



**Welcome to PANTHER, latest ferry for Southern Ferries**

Panther, which has now joined Dragon, Eagle and Leopard in the Southern Ferries fleet, is not a newly-built vessel. Formerly named the Peter Pan she was built by Lubecker Flenderwerke A G in 1965 for the Travemunde-Trelleborg Linie (J A Reinecke) of Hamburg for service between Travemunde and Trelleborg. Of 4 406 gross tons on a length and beam of 402 feet and 57 feet respectively she is powered by two Pielstick 12PC 2V engines driving twin-screws giving a service speed of just over 20 knots.

Passenger accommodation (one class) is provided in 2- and 4-berth cabins for a total of 394 passengers. Facilities include two restuarants, lounge, bar, duty-free shops, disco-dancing, films and even bingo! Vehicle capacity is up to a limit of about 200 cars or a mixture of cars and freight. Access to the vehicle deck is by way of both bow and stern doors. Panther is painted in Southern Ferries' colours - that is the same as the Eagle.

She has been purchased to open a new service to San Sebastian (Pasajes) in Northern Spain, her first departure on this run being scheduled for 22 December from Southampton. Crossing time to Spain will be accomplished in 29 hours. Before entering the Spanish service, however, she stood in for Dragon and Leopard on the Le Havre service whilst the two regular ships had their annual dry-dockings.

Sailings on the new service will be on Tuesday and Saturday in wintertime and Monday and Saturday in the summer from Southampton, the return voyage from San Sebastian commencing on Wednesdays and Sundays.

**Officers of the Southampton Branch of the World Ship Society**

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- and David T Hornsby
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PLEASE note NEW Secretary's address!!

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 WE WISH A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
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the CUNARD LINE - a post-war history a 'Black Jack' supplement

With this issue of 'Black Jack' you will have received a copy of our first supplement. It covers the post-war period (1945 - 73) in the life of the famous Cunard Line, which has seen vast changes both in its organisation and ships in recent years.

We hope you will enjoy reading the supplement and that it will be a useful work of reference that you can add to your library.

#### 1974 PROGRAMME - January to June

All meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, at the Chamber of Commerce, 53 Bugle Street, Southampton.

Tues 8 January	"Colombo to Yokahama" by P J Gildea-Evans of B P Tankers	colour
Tues 12 February	A film evening on the "Port of Havre"	colour
Tues 12 March	Frank H Phillips talks of "Land's End to John O' Groats"	colour
Tues 9 April	An evening with John H Isherwood	black/white
Tues 14 May	"Manx Shipping Scene" (Isle of Man Branch slide/tape-talk)	colour
Tues 11 June	Mr J Brooks, Public Relations Officer of Vosper-Thornycroft, will speak on "Modern Warship Construction"	colour

#### Report of the Annual General Meeting

The 23rd A G M of the Southampton Branch was held on Tuesday 9 October at the Chamber of Commerce, Bugle Street, Southampton.

The Secretary's Report detailed Branch activities over the past year; meetings ship visits and the I of Wight Quiz. Branch membership totalled 131 against 127 at the same time last year. 13 new members were welcomed into the Branch during the year. The adoption of the report was proposed by Mr Hornsby and seconded by Miss Laing.

As last year the major point arising from the Treasurers Report was the high expenditure on stationery and this was due to supplies of paper and printing materials being purchased in bulk. Sufficient paper was in hand for the first of the new financial year's "Black Jacks". Postage costs were very high and members were asked to collect their magazines at meetings and to take those of people whom they work with or live close to. The adoption of the report was proposed by Mr West and seconded by Mr Law.

No nominations were received for the post of Secretary, but after the meeting Mr Les Auckland came forward to volunteer his services. He was duly elected by a unanimous vote of Committee being proposed by Mr Robinson and seconded by Mr Weeks. Prior to the meeting Mr Mugridge had indicated that he would be unable to stand again as projectionist and Mr Roy Henderson was proposed by Mr Hill and seconded by Mr West and then elected unanimously. The other Committee Officers were re-elected unopposed, proposed by Mr Law and seconded by Miss Laing.

Mr Hill thanked the Committee for their services and support during the year.

Thanks were also expressed during the meeting to the Auditors and to Brenda Hawkins for typing the address labels for 'Black Jack'

After the meeting John Havers showed a programme of slides taken on a recent visit to Lisbon.

On Saturday 27 October ten members of the Branch went to the Isle of Wight for the Annual Quiz with the "Vectis" Branch. This event was held aboard P. S. Ryde Queen and the I of Wight members made their guests very welcome on the beautifully preserved paddler.

Regretably Southampton lost again by 77½ points to the I of W Branch's 97. The Southampton made trophy once again stays on the Island!! Mr L G Smith once again acted as Questionmaster and we thank him for his services.

As mentioned at the last meeting the brass bell presented to the Southampton Branch on its formation was stolen from the Missions to Seamen building some two months ago. It may be for sale in some antique or second-hand shop locally and all members are asked to watch for it. If you see it tell the proprietor of the circumstances and then phone the Chris Weeks (work: So'ton 34488 ext 246, or home West End 3501). The bell is made of brass and measures 4 inches across the base and is inscribed "H M'S MAGPIE".

Mrs M Bloomfield, the widow of the late Mr H O Bloomfield, who was a keen member of the Branch for many years, has kindly donated her husband's collection of books to the Branch. We shall probably auction the many fine volumes at Branch meetings. We are deeply indebted to Mrs Bloomfield for her thoughtful donation and kindness.

PORT OF NEW YORK BRANCH

Bill Miller, the New York Branch Chairman, has advised us that their Branch newsmagazine P.O.N.Y. EXPRESS, published quarterly, is now on sale to UK members. The annual subscription by surface mail is £3. Members may like to know that a specimen copy can be obtained from the New York Branch, P O Box 2411, New York, N Y 10001, U S A.

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NAUTICAL NOTEBOOK

Cunard Line have announced the names of the two sister-ships ordered a year ago from Burmeister and Wain, Copenhagen and INM Affinik, Spezia - see the CUNARD LINE a post-war history supplement with this issue - for delivery in late 1975. They are to be called Cunard Countess and Cunard Conquest.

Three interesting fruit ships have called in recent weeks: Pentelikon, one of the "Flying P's", owned by F Laeisz of Hamburg. She was built in 1960 and is a motorship of 4 747 gross tons. The North Pole (1956. 3 796g) owned by the Polestar Shipping S A and flying the Somali flag also called during November. She is better known under her former name of Djungo and under the ownership of Martins of Paris. The third fruiter of note to call was the Atitlan (1960. 8 066g) - this motorship carries the familiar colours of Sven Salen of Sweden, actually being owned by Salens as distinct from the very many vessels that carry their colours on charter.

Another reefer of interest, which arrived to load cars in mid-November was the East German m v Theodor Fontane (1966. 4 979g). This 21 knot vessel was built by J Boels & Fils, Tamise.

Latest ship on the Algiers service is the engines aft m v Annaba (1954. 2 937g) owned by the Government of Algeria. She was built as the Daphnis for the Koninglijke Nederlandsche Stoomboot Maats., being sold to her present owners in 1971.

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Position of ships Tuesday 16 June 1953 and including the day's movements. This was the day after the Coronation Review of the Fleet at Spithead which accounts for the many pleasure steamers, tugs etc.

Berth	Ship	Blt/grt	Owner	From/To
4	Ringwood	1926/755	British Transport Comm.	
6	Zurmand (tug)	1938/361	British Tanker Co	fm Review
7	Isle of Sark	1932/2188	British Transport Comm	fm Jersey to Jersey
9	Falaise	1947/3710	British Transport Comm	fm St Malo
12	Teal	1947/1148	Gen Steam Nav.	
16	HMS Terpsichore and HMS Vigilant			
20	Haslemere	1925/832	British Transport Comm	
21	Floating Crane No 2			
22	Winchester	1947/1149	British Transport Comm	
23	Whitstable	1925/865	British Transport Comm	
24/5	Golfito	1949/8736	Elders & Fyffes	
26/7	Velletia (tanker)	1952/18661	Shell Co	fm Review
28	Dredgewell (dredger)	1915/460	Tilbury Con & Dr Co	
30	Royal Sovereign (ps)	1948/1851	General Steam Nav	fm Review
	Andes	1939/25676	Royal Mail Lines	fm Review
31	Royal Daffodil (ps)	1939/2061	General Steam Nav	fm Review to London
32	Dilwara	1936/12555	B.I. SN Co	fm Review
33	Brittany	1933/1522	British Transport Comm	fm Review
34	Brisbane Star	1936/11124	Blue Star Line	
35	Clova	1935/310	Dundee Perth & London Sg Co	
36	Arundel Castle	1921/19216	Union Castle	
37	Gondia (tug)	1927/200	Wm Watkins	fm Review
	John Biscoe	1944/900	Falkland Is. Govt	fm/to Review
38	Eastor		Royal Canadian Navy	fm/to Review
	Willem Ruys	1947/21119	Rotterdam Lloyd	fm Djakarta to Rotterdam
39	Bristol Queen (ps)	1946/961	P & A Campbell	fm Review
	Flandre	1952/20459	C.G.T.	fm Havre to New York
41	Bullfinch	1936/436	General Steam Nav	
	Hildebrand	1951/7735	Booth Line	fm Review
43	Brighton	1950/2875	British Transport Comm	fm Review to Dover
	Lord Warden	1952/3333	British Transport Comm	fm Review
44	Maid of Orleans	1949/3777	British Transport Comm	fm Review to Dover
	Cambria	1949/4972	British Transport Comm	fm Rev. to Holyhead
	Queen Mary	1936/81237	Cunard SS Co.	fm New York
45	Argus	1947/1918	Trinity House	fm Review
	Kihna	1930/572	Trinity House	fm Review
46	Samaria	1922/19848	Cunard SS Co.	fm Review
47	St Patrick	1947/3482	British Transport Comm	fm Rev. to Weymouth
	Medway Queen (ps)	1924/316	New Medway SP Co	fm Review
48	Floating Crane No 1			
50	Lexamine (training yacht)	1946/129	Stanhope SS Co	fm Review
101	Pretoria Castle	1948/28705	Union Castle	fm Review
	Lady Elizabeth (tug)	1927/165	James Contr & Sg Co	fm Rev. to River
102	Clan Shaw	1950/8101	Clan Line	fm Review
103	Emperor of India (ps)	1906/534	Cosens & Co	fm Review
104	Vecta	1938/630	S.I. of W & S of E SP	fm Review
	Captain Cook	1925/13867	MoT (Donaldson)	fm Review
105	Empire Trooper	1922/14106	MoT (B-I)	
106	Strathnaver	1931/22270	P & O	fm Rev. to London
	Asturias	1925/22445	MoT (Royal Mail)	fm Hong Kong
107	Orcades	1948/28164	Orient Line	fm Review
	Embassy (ps)	1911/446	Cosens & Co	fm Review
	Cardiff Queen (ps)	1947/765	P & A Campbell	fm Review
109	Empire Windrush	1931/14651	MoT (New Zealand Sg)	fm Review
110	Sand Skipper	1943/313	Burness & Co	