



Ship Fact Sheet



ESSEX (1954)

Base data at 30 April 1954. Compiled November 2009

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	Refrigerated cargo liner
P&O Group service	1954-1975
P&O Group status*	Owned by subsidiary company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners*, managers* and operators*	Federal Steam Navigation Company Ltd
Builders	John Brown & Co (Clydebank) Ltd
Yard	Clydebank
Country	UK
Yard number	674
Registry	London, UK
Official number	186048
Call sign	GMMML
IMO/LR number	5106639
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	10,936 grt
Net tonnage	6,090 nrt
Deadweight	12,550 tons
Length	160.29m (525.9ft) loa; 149.35m (490.0ft) b/p
Breadth	21.36m (70.1ft)
Depth	13.56m (44.5ft)
Draught	9.326m (30.6ft)
Engines	2 x 12-cylinder 2 SCSA Sulzer diesel engines, single reduction geared to 1 screw
Engine builders	John Brown & Co (Clydebank) Ltd
Works	Clydebank
Country	UK
Power	11,500 bhp
Propulsion	Single screw
Speed	16 knots
Passenger capacity	
Cargo capacity	18,766 cubic metres (662,730 cubic feet) including 13,475 cubic metres (475,920 cubic feet) insulated
Crew	71
Employment	UK/Continent/Australia/New Zealand service

Career

- 21.12.1953: Launched by Lady Freyberg. She bumped P&O's *Arcadia* which was nearing completion in the basin, but only slight damage was done to either ship.
- 30.04.1954: Delivered as *Essex* to the Federal Steam Navigation Company Ltd. She was a sister to the New Zealand Shipping Company's *Otaki*.
- 04.10.1956: Scraped her bottom along No.1 Black Beacon off Goat Island, Otago harbour outward bound from Dunedin to Timaru. Temporary repairs effected in a floating dock at Wellington. She was later dry-docked for 6 weeks at Falmouth.
- 26.04.1971: Stuck Butler's wall when leaving Gisborne, damaging her bow. Returned for repairs.
- 01.10.1971: Management transferred to P&O General Cargo Division.
- 19.04.1973: Ownership transferred to The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.
- 18.12.1975: Sold for \$650,000 to Guan Guan Shipping (Pte) Ltd, Singapore, and renamed *Golden Gulf*.
- 1977: Sold to Pakistan shipbreakers.
- 13.11.1977: Arrived at Gadani Beach for demolition.

- ends -