## ZIRA (1972) later VOSGES

Base data at 9 November 1972. Last amended January 2010 \* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type Refrigerated cargo liner

P&O Group service 1972-1986

P&O Group status\* Owned by parent company

Former name(s)

Registered owners\* The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation

Company

Managers\* and operators\* P&O General Cargo Division

Builders Swan Hunter Shipbuilders Ltd Yard Readhead Shipyard South Shields

Country UK Yard number 45

Lengthened (1979) Officine Marittime SpA

Yard Genoa Country Italy

Registry\*London, UKOfficial number358491Call signGOZFIMO/LR number7204411

Classification society Lloyd's Register

Gross tonnage\* 6,088 grt
Net tonnage\* 2,536 nrt
Deadweight\* 6,634 tons

Length\* 132.24m (434.0ft) loa inc b/b; 122.60m (402.2ft) b/p

 Breadth\*
 19.53m (64.1ft)

 Depth\*
 11.77m (38.6ft)

 Draught\*
 8.372m (27.4ft)

Engines 6-cylinder 2 SCSA Doxford diesel engine

Engine builders Doxford & Sunderland Ltd

Works Sunderland

Country UK

Power12,000 bhpPropulsionSingle screwSpeed18 knots

Passenger capacity

Cargo capacity 7,627 cubic metres (269,400 cubic feet) insulated

Crew

Employment Crusader Line New Zealand/Japan service

Nil

## Career

Ordered by British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd but was not

able to be delivered before P&O's reorganisation.

01.02.1972: Launched.

09.11.1972: Delivered as Zira for The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation

Company Ltd (P&O General Cargo Division, managers).

15.10.1975: Renamed Vosges when chartered to Israeli interests. Placed on

Israel/Marseilles service.

1979: Lengthened by Officine Marittime SpA, Genoa. Tonnages now 6,406

gross, 3,235 net, 8,026 deadweight; length 148.23m (486.4ft) loa inc b/b, 137.86m (452.3ft) b/p, depth 11.73m (38.5ft), draught 8.150m (26.8ft); cargo capacity 9,627 cubic metres (340,012 cubic feet)

insulated.

27.12.1979: Returned to service.

1980: Managers/operators restyled P&O Deep Sea Cargo Division.

1983: Management and operation transferred to P&O Bulk Shipping Ltd.

17.04.1984: Ownership transferred to Panilette Ltd, Hong Kong.

19.06.1986: Sold to Ofer Brothers (Ships) Ltd, Ashdod, Israel, and renamed Galia

Carmel.

1996: Renamed *Carmel Exotic.* 05.2004: Sold to be broken up.

07.05.2004: Demolition commenced at Alang, India.

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