

Oceanic

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Voyage

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White Star Line

Not only was *Oceanic* operated by the same company that operated *Titanic*, she was also directly associated with *Titanic* at the beginning of her maiden voyage as well as during the first weeks following the disaster.

10 April 1912 Minutes after departed Berth 44 Ocean Dock, she passed Berth 38 where and *Oceanic* were moored in tandem. (inboard). The suction of *Titanic's* propellers and passing bulk caused the two liners to part their mooring hawsers and draw toward *Titanic*. Only quick thinking by a tugboat captain and *Titanic's* pilot averted a collision.

13 May 1912 During a westbound crossing, Southampton to New York, at 47 degrees 01' N by 30 degrees 56' W recovered Collapsible A which contained three bodies : First Class passenger Thomson Beattie and two unidentified crewman. The bodies were buried at sea; the collapsible boat was carried on *Oceanic's* deck to New York where on her arrival 16 May, it was placed with *Titanic's* other boats in storage at Pier 59.

18 May 1912 On her eastbound crossing, New York-Plymouth-Cherbourg-Southampton, carried Michel and Edmond Navratil, young survivors and their mother, Mme. Marcelle Navratil, who had come to take them home to France.

Signal letters: R H D F wireless call letters: M O G

Steel hull, 2 funnel, 3 masts, 4 decks, twin screws, electric lights, refrigeration machinery

Submarine signal, wireless

Port of registry: Liverpool

Flag of registry: Red swallow-tail pennant with white star

Tonnages: gross 17, 275 underdeck 14,731 net 6,917

Dimensions: length 685.7 ft. width 68.3 ft. depth 44.5 ft.

1899 Built and engined by Harland and Wolff Ltd., Belfast, Yard No. 317

2 triple expansion, 8 cyl. (2) 47.5", (2) 79" (4) 93" x 72" stroke 3,014 NHP 19 knots

Accommodations: First Class: 410 Second Class: 300 Third Class: 1,000

1899 14 Jan Launched, largest liner in the world

1899 6 Sept Maiden Voyage Liverpool to New York and return

1905 23 Aug While at Southampton, fire in compartment #4

1905 Oct. Liverpool, 33 firemen arrested for mutiny

1907 3 Jan At New York, fire in #7 hold

1907 19 Jun First voyage Southampton to New York

1914 14 Aug Commissioned as an armed merchant cruiser and assigned to the 10th Cruiser Squadron

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