



Ship Fact Sheet



SALSETTE (1956) **later ARADINA, then TAIREA, then STRATHLOMOND**

Base data at 27 June 1956. Last amended November 2009

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

Type	General cargo liner
P&O Group service	1956-1977
P&O Group status*	Owned by parent company
Registered owners* managers* and operators*	The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company
Builders	John Brown & Co (Clydebank) Ltd
Yard	Clydebank, Glasgow
Country	UK
Yard number	686
Registry	London, UK
Official number	187427
Call sign	GVFL
IMO/LR number	5308017
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	8,202 grt
Net tonnage	4,440 nrt
Deadweight	11,308 tons
Length	152.25m (498.7ft) loa; 143.21m (470.0ft) b/p
Breadth	19.73m (64.8ft)
Depth	12.80m (42.0ft)
Draught	8.766m (28.8ft)
Engines	2 SCSA Doxford diesel engine
Engine builders	John Brown & Co (Clydebank) Ltd
Works	Clydebank, Glasgow
Country	UK
Power	8,000 bhp
Propulsion	Single screw
Speed	15.5 knots
Passenger capacity	Nil
Cargo capacity	16,723 cubic metres (590,654 cubic feet) including 963 cubic metres (34,022 cubic feet) insulated
Crew	93 Total: 40 deck crew (29 Asian); 37 engineroom crew (25 Asian); 16 purser's department (14 Asian)
Employment*	UK/India and UK/Far East services

Career

- 01.1952: Ordered.
- 17.02.1955: Keel laid.
- 01.02.1956: Launched by Miss Joan Denholm, wife of P&O's Naval Architect Mr George Denholm.
- 27.06.1956: Ran trials and delivered as *Salsette* for The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. She introduced bipod masts, folding hatch-covers and glass-fibre lifeboats to the P&O fleet. She was like her sister *Salmara*, but unlike the earlier S-class cargo liners, she carried no passengers. One of her 23 derricks had a 50-ton capacity. Her name, previously used by P&O in 1858 and 1908, is taken from an island in Bombay harbour.
- 28.06.1956: Registered.
- 09.07.1956: Maiden voyage London/Far East.
- 10.1959: Disabled by a severe scavery explosion 40km (25 miles) west-south-west of Vigo Bay. She was towed to the UK for repairs.
- 05.1960: Management and operation transferred to P&O-Orient Lines.
- 12.09.1966: Ownership, management and operation transferred to Eastern and Australian Steam Ship Co Ltd, London and renamed *Aradina*. E&A needed larger vessels for its growing Australia/Japan service, and *Salmara* (renamed *Arakawa*) was transferred as well.
- 26.03.1970: Ownership, management and operation transferred to British India Steam Navigation Co Ltd, London and renamed *Tairea*. (*Arakawa* kept her company as *Teesta*).
- 01.10.1971: Management and operation transferred to P&O General Cargo Division.
- 04.1973: Ownership transferred to The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.
- 17.04.1975: Renamed *Strathlmond*.
- 15.12.1977: Sold to Lenton Shipping Co Ltd (Gulfeast Ship Management Ltd, managers), Singapore, and renamed *United Viscount*.
- 1979: Sold to Nan Feng Steel Enterprise Co Ltd, Taiwan for demolition and arrived at Kaohsiung prior to 15 June 1979.
- 20.06.1979: Demolition commenced.

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