

ODISEEA YACHTULUI REGAL "LUCEAFĂRUL"

THE ODYSSEY OF THE ROYAL YACHT «LUCEAFĂRUL»

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The cruiser yacht «Nahlin» or «Luceafărul» (Hyperion) or «Libertatea» (Liberty) successively belonged to a lady from Great Britain: Lady Joule, to the Romanian Crown and to the Romanian State.

The yacht «Nahlin», powered by motorized turbines and having two helixes and a displacement of 1574 tons, was designed by G.L. Watson & Co. Company from Glasgow and was executed by John Brown & Co. Ltd. from Clydebank, in 1930.

Between 1930 and 1934, at the request of its owner, Lady Joule, the yacht «Nahlin» covered over 200,000 sea miles around the British Isles, in the Baltic and Mediterranean Sea, in the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean.

In 1937, the yacht was bought by the Romanian State and offered as a gift to King Carol II being named «Luceafărul». The yacht made over 30 cruises for its new owner.

In 1948, the yacht «Luceafărul» became the property of the Romanian State, together with the other goods that had belonged to the Crown.

Since 1955, it has born the name «Libertatea». It has not sailed since 1972, being secured on the shore of the Danube, in one of the leisure areas of the town of Galați.

In April 1998, shipyards specialists and historians, attending a Commission organised by the Ministry of Culture, examined the boat and concluded that it fulfilled all the requirements for its inclusion in the national cultural patrimony (thing that, to our regret, has never happened).