



## ROYAL MOTOR YACHT CLUB

### LONDON - POOLE MOTORBOAT RACE 1936

Rochester - Cowes  
200nm

Won by Theodore B. André in his  
steam yacht IDAHO at an average  
speed of 10.9 knots



### THE YACHT

#### 1908

Commissioned by Caleb Gaskell Evans, NYYC  
Builder: Camper & Nicholson's, Gosport  
Construction Material: Teak/  
Rock Elm/Oak  
Propulsion: 1 x Philip & Son  
triple expansion steam  
Port of Registry: Portsmouth

#### 1910

Launched Gosport  
Length Overall: 80 feet  
Beam: Circa 12 feet  
GRT: 43 tons  
TM: 58 tons

#### 1915-1919

Requisitioned by MOD Navy  
as Hired Yacht  
Designation: Special Service  
Vessel/Tug, based Milford Haven

#### 1919-1935

In Service with Mersey Docks &  
Harbour Board

#### 1935-1936

Owned by Richard Verney Wrightson  
Port of Registry: Cowes

#### 1936-1938

Owned by Theodore Bernard André  
Port of Registry : Cowes

#### 1938-1939

Owned by Owen Elkin Mocatta  
Port of Registry: Cowes  
Re-engined with 1 x 6-cylinder  
Gardner diesel

#### 1939-1947

Requisitioned by MOD Navy  
Designation: Yacht/Air Sea Rescue,  
based SE Coast

#### 1948-1953

Owned by Capt. Jock Hay of  
Delgatie Castle  
Renamed *HJALTLANDER*  
Port of Registry: Lerwick

#### 1953-1956

Owned by Myles Stoney of  
County Cavan  
Port of Registry: Lerwick

#### 1956

Lloyd's Register shows the yacht  
as 'Abandoned'



*T.B.André at the wheel of his Marlborough at Brooklands for the inaugural Junior Car Club 200 mile race on 22 October 1921, won by Henry Segrave.*



*The Gold Medal awarded to Theodore Bernard André was acquired by RMYC Member, John Walker, and presented to the Club, together with this record of provenance for yacht and owner. Despite detailed research into the history of the yacht, acknowledging the invaluable assistance of Iain Mcallister of Sandeman Yacht Company, no photograph, drawing or other image has been found. August 2022.*

### THE OWNER

Theodore Bernard André  
b. 1879 Epping, Essex – d. 1939 Bosham,  
West Sussex

#### The Man and His Cars

##### 1902

Manager, Edward de Poorter & Co. of  
Great Tower Street, London.  
UK importer and agent for bicycles and  
Belgian 'Derby' motorcycles.  
Partner in T.B.André & Salmon,  
automobile retailers.

##### 1909-1926

Owner, T.B.André & Co. of Great  
Marlborough Street, London.  
UK importer of Marlborough cars from  
Malicet & Blin, France.

##### 1913-1917

Partner of J.G. Parry-Thomas including  
the development design of what became  
the Marlborough-Thomas light car.

##### 1923-1924

Manufacturer of the Marlborough-  
Thomas car at Brooklands.  
Exhibitor Marlborough-Thomas at  
London Olympia Motor Show.  
UK importer, retailing and racing the  
Marlborough-Thomas light car and  
Marlborough Grand Sports cars.

##### 1926

Owner, T.B.André & Co. based in New  
Bond Street, London serving Brooklands  
automobile racing fraternity with Len  
Brake brake shoes, Hartford friction disc  
shock absorbers and Silent-Bloc rubber  
bushed bearings.

##### 1933-1934

Builder of the André V6 lightweight  
English 2-seater sports car powered by  
V-twin OHU JAP 728cc engine with rear  
wheel drive, 4-speed gearbox, 1170 lbs.  
kerb weight, 65mph, 45mpg.

#### The Man and His Boats

Owner of the 40 metre two masted  
auxiliary schooner *HEARTSEASE*, built  
by John Goodman Fay of Southampton  
in 1903 as *ADELA*, to a design by W.C.  
Storey, for Claud T. Cayley.

Owner of the steam turbine yacht  
*IDAHO* and winner of the RMYC  
London-Poole (Rochester-Cowes)  
motorboat race.