

Nomadic

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Voyage

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One of the two tenders built especially to serve the needs of Olympic and Titanic at Cherbourg.

and were registered under the French flag and managed by A. Laniece, later by George A. Laniece.

On 10 April 1912 *Titanic* arrived at Cherbourg from Southampton at 6:35 p.m. after a voyage of little more than five hours. After taking aboard mail and passengers, she departed at 8:1 p.m.

Boarding were 274 passengers: 142 First Class, 30 Second Class and 102 Third Class.

Owner: Oceanic Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (White Star Line)

Signal letters: K L D C

Port of Registry: Cherbourg, France

Flag of registry: French

Funnel: Buff with black top

Company flag: Red swallow-tailed pennant with a white star

Steel hull, one funnel, one mast, two decks, twin screws

Tonnages: gross 1,273 net 814

Dimensions: length 220.7 ft. width 37.1 ft. depth 12.5 ft.

Engines: Compound 4 cyl (2) 13.5" (2) 27" x 18" stroke

1911

Built and engined by Harland and
Wolff, Belfast Yard No. 422

		April 25	Launched
	May 27		Handed over to owner
			Accompanied <i>Olympic</i> during her sea trials out of Belfast
	May 31		Following launch of <i>Titanic</i> , departed Belfast the same time as proceeded to Liverpool, <i>Nomadic</i> and
	Nov 13		Cherbourg, bow damaged by collision with American Line's <i>Philadelphia</i>
1914-18			Requisitioned by the French government for service at Brest.
1927			Transferred to Cie Cherbourgeoise de Transbordment
1931	Nov 29		Cherbourg, bow damaged in a collision with Atlantic Transport liner <i>Minnewaska</i> After merger with Cunard, sold to the Societie Cherbourgeoise de Remorquage et Sauvetage. Funnel change to red with black band at the top. Renamed <i>Ingenieur Minard</i> .
1940	Jul 3		Escaped from Cherbourg at the time of German occupation. Wartime service as an accommodation vessel in England.
1945	Jun 27		Returned to French owners, re-entered commercial service.
1970			The last vessel of the once-great White Star fleet, <i>Nomadic</i> was sold to Somairee for demolition at Havre, but was not destroyed. Used for many years as a restaurant, she remained anchored in the River Seine at Paris.
	April		Her superstructure removed to permit her passing under the River Seine bridges, <i>Nomadic's</i> hull was pushed via tug to a boat yard at Le Havre where she awaits either purchase and restoration or demolition.

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