



Ship Fact Sheet



RANGITANE (1949)

Base data at 15 December 1949. Compiled October 2009

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

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| Type | Passenger/cargo liner |
| P&O Group service | 1949-1968 |
| P&O Group status | Owned by subsidiary company |
| Former name(s) | |
| Registered owners*, managers and operators | New Zealand Shipping Company Ltd |
| Builders | John Brown & Co Ltd |
| Yard | Clydebank |
| Country | UK |
| Yard number | 648 |
| Registry | London, UK |
| Official number | 183153 |
| Call sign | GDBV |
| IMO/LR number | 5290167 |
| Classification society | Lloyd's Register |
| Gross tonnage | 21,867 grt |
| Net tonnage | 12,412 nrt |
| Deadweight | 14,700 tons |
| Length | 167.64m (609.2ft) loa; 161.84m (587.5 ft) b/p |
| Breadth | 21.39m (78.2ft) |
| Depth | 11.61m (48.7ft) |
| Draught | 10.302m (32.1ft) |
| Engines | 2 x 6-cylinder 2 SCSA Doxford diesel engines |
| Engine builders | John Brown & Co Ltd |
| Works | Clydebank |
| Country | UK |
| Power | 16,000 bhp |
| Propulsion | Twin screw |
| Speed | 17 knots |
| Passenger capacity | 416 one class |
| Cargo capacity | 19,202 cubic metres (678,112 cubic feet) including 14,005 cubic metres (494,581 cubic feet) refrigerated |
| Crew | |
| Employment | UK/New Zealand via Panama Canal service |

Career

- 30.06.1949: Launched by the Duchess of Gloucester.
- 15.12.1949: Delivered as *Rangitane* to the New Zealand Shipping Company. Rangitane means 'paramount chief's daughter'.
- 27.01.1950: Maiden voyage London/Southampton/Panama/Auckland/Wellington.
- 08.03.1951: Grounded in the River Scheldt off Terneuzen, inward bound from London to Antwerp. She was refloated by tugs the following day.
- 17.12.1952: Suffered a fire in the cargo in No.1 hold at Auckland.
- 10.07.1953: Sailed from London for Auckland but suffered a breakdown in the starboard engine and returned on the 11th. She sailed again the following day but returned once more on the 13th with a burnt out shaft bearing. She finally sailed again on the 19th.
- 02.1956: Had engine trouble when approaching Panama northbound and missed a complete round voyage while being repaired in Glasgow.
- 10.1959: Hit in the Panama Canal by the American vessel *Hawaiian Tourist*, but damage to her stern was repaired in four days.
- 04.1960: She was the first northbound New Zealand Shipping Company ship to call at Papeete, Tahiti.
- 06.1965: Had her mainmast removed.
- 1967: Ownership transferred to the Federal Steam Navigation Company (New Zealand Shipping Company, managers).
- 30.03.1968: Left Auckland on her final New Zealand voyage.
- 22.05.1968: Sold for £210,000 to Astrogardia Cia Nav, Greece, and renamed *Jan* for a voyage to Kaohsiung, Taiwan for breaking up.
- 10.1968: On arrival she was resold to C Y Tung's Oriental Latin America Lines Inc, Liberia, and renamed *Oriental Esmeralda*. She was refitted at Hong Kong for round-the-world service.
- 1969: Passenger accommodation now 350 first class.
- 10.02.1976: Laid up at Hong Kong.
- 02.04.1976: Arrived at Kaohsiung and sold to I Shing Steel & Iron Works Co Ltd.
- 13.04.1976: Delivered to breakers.
- 21.06.1976: Demolition began.

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