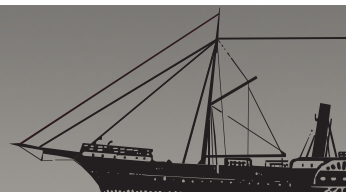




Ship Fact Sheet



MONOWAI (1890)

Base data at 1 July 1917. Compiled January 2009

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	Passenger/cargo liner
P&O Group service	1917-1926
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand
Builders	Wm Denny & Bros
Yard	Dumbarton
Country	UK
Yard number	432
Registry	Dunedin, NZ
Official number	84497
Signal letters	
Call sign	
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	3,433 grt
Net tonnage	2,137 nrt
Deadweight	
Length	100.58m (330.0ft)
Breadth	12.86m (42.2ft)
Depth	7.56m (24.8ft)
Draught	
Engines	Triple-expansion steam engine
Engine builders	Wm Denny & Bros
Works	Dumbarton
Country	UK
Power	330 nhp
Propulsion	Single screw
Speed	13 knots (service); 14.87 knots (trials)
Passenger capacity	132 first class, 96 second class
Cargo capacity	3,276 cubic metres (115,720 cubic feet)
Crew	99
Employment	Trans-Tasman route

Career

- 11.12.1889: Launched.
- 18.03.1890: Left the yard for trials.
- 04.04.1890: Delivered as *Monowai* for Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand at a cost of £81,624. She steamed Clyde to Port Chalmers, a total of 21,764km (13,524 miles), without stopping.
- 12.1890: She was the finest passenger ship on the San Francisco service (she had replaced *Mararoa*).
- 1894: Her fastest passage from San Francisco delivered the mails from London to Auckland in a record 31 days.
- 10.1894: Withdrawn to replace the lost ship *Wairarapa*.
- 1895: Resumed her trans-Pacific service with Oceanic's *Alameda* and *Mariposa*.
- 1897: Replaced by *Moana*. Transferred to the trans-Tasman route.
- 1900: Trooped New Zealand/South Africa during the Boer War.
- 15.10.1901: Off Bluff she shed her propeller and drifted.
- 18.10.1901: When she failed to arrive at Hobart *Makoia* set out to search for her. Her estimated drift was correct and she was towed into Port Chalmers on 25th October.
- 09.1907: Suffered engine failure during a voyage from Sydney to Auckland. Again it was *Mohoia* who found her and towed her into Sydney on 15th September.
- 26.12.1910: Suffered a fire while at Dunedin.
- 15.08.1914: Carried troops to Samoa arriving at Apia on August 30th where the German garrison surrendered.
- 01.07.1917: Takeover of the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand by The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company agreed.
- 07.09.1920: Finished service and laid up at Port Chalmers.
- 1926: Reduced to a hulk.
- 12.1926: Towed by *Katoa* to Gisborne.
- 12.12.1926: Sunk as a breakwater at Whareongaonga Harbour, Gisborne.

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