



Ship Fact Sheet



DISCOVERY BAY (1969) later DIRECT KEA

Base data at 30 June 1969. Last amended December 2009

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

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| Type | Container ship |
| P&O Group service | 1969-1990 |
| P&O Group status* | Owned by parent company |
| Registered owners* | The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company |
| Managers* | Container Fleets Ltd |
| Operators* | Overseas Containers Ltd |
| Builders | Howaldtswerke-Deutsche Werft AG |
| Yard | Hamburg |
| Country | Germany |
| Yard number | 827 |
| Registry | London, UK |
| Official number | 337847 |
| Call sign | GYRY |
| IMO/LR number | 6903565 |
| Classification society | Lloyd's Register |
| Gross tonnage* | 26,876 grt |
| Net tonnage* | 14,597 nrt |
| Deadweight* | 29,100 tons |
| Length | 227.22m (745.8ft) loa inc b/b; 213.80m (701.4ft) b/p |
| Breadth | 30.55m (100.2ft) |
| Depth | 16.45m (54.0ft) |
| Draught | 10.689m (35.1ft) |
| Engines* | 2 x steam turbines double-reduction-gearred to 1 shaft |
| Engine builders* | Stal-Laval Turbine Co |
| Works* | Finspang |
| Country* | Sweden |
| Power* | 32,000 shp |
| Propulsion | Single screw |
| Speed* | 21.5 knots |
| Passenger capacity | Nil |
| Cargo capacity | 1,536 teu (345 refrigerated) |
| Crew | 44 |
| Employment* | UK and Europe/Australia service |

Career

- 03.12.1968: Launched.
- 30.06.1969: Delivered as *Discovery Bay* for the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.
- 1973: Deadweight now 28,800 tons.
- 09.1974: Rescued the crew of 10 of the Danish ship *Gudrun Kansas* who were forced to abandon ship in heavy weather in the Bay of Biscay after her timber cargo shifted.
- 08.1978: The (then) largest container ship to call at an Arabian port in the Gulf, on the P&O Strath/Ellerman/United Arab Shipping Co joint venture Arabian Peninsular Container Line.
- 10.01.1980: Ownership and management transferred to Overseas Containers Ltd. Deadweight now 29,262 tonnes.
- 28.05.1980: Sent to be re-engined by Govan Shipbuilders Ltd, Glasgow with Burmeister & Wain diesel engine manufactured by Harland & Wolff Ltd, Belfast.
- 10.07.1981: Redelivered. Speed 18 knots, 18,400 bhp. Tonnages now 26,757 grt, 29,288 tonnes deadweight.
- 21.11.1985: Re-measured 27,823 gt, 11,259 nt.
- 28.05.1986: P&O acquired full control of Overseas Containers Ltd.
- 01.01.1987: Owners restyled P&O Containers Ltd.
- 1988: Renamed *Direct Kea* for charter to Australia New Zealand Direct Line and employment on Australia and New Zealand/US West Coast service.
- 16.11.1990: Transferred from P&O Containers Ltd to P&O Steam Navigation Company and immediately sold to Overseas Equipment Company Ltd, Vanuatu.
- 13.08.1999: Broken up at Alang, India.

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