



# Ship Fact Sheet



## DARTFORD (1877)

Base data at 1 July 1917. Compiled January 2009

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

Type*	General cargo ship
P&O Group service	1917-1946
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand
Builders	Mounsey & Foster
Yard	Sunderland
Country	UK
Yard number	80
Registry	Dunedin, NZ
Official number	76975
Signal letters	
Call sign	
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage*	1,327 grt
Net tonnage	1,274 nrt
Deadweight	
Length	67.51m (221.5 ft)
Breadth	10.97m (36.0 ft)
Depth	6.67m (21.9 ft)
Draught	
Construction (if not steel)	Iron
Engines	
Engine builders	
Works	
Country	
Power	
Propulsion	Sail
Speed	
Passenger capacity	
Cargo capacity	
Crew	
Employment	

**Career**

- 05.1877: Built as *Dartford* for John T Morton of London.  
1883: Ownership transferred to George Traill & Sons, London.  
1900: Sold to D Corsar & Sons, London and used as a tramping collier.  
03.1908: Acquired by Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand for use as their cadet training ship followed by the barque *Loch Lomond* in July but the latter was lost without a trace on her delivery voyage to be fitted out.  
12.1908: Embarked cadets. Served trans-Pacific.  
1912: Replaced as a cadet ship by *Aparima*. Reduced to a de-rigged hulk at Wellington.  
1914: Converted to a Lighter.  
01.07.1917: Takeover of the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand by The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company agreed.  
1918: Re-rigged as a barque due to shortages of ships for the war. Re-measured. Now 1,312 grt.  
1921: Reduced again to a coal hulk mainly for use at Auckland.  
07.1946: Beached on Rangitoto Island for dismantling.

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