



Ship Fact Sheet



PORT WAIKATO (1929)

Base data at 5 December 1947. Compiled October 2009

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	General cargo ship
P&O Group service	1947-1959
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand
Builders	Henry Robb Ltd
Yard	Leith
Country	UK
Yard number	113
Registry	Auckland, NZ
Official number	160675
Signal letters	
Call sign	
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	676 grt
Net tonnage	368 nrt
Deadweight	
Length	54.92m (180.2ft)
Breadth	8.83m (29.0ft)
Depth	3.29m (10.8ft)
Draught	
Engines	2 x 4-cylinder 2 SCSA diesel engine
Engine builders	Atlas Diesel A/B
Works	Stockholm
Country	Sweden
Power	180 hp
Propulsion	Single screw
Speed	10 knots
Passenger capacity	
Cargo capacity	
Crew	
Employment	

Career

- 1920: Originally laid down by Dublin Shipbuilding Co Ltd, Dublin as Yard Number 15. The frames were dismantled and taken to Leith where they were relaid.
- 01.10.1929: Launched.
- 11.1929: Completed as *Port Waikato* for Captain A F Watchlin, Auckland.
- 11.11.1935: Involved in a collision with the *Coronation* at Auckland.
- 31.07.1939: Suffered damage while off Black Head.
- 1940: On bareboat charter to Holm Shipping Company, Wellington. It employed her on the Chatham Islands service until 1958.
- 11.1944: Suffered a broken intermediate shaft. The Wellington tug *Toia* was sent to tow the vessel back.
- 02.1946: Once again suffered a broken intermediate shaft. The Wellington tug *Toia* was sent to tow the vessel back.
- 05.12.1947: Taken over by the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand but remained on charter to Holm & Co.
- 20.12.1947: Suffered a fire while at Wellington.
- 05.1948: Got a wire rope around her propeller and had to be towed back to Wellington by the *Kamo*.
- 06.08.1954: Grounded near Ohau Point causing damage to her bottom plates.
- 1958: Broke down on the passage and was towed to Lyttelton by HMNZS *Kaniere*.
- 02.1959: Sold to the Lanena Shipping Co Ltd, Hong Kong.
- 12.02.1959: Sailed in tow of the tug *Inglis* for Hong Kong.
- 26.06.1961: Broken up in Hong Kong.

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