

Ocean Joss

Ships in Focus

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“MV Tabor” at Valetta, Malta.

A ship with a stately profile “**MV. Tabor**”, 3694 GRT, built by Caledon Shipbuilding and Engineering Co Ltd., Dundee, in 1952 for Moss Hutchinson Lines of Liverpool. Used primarily on their Mediterranean routes - between the UK to French Ports, Spain, and Portugal, a wide range of Mediterranean Ports, and the Black Sea.

In 1935 the General Steam Navigation Company (owned by P & O) became the owners of the entire shares issued by the newly established **Moss Hutchison Line**. The demise of the Moss Hutchison Line was similar to many other British shipping companies, who were too slow to adopt the changes in cargo handling and the company simply missed the transition to containerization, until it was too late. Another factor was the surge of FOCs by many other shipowners to reduce crew and operating costs of the ships.

1975 sold to Grecomar Shipping Agency, Greece and renamed “**Katia**”, 1982 sold to Kate Shipping Co., Malta renamed “**Kate**”, 1982 scrapped at Beypore, India.

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References: P&O Heritage, Personal files. Wikipedia.

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