



Ship Fact Sheet



SIRDHANA (1947)

Base data at 9 December 1947. Compiled October 2009

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	Passenger/cargo liner
P&O Group service	1947-1972
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former name(s)	
Registered owners, managers* and operators*	British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd
Builders	Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd
Yard	Low Walker, Newcastle
Country	UK
Yard number	1826
Registry	London, UK
Official number	181791
Signal letters	
Call sign	GCLD
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	8,608 grt
Net tonnage	5,057 nrt
Deadweight	8,827 tons
Length	146.09m (479.3ft) loa; 139.90m (459.0ft) b/p
Breadth	19.14m (62.8ft)
Depth	10.66m (35.0ft)
Draught	8.046m (26.4ft)
Engines	2 x 4-cylinder 2 SCSA Doxford diesel engines
Engine builders	Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd
Works	Low Walker, Newcastle
Country	UK
Power	5,900 bhp
Propulsion	Twin screw
Speed	14 knots (service); 15 knots (trials)
Passenger capacity*	21 first class, 70 second class, 2,355 deck passengers
Cargo capacity	11,612 cubic metres (410,075 cubic feet) including 318 cubic metres (11,245 cubic feet) insulated
Crew	
Employment*	Calcutta/Far East service

Career

- 08.01.1947: Launched.
- 09.12.1947: Delivered as *Sirdhana* to the British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd at a cost of £1,116,000.
- 1955: Passenger accommodation now 21 first class, 32 second class, 30 intermediate class, 333 bunked and 987 deck passengers.
- 26.11.1960: Collided with the American transport *General William Mitchell* as Yokohama and sustained a large gash amidships, extending from the boat deck to the waterline. There were no casualties.
- 1962: Transferred to the Bombay/Gulf service.
- 19.11.1970: She was the first vessel open the new deep water harbour at Port Rashid in Dubai.
- 01.10.1971: P&O General Cargo Division appointed managers.
- 1972: Made three East African voyages, turning round at Dar-es-Salaam.
- 03.08.1972: Sold to Nan Feng Steel Enterprise Co Ltd, Taiwan, for demolition at Kaohsiung.
- 16.08.1972: Demolition commenced.
- 02.10.1972: Demolition completed.

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