



Ship Fact Sheet



CATHAY (1957)

Base data at 28 February 1961. Last amended November 2009

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

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| Type | Passenger liner |
| P&O Group service | 1961-1976 |
| P&O Group status | Owned by parent company |
| Former name(s) | Baudouinville |
| Registered owners*, managers* and operators* | The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company |
| Builders | S A Cockerill-Ougree |
| Yard | Hoboken |
| Country | Belgium |
| Yard number | 778 |
| Registry | London, UK |
| Official number | 302618 |
| Call sign | GHNV |
| IMO/LR number | 5066229 |
| Classification society | Lloyd's Register |
| Gross tonnage | 13,809 grt |
| Net tonnage | 7,646 nrt |
| Deadweight | 11,053 tons |
| Length | 170.01m (557.8ft) |
| Breadth | 24.33m (70.1ft) |
| Depth | 12.37m (40.6ft) |
| Draught | 8.560m (28.1ft) |
| Engines | 2 Parsons double-reduction geared steam turbines |
| Engine builders | S A Cockerill-Ougree |
| Works | Seraing |
| Country | Belgium |
| Power | 9,500 shp |
| Propulsion | Single screw |
| Speed | 17 knots |
| Passenger capacity | 235 tourist class (209 adults, 26 children) |
| Cargo capacity | 12,865 cubic metres (454,331 cubic feet) including 476 cubic metres (16,820 cubic feet) refrigerated |
| Crew | |
| Employment* | UK/Far East service |

Career

- 10.01.1957: Launched.
- 17.10.1957: Completed as *Baudouinville* for Compagnie Maritime Belge (Lloyd Royal) SA (Agence Maritime Internationale SA, managers) Belgium. Operated on CMB's Antwerp/Lobito and Matadi (Belgian Congo) service.
- 11.02.1961: Completed last voyage for CMB.
- 28.02.1961: Purchased by The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company and renamed *Cathay*.
- 12.04.1961: Maiden sailing for P&O, taking stores and most of her crew from *Corfu*.
- 16.11.1969: Ownership, management and operation transferred to Eastern and Australian Steam Ship Co Ltd, London, to operate their Australia/Far East/Japan service in place of *Aramac*, whose crew she took over.
- 08.1971: En route Keelung to Kobe when she received six survivors from the sinking Japanese freighter *Yasutaka Maru*.
- 01.10.1971: Management transferred to P&O Passenger Division.
- 1975: Service closed due to loss of cargo to containerisation.
- 28.01.1976: Sold to Nan Yang Shipping Company, China, as an officer training ship and renamed *Kenghsin*.
- 1977: Registered under China Ocean Shipping Company and renamed *Shanghai*.
- 1983: Transferred to Shanghai Hai Xing Shipping Company.
- 1998: Still reported in operation.

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