



Ship Fact Sheet



NIRVANA (1914)

Base data at 27 October 1914. Compiled December 2008

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	General cargo liner
P&O Group service	1914-1948
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd
Builders	W Gray & Co Ltd
Yard	West Hartlepool
Country	UK
Yard number	847
Registry	
Official number	136329
Signal letters	
Call sign	
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	6,031 grt
Net tonnage	3,768 nrt
Deadweight	10,012 tons
Length	137.31m (450.5ft)
Breadth	17.06m (56.0ft)
Depth	9.05m (29.7ft)
Draught	7.863m (25.8ft)
Engines	Triple-expansion steam engines
Engine builders	Central Marine Engine Works
Works	West Hartlepool
Country	UK
Power	3,492 ihp
Propulsion	Single screw
Speed	12.25 knots (trials)
Passenger capacity	6 passengers
Cargo capacity	15,965 cubic metres (563,798 cubic feet)
Crew	
Employment	

Career

- 03.09.1914: Launched.
- 27.10.1914: Ran trials and delivered as *Nirvana* for British India Steam Navigation Company. She was one of two N-class ships along with her sister *Nirpura*.
- 04.1915/
07.1919: Requisitioned as an Indian Expeditionary Force transport.
- 17.04.1917: Struck a mine laid by UC70 6.5km (4 miles) south of the Nab en route from Le Havre to Southampton with Government stores. She was towed into port and repaired.
- 29.05.1918: Missed by a torpedo from UB57 when sailing in the English Channel.
- 11.1918/
01.1919: Served two months in the service of the French Government.
- 18.07.1921: Fire broke out in her 'tween decks while she was loading at Middlesbrough. There was extensive damage to her cargo, although the ship itself sustained minimal damage.
- 30.04.1924: Struck a quay wall when she entered Queen Alexandra Dock at Cardiff and sustained damage to the port bow.
- 10.1927: A leak was discovered in her No.1 hold when she was 240km (150 miles) east of Socotra on her way from Fremantle to Britain. She arrived at Aden on 31st October where her cargo had to be discharged to enable repairs to be carried out.
- 24.01.1928: Ran aground at Shoalwater Point, Spencer Gulf on an outward voyage from Newport to Brisbane. She was refloated by her own efforts and once she was berthed, it was realised that she only sustained minimal damage.
- 06.01.1936: Fractured a plate below the waterline while in the Mediterranean causing a leak in the No.1 hold. She was forced into Malta to discharge her cargo before repairs could be completed.
- 03.1940: Taken up under the Liner Division.
- 08.1942/
04.1946: Served as a Mule Ship spending the majority of her time carrying horses, mules and donkeys between South Africa and India.
- 27.07.1948: Sold for £14,750 to British Iron & Steel Company.
- 04.08.1948: Scrapped by Metal Industries (Salvage) Ltd at Rosyth.

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