

Anyone identified this ship?



GALINA Detention Camp in Atlit, Israel

The restrictions imposed by British Mandate authorities on the entry of Jews into Eretz Israel forced Yishuv leaders and various immigration movements to act illegally and bring the Jewish immigrants in on dilapidated ships and under harsh conditions. The British did everything they could to capture the immigrant ships and transfer their passengers to detention camps which were constructed first in Atlit and later in Cyprus. The Society for Preservation of Israel Heritage Sites, which maintains the camp, purchased and renovated a ship similar to those that served to bring the Jewish immigrants and built an exhibit inside, reflecting the immigrants' living conditions. The site is being developed within the framework of the Heritage Project, including the renovation of the main buildings and the design of exhibits inside them.

The stamp features a ship similar to those used to bring immigrants against the background of barracks at the Atlit detention camp. The stamps tab shows passengers disembarking from the **UMOT ME'UCHADOT** (United Nations) immigrant ship onto the shore in Nahariya. The **UMOT ME'UCHADOT** is the ex **ARCHIMEDE** a two mast auxiliary schooner built in 1927.

Mr. Yossi Dotan supplied the name of the ship depicted on the stamp, which is on dry land in the camp and used as a museum as the **GALINA**, while the other ship on the tab is the **UMOT ME'UCHADOT** the ex **ARCHIMEDE** a two mast auxiliary schooner built in 1927.

GALINA (trawler/fishing)

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1976 – Yager Ltd., Tel-Aviv, Israel; Avangard Shipyard, Petrozavodsk, USSR (yard No 296); Gt. 275, nt. 147, dwt. 88; 31.80m x 7.33m x 3.50m, 2.76m (draught); one 8 NVD 36-1U diesel engine, 300 hp, 9.4 kn; Cooling storage 100 cubic metre hold, where she kept a temperature of between -2 to -4 degree Celsius, production in the fish processing plant between 20-35 cans of fish a minute; One derrick of 1.5 ton lifting capacity; Crew 13.

Built as one of the **Project 1282, KARELIYA**-type refrigerated trawlers by Avangard yard in Petrozavodsk, USSR for the USSR Government. She was completed in May 1976 and registered at Klaipeda, Lithuania as the **PLAMYA**.

She was one of 124 ships built in this class, mostly on the Avangard yard, but also a few in Bulgaria, the first one built in 1964 and the last in 1979 and was a side trawler fishing vessel used for fishing in the Baltic waters. The ships of this class were mostly used as coastal fishing



vessels with a range of 100 miles from a sheltered place of port, and could stay at sea for 19 days

In 1992, she was under the Latvian flag and registry and in 1995 she was renamed **LIESMA**. She was owned by Deltex Commerce, Riga, Latvia in 2001, and in December 2001, registered under the Cambodian flag.

Sold in August 2005 to Yager Ltd., Tel-Aviv, Israel, renamed **GALINA** and placed under the Georgian flag.

During her voyage to Israel she was under detention for four months at Falmouth in 2005/06 for unsafe and unreliable auxiliary engines and other machinery and electrical devices, sanitary conditions, a risk for the crew, loose floor plates etc.

The next information about her was that she was sold to a Mediterranean scrap yard, but she was instead bought for the planned immigration museum and towed to Israel from Falmouth as it was cheaper than repairing her.

The following is a translation by Mr. Yossi Dotan from the Hebrew Wikipedia.

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