

# Ocean Joss

## Ships in Focus

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### “Asia Breeze”



(Unknown)

A very smart “**Asia Breeze**”, 5328 GRT, LOA 134.4m Bm 17.4m, belonging to the John Manners Group – Hong Kong. Originally built in 1949 as “**Carronpark**” for Denholm Line Steamers Ltd., by Charles Connell & Co., Scotstoun. Acquired by John Manners in 1963 as “**Asia Fir**”, 1965 renamed “**Asia Breeze**” by same owners. Sold 1970 and renamed “**Atlas Navigator**”. Finally sent for demolition at Bombay in 1974.

Circa 1962 she had grounded at Hong Kong during typhoon Wanda. 1964 complete breakdown main engine at Manila after loading full load of Copra for European ports, necessitating complete discharge of cargo and subsequent tow from Manila to Taikoo Shipyard at Hong Kong for major main engine repairs, by salvage Tug “**Taikoo**”. Engine defect reportedly caused by earlier grounding in about 1962. The Author was engaged on her as 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate during her loading at various ports in the Philippines and tow back to Hong Kong, leaving her soon after completion of engine repairs. The ship resumed good service with John Manners, following her engine repairs, until sold for further trading in 1970.

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