



# Ship Fact Sheet



## LEOPARD (1968)

Base data at 15 December 1976. Last amended February 2010

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

Type	Roll-on/roll-off passenger ferry
P&O Group service	1976-1985
P&O Group status*	Owned by an associate company (owned)
Registered owners*, managers* and operators*	P&O Normandy Ferries Ltd (P&O interest 50%)
Builders	Ateliers et Chantiers de Bretagne
Yard	Nantes
Country	France
Yard number	16/109
Lengthened before completion by	Dubigeon-Normandie SA
Yard	Nantes
Country	France
Registry*	Le Havre, France
Official number	825
Call sign	FNWY
IMO/LR number	6809678
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	6,014 grt
Net tonnage	2,785 nrt
Deadweight	2,438 tonnes (2,400 tons)
Length	134.63m (441.7ft) loa; 126.50m (415.0ft) b/p
Breadth	21.87m (71.8ft)
Depth	11.74m (38.5ft)
Draught	4.827m (15.8ft)
Engines	2 SEMT-Pielstick diesels
Engine builders	Ateliers et Chantiers de Bretagne
Works	Nantes
Country	France
Power	9,467 bhp/6,964 kW
Propulsion	Twin controllable-pitch screws
Speed	19 knots
Passenger capacity	850 day, 791 night including 336 berths or couchettes, 466 sleeper seats
Cargo capacity	240 cars

Crew

Employment

Southampton/Le Havre ferry service

### Career

- 03.11.1967: Launched for SAGA (Soc. Anon. De Gerance et d'Armement), France. Lengthened prior to completion by Dubigeon-Normandie.
- 04.1968: Delivered as *Leopard*.
- 01.05.1968: Entered service on Southampton/Le Havre route in the colours of Normandy Ferries, a joint venture between SAGA and the P&O subsidiary General Steam Navigation Company Ltd.
- 18.05.1968: Inaugurated Le Havre/Rosslare weekly service that lasted until 1971.
- 11.1968: Opened Southampton/Lisbon/Casablanca service.
- 1971: Solely on Southampton/Le Havre service.
- 15.12.1976: Ownership, management and operation transferred to P&O Normandy Ferries Ltd (P&O interest 50%).
- 1977: Proposed transfer to the UK flag met with strike action.
- 01.1978: Lost her port screw in a gale. P&O submersible support ship *Subsea 2* bought a mini-submarine down from Aberdeen to locate and recover the screw 24km (15 miles) from Le Havre, after which a P&O truck took it to Middlesborough and the P&O ferry *Elk* took it to Göthenburg en route to its manufacturers in Sweden for overhaul and repair.
- 31.12.1979: P&O interest in P&O Normandy Ferries Ltd increased to 90%.
- 1984: Ownership transferred to Normandy Ferries (France) SA.
- 04.01.1985: Sold to European Ferries Plc although registered owners remained unchanged.
- 1986: Sold to Oscar Express Ferries Ltd., Cyprus and renamed *Countess M*.
- 2000: Renamed *Dimitra A*.
- 2001: Renamed *Mega I*.
- 2002: Operated by Five Star Lines and renamed *Talya I*.
- 29.05.2004: Broken up at Alang, India.

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