



# Ship Fact Sheet



## OZARDA (1940)

Base data at 11 January 1940. Compiled October 2009

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

Type	General cargo liner
P&O Group service	1940-1970
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former names(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd
Builders	Barclay, Curle & Co Ltd
Yard	Glasgow
Country	UK
Yard number	673
Registry	London, UK
Official number	167379
Signal letters	
Call sign	GFBF
IMO/LR number	5267811
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	6,895 grt
Net tonnage	4,056 nrt
Deadweight	9,050 tons
Length	134.44m (441.1ft) loa; 128.01m (420.0ft) b/p
Breadth	17.37m (57.0ft)
Depth	10.54m (34.6ft)
Draught	7.802m (25.6ft)
Engines	4-cylinder 2 SCSA Doxford diesel engine
Engine builders	Barclay, Curle & Co Ltd
Works	Glasgow
Country	UK
Power	3,400 bhp
Propulsion	Single screw
Speed	11 knots
Passenger capacity	
Cargo capacity	13,799 cubic metres (487,307 cubic feet)
Crew	
Employment*	Eastern services

**Career**

- 14.11.1939: Launched.
- 11.01.1940: Completed as *Ozarda* for the British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd.
- 03.1940: Requisitioned under the Liner Division.
- 1942: Carried 2,000 prisoners of war and a large number of vehicles from Tobruk to Alexandria. On a return voyage from Malta a U-boat fired a torpedo at her, but it missed.
- Early 1943: Fitted for the carriage of cased petrol, becoming the first British ship to enter the inner harbour of Tripoli after its recapture on 23<sup>rd</sup> January.
- 1943: Bombed in Tripoli harbour and a homing torpedo was exploded by rifle fire only some 30m (100ft) from the ship. She escaped unscathed.
- 07.1943: Took part in the invasion of Sicily being again attacked by bombers and suffering splinter damage.
- 08.02.1954: During a voyage from Karachi to Bahrein she rescued the crew of the dhow *Karimi* which had sprung a leak. All on board were transferred to the BI ship before the inflow had triumphed and the coasting craft disappeared beneath the Arabian Sea.
- 1960: Employed on the company's Eastern service after the war, she made several voyages to the UK.
- 16.08.1970: Sold to Epidavros Compania Naviera SA, Panama, and renamed *Epidavros*.
- 23.07.1972: Sold for breaking up, she arrived at Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

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