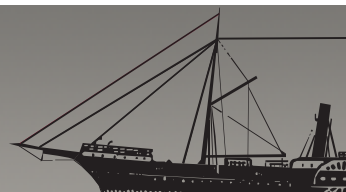




Ship Fact Sheet



FORMOSA (1892)

Base data at 12 April 1892. Last amended November 2008

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	Passenger/cargo liner
P&O Group service	1892-1909
P&O Group status	Owned by parent company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company
Builders	Naval Construction & Armaments Co Ltd
Yard	Barrow-in-Furness
Country	UK
Yard number	196
Registry	Barrow, UK
Official number	93427
Signal letters	
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	4,045 grt
Net tonnage	2,616 nrt
Deadweight	5,734 tons
Length	117.31m (385.0ft)
Breadth	13.77m (45.2ft)
Depth	8.53m (28.0ft)
Draught	7.744m (25ft 5in)
Engines	Triple-expansion steam engine
Engine builders	Naval Construction & Armaments Co Ltd
Works	Barrow-in-Furness
Country	UK
Power	3,000 ihp
Propulsion	Single screw
Speed	11 knots
Passenger capacity	30 first class
Cargo capacity	7,460 cubic metres (263,500 cubic feet)
Crew	
Employment	India and Far East 'intermediate' services

Career

12.03.1892: Launched.
07.04.1892: Registered.
12.04.1892: Sailed from the builders as *Formosa* for The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company Ltd.
1899: Requisitioned for service as a troopship during the Boer War.
1900: Trooped to China.
23.07.1904: Seized by the Russian cruiser *Smolensk* in the Red Sea on the suspicion that she was carrying contraband to Japan.
26.07.1904: Arrived at Suez and released the following day following Government intervention. The Russian Government subsequently paid compensation.
1908: Laid up in Royal Victoria Dock, London, after failing to reach her reserve price at auction.
09.1909: Sailed for Bo'ness where she was broken up by Forth Shipbreaking Company Ltd.

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