

Ocean Joss

Ships in Focus

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“Ripley”



The “**Riply**” a classically designed British tramp ship of the 1950 -1960s, captured in her original colors
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“**MV Ripley**”, 5843 GRT, built 1953 by Short Bros Ltd., Sunderland, for Thomasson Shipping Co. Ltd., with Stephens, Sutton and Co. Ltd as managers. In 1958 ownership changed to Avon Steamship Company Ltd., Newcastle, but same name retained. In 1963 the ship was sold to Cambay Prince Steamship Co. Ltd, Hong Kong, (a John Manners Group company) and renamed “**Thames Breeze**”. She traded as such until December 1969 when she ran aground on Investigator Reef located Southwest of Dangerous Ground in the Spratly Islands of the South China Sea, whilst on a passage from China to Colombo with a cargo of rice. The ship was declared a total loss as a result of the stranding.

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