

Ocean Joss

Ships In Focus

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“Puriri”



(G. Ferguson courtesy New Zealand Coastal Shipping)

The small New Zealand coastal ship “**Puriri**” 1248 GRT, owned by Anchor Shipping and Foundry Co. Ltd – Nelson, New Zealand. Pictured swinging off the berth at Greymouth in 1965. She was a fine two hatch short sea, NZ coastal trader, built for Anchor Shipping in 1948, by Henry Robb & Co. Ltd., Leith. She operated the Nelson / Onehunga route in her final years, but was no stranger to West coast South Island ports. The “**Puriri**” was later laid up in 1974, at Nelson until her sale later the same year to the Maldives Shipping Corporation, of the Maldiv Islands, and renamed “**Maldiv Pilot**”. She was again sold in 1975 to Power Shipping (Pte) Ltd., Singapore, and renamed “**Yellow River**”. She finally met her demise in 1979 when sold to breakers at Kaohsiung, signaling the end of a fine little ship.

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