



Ship Fact Sheet



PRIDE OF BILBAO (1986)

Base data at 15 April 1993. Last amended February 2010

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	Roll-on/roll-off passenger ferry
P&O Group service	1993-2006
P&O Group status*	Chartered by subsidiary company
Former name(s)	Olympia
Registered owners*	Irish Continental Group (non Group Company) and chartered to P&O European Ferries (Portsmouth) Ltd
Managers and operators*	P&O European Ferries (Portsmouth) Ltd
Builders	Oy Wartsila Ab
Yard	Turku/Abo
Country	Finland
Yard number	1290
Registry*	Nassau, Bahamas
Official number*	713527
Call sign*	C6MF8
IMO/LR number	8414582
Classification society	Bureau Veritas
Gross tonnage	37,583 gt
Net tonnage	23,730 nt
Deadweight	4,000 tonnes
Length	176.82m (580.1ft) loa inc b/b
Breadth	28.41m (93.2ft)
Depth	14.66m (48.1ft)
Draught	6.719m (22.0ft)
Engines	4 Pielstick diesel engines
Engine builders	Oy Wartsila Ab
Works	Turku/Abo
Country	Finland
Power	31,252 bhp/22,988 kW
Propulsion	2 controllable pitch propellers and 2 transverse thrusters forward
Speed	22 knots
Passenger capacity	2,500
Cargo capacity	1,120 lane metres
Crew	198
Employment	Portsmouth/Bilbao and Portsmouth/Cherbourg ferry services

Career

- 10.09.1984: Ordered.
- 01.07.1985: Keel laid.
- 31.08.1985: Launched.
- 18.04.1986: Completed as *Olympia* for Rederi AB Slite (Viking Line, managers) for the daily Stockholm/Helsinki ferry service.
- 1993: Rederi AB Slite suffered financial problems and declared bankruptcy. Sold to Irish Continental Group and immediately chartered to P&O European Ferries (Portsmouth) Ltd.
- 15.04.1993: Delivered on charter to P&O European Ferries (Portsmouth) Ltd for employment on a twice-weekly (26 hour) Portsmouth/Bilbao service nominally by Ferries Golfo de Viscaya, a partnership with Vaporez Suardiaz. Renamed *Pride of Bilbao*.
- 28.04.1993: Maiden sailing from Portsmouth to Bilbao.
- 30.06.1994: Vaporez Suardiaz withdraws from Ferries Golfo de Viscaya partnership.
- 28.11.1994: Ownership transferred to Zatarga Ltd (non-Group company). Registered at Portsmouth, UK. Official number 723527, call sign now MTDM5.
- 2002: Underwent a major refurbishment during which her public spaces were updated. Transferred to P&O Ferries Ltd.
- 03.2006: DP World bought The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, therefore the vessel was no longer in P&O service.
- 2008: Registry transferred to Nassau, Bahamas.
- 15.01.2010: P&O Ferries announced the closure of the Portsmouth/Bilbao service in September. The lease on the ship will also be expiring at the same time.
Still reported in service with P&O Ferries Ltd. For the most recent ship information, please contact them directly.

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