



Ship Fact Sheet



KOAU (1917)

Base data at August 1917. Compiled February 2009

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	General cargo ship
P&O Group service	1917-1952
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	Richardson & Company
Builders	Brown & Sons
Yard	Te Kopuru
Country	New Zealand
Yard number	
Registry	
Official number	121596
Signal letters	
Call sign	
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	144 grt
Net tonnage	77 nrt
Deadweight	
Length	26.73m (87.7ft)
Breadth	6.70m (22.0ft)
Depth	2.89m (9.5ft)
Draught	
Construction (if not steel)	
Engines*	Twin standard O E Co petrol engines
Engine builders	
Works	
Country	
Power*	85 bhp each
Propulsion	
Speed	
Passenger capacity	
Cargo capacity	
Crew	
Employment	

Career

- 1917: Completed.
- 17.07.1918: Stranded in the Wairoa River, sustaining slight damage.
- 02.11.1926: Stranded in Wangaehu Bay, although she did not sustain any damage.
- 09.1929/11.1929: Re-engined at Auckland with twin Fairbanks-Morse 3-cylinder diesels each developing 75 bhp.
- 02.01.1929: Collided with the launch *Venture* at Napier.
- 22.11.1933: Collided with the launch *Doris* at Napier.
- 26.02.1935: Damaged her port engine while on a voyage from Napier to Tolaga Bay.
- 28.11.1940: Damaged her propellers.
- 27.04.1941: Involved in a collision with the lighter *Moa* at Napier.
- 11.06.1942: Broke her tailshaft off in Hawke's Bay. She was towed to Gisborne, and then to Napier for repairs.
- 08.1942/11.1942: Had her wheelhouse enclosed in an extensive refit.
- 09.1950: Had a deckhouse added to the after end of the foredeck.
- 04.1952: Sold to the Southern Cross Shipping Company, Picton (Holm & Co, managers).
- 09.1952: Renamed *Picton*.
- 1955: Re-engined with twin 6-cylinder Gardner diesels each developing 114 bhp. Re-measured. Now 150 grt, 75 nrt.
- 02.01.1959: Stranded on a mudbank while leaving Waitapu for Lyttelton. She was refloated undamaged three days later.
- 12.01.1959: Struck by the trawler *Taiaroa* while berthed at Wellington.
- 12.05.1961: Twice grounded on the spit while entering the Waimakariri River. She was refloated six days later and berthed at Kaiapoi.
- 31.05.1961: Towed to Lyttelton for repairs.
- 1963: Laid up at Wellington.
- 06.1964: Sold to the Picton Fishing Co for line fishing.
- 10.1964: Fitted with a freezer unit.
- 1965: Duties included crayfishing at the Chatham Islands.
- 10.07.1966: Her hull was pierced and fractured when a cradle bearer collapsed on the Lyttelton patent slip.
- 20.07.1978: Wrecked on Raoul Island while under charter to the Ministry of Transport. Her crew was rescued by HMNZS *Tui*.

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