



# Ship Fact Sheet



## DWARKA (1947)

Base data at 25 June 1947. Last amended October 2009

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

Type	Passenger-cargo liner
P&O Group service	1947-1982
P&O Group status*	Owned by subsidiary company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners*	British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd
Managers*	Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co
Operators*	British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd
Builders	Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd
Yard	Low Walker, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Country	UK
Yard number	1828
Registry	London, UK
Official number	181650
Call sign	GCKS
IMO/LR number	5095270
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	4,851 grt
Net tonnage	2,627 nrt
Deadweight	4,525 tons
Length	121.48m (398.7ft) loa; 116.48m (382.3ft) b/p
Breadth	16.70m (54.8 ft)
Depth	7.19m (23.6ft)
Draught	6.705m (22.0ft)
Engines	5-cylinder 2 SCSA Doxford diesel engine
Engine builders	Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd
Works	Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Country	UK
Power	4,200 bhp
Propulsion	Single screw
Speed	13.5 knots (service); 15.29 knots (trials)
Passenger capacity*	20 first class, 32 second class, 534 berthed deck, 533 unberthed deck
Cargo capacity	6,013 cubic metres (212,384 cubic feet)
Crew	130
Employment	India and Pakistan/Persian Gulf service

**Career**

- 25.10.1946: Launched by Mrs G F Hotblack, wife of a British India SNGo director.
- 25.06.1947: Delivered as *Dwarka* to the British India Steam Navigation Company. Dwarka is a town south of the Gulf of Kutch in Gujerat; the name was previously used by BISNGo in 1894 and 1922.
- 29.09.1953: Two Somali deck passengers ran amuck after a dispute over the price of food. Three crew members were killed and eleven injured before the Somalis were restrained.
- 19.06.1961: When she was leaving Muscat for Karachi, there was a minor explosion in No.1 hatch and one person was injured but damage was minor and she resumed her voyage.
- 1965: Rendezvous at Muscat during the Indo-Pakistan War when her Indian passengers were exchanged for Pakistanis aboard BI's *Santhia*, supervised by the Sultan's police and the frigate HMS *Nubian*.
- 01.10.1971: Management and operation transferred to P&O General Cargo Division.
- 19.04.1973: Ownership transferred to The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.
- 30.05.1975: She reverted to British India Steam Navigation Company ownership.
- 02.1977: P&O General Cargo Division restyled P&O Strath Services.
- 1977: Passenger accommodation altered. Deck passengers' allocation replaced by 445 bunked.
- 03.1981: P&O Strath Services merged into P&O Deep Sea Cargo Division.
- 1979: Featured in a BBC television documentary 'Dwarka: An Arabian Voyage' in the 'World About Us' series.
- 1979: Refit at Keppel Shipyard, Singapore, when her little-used refrigerated cargo space was converted to passenger accommodation with 80 bunks.
- 1981: Used for location filming for Richard Attenborough's 'Gandhi' in Bombay.
- 15.05.1982: Last voyage ended in Bombay.
- 23.05.1982: Sold to Zulfiqar Metals Ltd, Pakistan.
- 13.06.1982: Demolition commenced at Gadani Beach.

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