



# Ship Fact Sheet



## SOCOTRA (1897)

Base data at 13 February 1897. Last amended November 2008

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

Type	General cargo liner
P&O Group service	1897-1915
P&O Group status	Owned by parent company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company
Builders	Palmer's Shipbuilding & Iron Company Ltd
Yard	Hebburn-on-Tyne
Country	UK
Yard number	716
Registry	Newcastle, UK
Official number	106612
Signal letters	PNMW
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	6,009 grt
Net tonnage	3,896 nrt
Deadweight*	8,652 tons
Length	137.11m (450.0ft)
Breadth	15.90m (52.2ft)
Depth	9.29m (30.5ft)
Draught*	7.884m (25ft 10½in)
Engines	Triple-expansion steam engines
Engine builders	Palmer's Shipbuilding & Iron Company Ltd
Works	Hebburn-on-Tyne
Country	UK
Power	4,500 ihp
Propulsion	Twin screw
Speed	14 knots
Passenger capacity	Nil
Cargo capacity	12,053 cubic metres (425,709 cubic feet)
Crew [1914]	99 (23 European, 76 Asian). Deck 14 European, 22 Asian; engine room 8 European, 45 Asian; purser's department 1 European, 9 Asian
Employment	UK/Far East services

**Career**

- 03.12.1896: Launched by Mrs A M Palmer, wife of a director of her builders.  
10.02.1897: Ran trials.  
11.02.1897: Registered.  
13.02.1897: Left builders as *Socotra* for The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company at a cost of £80,549.  
1897: Maiden voyage to China.  
1903: Collided with the steamer *Dallington* off the Belgian coast.  
03.1909: Deadweight 8,897 tons. Draught 8.011m (26ft 3½in).  
26.11.1915: Stranded near Le Touquet when on a voyage from Durban to London with wool and general cargo, due to an error over navigation lights. There were no casualties, and the cargo was discharged by the ship's own gear before she broke her back in heavy weather.

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