

Serenela

Entry No. 25

Vessel Type

Venetian Taxi. 9 metres

Skipper / Captain

Peter Sutton

Serenela is a genuine Venetian taxi, similar to the thousands of taxis used by tourists and residents to travel around the Venetian canals and between the airport and the city. She was purchased from Italy in 1999 and has been a much-loved part of the family ever since. It is believed that, when she was operating in Venice, she was used as Margaret Thatcher's private taxi whenever she visited.

The 9-metre boat is powered by a 180 hp Iveco diesel lorry engine. She is kept at the owners' home opposite Stoke Gabriel, where they carry out most of the maintenance themselves, including an annual rub-down and re-varnishing.

The owners have taken part in almost every River Parade since it was first introduced as part of the Regatta programme. Onboard today is Peter Sutton, his crew of family and friends, their traditional dress theme is "wear white."

