



Ship Fact Sheet



MOMBASA (1950)

Base data at 29 January 1950. Compiled October 2009

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	Passenger/cargo liner
P&O Group service	1950-1961
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd
Builders	Henry Robb Ltd
Yard	Leith
Country	UK
Yard number	379
Registry	London, UK
Official number	183181
Signal Letters	
Call sign	GFLR
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	2,213 grt
Net tonnage	1,090 nrt
Deadweight	1,364 tons
Length	77.87m (255.5ft)
Breadth	13.13m (43.1ft)
Depth	5.79m (19.0ft)
Draught	4.419m (14.5ft)
Engines	2 x 5-cylinder 2 SCSA Polar diesel engines
Engine builders	British Polar Engines Ltd
Works	Glasgow
Country	UK
Power	1,600 bhp
Propulsion	Twin screw
Speed	12 knots (service); 13.8 knots (trials)
Passenger capacity	8 first class, 16 second class, 250 deck passengers
Cargo capacity	56 cubic metres (2,000 cubic feet) refrigerated
Crew	
Employment	Mombasa/Tanga/Zanzibar/Dar-es-Salaam/Lindi service

Career

- 21.10.1949: Launched.
- 29.01.1950: Delivered as *Mombasa* for the British India Steam Navigation Company.
- 16.09.1951: The *Mombasa* lay alongside Kilindini harbour together with six other BI ships, occupying every available berth, to welcome the new *Kenya* on her maiden voyage. This became known a 'BI Sunday'.
- 15.09.1953: With the Governor of Tangyanika, Sir Edward Twining, on board she was the first commercial vessel to come alongside the newly-constructed deep water wharf at Mtwara, which became her southern terminal.
- 18.08.1960: Made her final BI scheduled arrival at Mombasa and was almost immediately despatched to a berth at Port Reitz where she was laid up pending sale.
- 18.10.1961: Sold for £130,000 to Crescent Shipping Lines Ltd, Karachi, and renamed *Kareem*. During her 10 years on the East African coast, she carried 200,000 passengers and 250,000 tons of cargo.
- 14.04.1968: Broken up at Karachi.

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