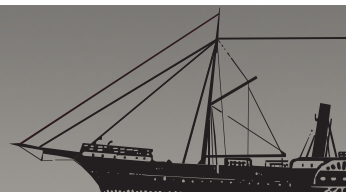




# Ship Fact Sheet



## NIKAU (1909)

Base data at 1 July 1917. Compiled January 2009

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

Type	General cargo ship
P&O Group service	1917-1954
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	Anchor Shipping & Foundry Ltd
Builders	Mackie & Thomson Ltd
Yard	Glasgow
Country	UK
Yard number	387
Registry	Nelson, NZ
Official number	93994
Signal letters	
Call sign	
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	248 grt
Net tonnage	98 nrt
Deadweight	
Length	36.63m (120.2ft)
Breadth	6.75m (22.1ft)
Depth	2.22m (7.3ft)
Draught	
Construction (if not steel)	
Engines*	Compound steam engine
Engine builders	
Works	
Country	
Power	54.6 nhp
Propulsion	Single screw
Speed	
Passenger capacity	
Cargo capacity	
Crew	
Employment	

**Career**

- 06.04.1909: Launched.
- 05.1909: Completed as *Nikau* for Anchor Shipping & Foundry Ltd.
- 25.06.1917: Damaged her propeller in the French Pass.
- 01.07.1917: Takeover of the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand (Anchor Shipping & Foundry a subsidiary company) by The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company agreed.
- 26.11.1917: Experienced propeller damage in Blind Bay.
- 18.03.1921: Ran aground in the French Pass.
- 05.02.1931: Had damage while in the Cook Strait.
- 1935: Converted to a motorship and re-engined with 2 diesels.
- 16.11.1937: Stranded while in Queen Charlotte Sound.
- 09.04.1938: Involved in a collision with *Rangitoto* at Nelson.
- 04.05.1938: Stranded at Motueka.
- 06.02.1943: Suffered a broken shaft while off Westport.
- 21.11.1944: Ran aground off Cape Campbell.
- 1954: Sold to Kiwi Shipping Co, Auckland
- 1955: Sold to the Northern Steam Ship Co, Auckland.
- 1956: Sold to Burns Philp (New Hebrides) Ltd, Port Vila.
- 05.12.1964: Wrecked at Loasia, off the east coast of Tanna Island, New Hebrides.

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