



# Ship Fact Sheet



## ESTON (1919)

Base data at 8 December 1919. Last amended February 2009

\* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	General cargo liner
P&O Group service	1919-1940
P&O Group status	Owned by parent company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company
Builders	Goole Shipbuilding & Repairing Co Ltd
Yard	Goole
Country	UK
Yard number	250
Registry	London, UK
Official number	143913
Signal letters	KDFV
Call sign	MJTD
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	1,475 grt
Net tonnage	794 nrt
Deadweight	2,425 tons
Length	73.19m (240.2ft)
Breadth	11.00m (36.1ft)
Depth	6.49m (21.3ft)
Draught	5.662m (18ft 7in)
Engines	Triple-expansion steam engine
Engine builders	Earle's Shipbuilding & Engineering Co Ltd
Works	Hull
Country	UK
Power	900 ihp
Propulsion	Single screw
Speed	10 knots
Passenger capacity	Nil
Cargo capacity	2,914 cubic metres (102,940 cubic feet)
Crew	21 (3 officers, 6 seamen, 2 petty officers, 1 steward, 1 cook, 1 boy, 2 engineers and 5 firemen)
Employment	East Coast feeder service

**Career**

- n.d.:* Laid down for The Shipping Controller, London. Purchased by The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company for £69,041 together with another coaster, *Redcar*.
- 13.09.1919:* Launched. She slid into the water so fast that she ran on to the opposite bank of the River Ouse, and it was possible to walk under her hull at low tide.
- 05.12.1919:* Ran trials.
- 08.12.1919:* Delivered as *Eston* for The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. *Eston* is a town on Tees-side in northeast England.
- 26.01.1940:* Sailed from Hull for Blyth and disappeared. She was reported off Blyth two days later and is presumed to have struck a mine the same day. One boat was washed ashore on 29<sup>th</sup> January 1940 and another, and the body of a seaman, the next day. No other traces of the vessel were found.

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