co. Ltd., Marconi House, Chelmsford, Essex.

## Section 1,

The position regarding the officers and crew remaining in 'Vigilant' at Southampton is as follows:-

<u>Commander Barbour:</u>	Has applied to be considered for interview on 23.1.62 for the post of Fishery Officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Should he obtain that post it will be necessary to retain the Chief Officer until the vessel is sold.
<u>Chief Officer:</u> (Mr. C. J. Lawrence, O.B.E.)	He should be retained until we know whether Commander Barbour will be transferring to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.
<u>Second Engineer:</u> (Mr. G. H. Jagger)	} These officers are being temporarily transferred to the Technical Branch at Southampton to assist the Engineer Inspector (papers 1315/62 refer).
<u>Third Engineer:</u> (Mr. W. G. Boone)	
<u>Five Able-Seamen:</u>	
Mr. R. Bishop and Mr. B. Taylor.	Have applied for transfer to the G.P.O. Cable Ships (papers 54121/61 refer).
Mr. A. Jones	Has applied for transfer to the vacant Coast Preventive Man post at Warsash, Southampton.
Mr. F. Mead and Mr. R. J. Pennell.	These two ratings have not made application for transfer.

(Note: At least three Able-Seamen will be required in order to maintain the watchman duties until the vessel is sold)

One Temporary Fireman: He is due to be discharged from 'Vigilant' on 12.1.62 and is likely to be transferred to the Messenger grade at Southampton.  
(Mr. A. B. Snow)

We suggest that no further action be taken regarding the disposal of the officers and crew until we know the result of the transfer applications of the Commander and the ~~two~~ ratings, three after which any officer or ratings surplus to the minimum watchkeeping requirement of one officer and three ratings might be retired on abolition of office terms.





MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT  
St. Christopher House, Southwark Street, LONDON S.E.1

Telegrams: Transminry, London, Telex

Telephone: WATERLOO 7999, ext. 2916

29th March, 1962.

Our reference: ST 73/15/01

Your reference:

Dear Fillmore,

"VIGILANT"

.... I enclose a copy of the letter which I have today sent to Lloyds Albert Yard & Motor Packet Services Ltd., the purchasers of the above vessel.

I confirm the telephone conversations this morning with Mr. King and the Deputy Waterguard Superintendent, Southampton, informing them that the vessel and the spare propeller lying ashore could be handed over to the purchasers at noon today and that any expenses accruing from that time onwards would be for the account of the purchaser.

As you know the buyer was not interested in purchasing the generator lying ashore but no doubt you will be able to dispose of this item.

Yours sincerely,

W. H. J. CREES

A. J. Fillmore, Esq.,  
H.M. Customs & Excise,  
King's Beam House,  
Mark Lane,  
London, E. C. 3.



MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

ACCOUNTS DIVISION

Albion Court, 197 Marlowes, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, Herts.

Telephone: Boxmoor 6660

Our reference: GF.47/2/0106

Your reference: 52839/62

52839/61 - 3A - 574 AG

29 June, 1962.

Dear Sir,

Revenue Cruiser "VIGILANT"

.... A Payable Order for £8,493 14s. 8d., is enclosed being the balance due to your Department from the sale of the above mentioned vessel.

This amount is made up as follows:-

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sale Price	8565	-	-			
Spare propeller	<u>5</u>	-	-	8570	-	-
Less:						
Advertising costs					<u>76</u>	<u>5 4</u>
				<u>£8493</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>8</u>

Yours faithfully,

*E. BOON.*

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The Secretary,  
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