

Ocean Joss

Ships in Focus

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“Labuan Bay”



(Unknown photographer)

“Labuan Bay” ex-“Clan Mackinnon”

The “**Labuan Bay**”, 7373 GRT, built 1945 by Wm. Gray & Co Ltd., West Hartlepool, as “**Empire Dunnat**” for MoWT and placed under the management of Common Bros Ltd., Newcastle. She was purchased by Clan Line Steamers Ltd., in 1946 and renamed “**Clan Mackinnon**” and later transferred to their Houston Line in 1955. Sold out of the fleet in 1961 to Mullion & Co, Hong Kong and renamed “**Ardross**” who sold her in 1963 to Kinabatangan Shipping SA (United China Shipping Ltd) and registered in Panama under the name of “**Labuan Bay**”. She was fitted with triple expansion engine, standard for the type, giving a service speed of 10-11 knots

During her later years she traded extensively throughout southeast Asia until 20th March 1967, when she ran aground at **Bancoran Island**, north of Borneo, whilst transiting the Sulu Sea. She went on fire but 4 days later was refloated and taken to Manila for repairs. Unfortunately, in July 1967 a further fire erupted, and she was written off as a result. She was then towed to Kaohsiung in 1967 for demolition. Last seen by the Author in 1963, sailing from Sandakan.

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