



Ship Fact Sheet



KIRITONA (1909)

Base data at 7 September 1916. Compiled December 2008

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	Lighter
P&O Group service	1916-1942
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners*	New Zealand Shipping Company Ltd
Managers and operator*	Richardson & Company Ltd
Builders	C Bailey Jnr
Yard	Auckland
Country	New Zealand
Yard number	
Registry	Napier, NZ
Official number	121592
Signal letters	
Call sign	
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	136 grt
Net tonnage	75 nrt
Deadweight	
Length	26.51m (87.0ft)
Breadth	7.46m (24.5ft)
Depth	2.59m (8.5ft)
Draught	
Construction (if not steel)	Wood hull
Engines	6 cylinder SCSA semi-diesel engine
Engine builders	Standard Oil Engine Co
Works	San Francisco, CA
Country	USA
Power	150 bhp
Propulsion	Single screw
Speed	7 knots
Passenger capacity	
Cargo capacity	
Crew	
Employment	Lightering at Tokomaru Bay

Career

- 16.10.1909: Launched.
- 06.12.1909: Registered as *Kiritona* for New Zealand Shipping Company Ltd.
- 09.1912: Bareboat chartered to Richardson & Co Ltd, Napier, who were the New Zealand Shipping Co's lightering contractors at that port and at Gisborne.
- 29.11.1912: Suffered a fire in the cargo at Port Ahuriri, Napier.
- 07.09.1916: Takeover of the New Zealand Shipping Co by The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company agreed.
- 06.03.1918: Fire broke out while at Port Ahuriri, Napier.
- 13.12.1918: Grounded off of East Cape.
- 10.09.1919: Engineroom fire at Gisborne.
- 01.08.1922: Collided with the lighter *Fanny* at Napier.
- 13.10.1925: Sold to Richardson & Company Ltd, Napier.
- 26.03.1926: Broke her foremast at Waikokopu and had it replaced in 04.1926.
- 14.04.1942: Requisitioned by the Government of New Zealand.
- 16.10.1942: Purchased by the Government of New Zealand. She served in the Royal New Zealand Navy as a degaussing vessel and later as a repair ship.
- 10.1945: Her engines were removed and she was converted to a dumb store lighter.
- 06.1955: Dismantled and the hull sold to Parry Bros Ltd, Auckland, as a store ship for barge gear.
- 1961: Broken up at Auckland.

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