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Ships in Focus

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“Sula”



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The “**Sula**” of Madrigal Shipping Company of the Philippines, pictured arriving at Thevenard, South Australia, in October 1976.

The 7,155 GRT “**Sula**” was built in 1943 by Burrard Dry Docks at Vancouver, as the “**Fort Columbia**” for the British Government. In 1948 she was sold and joined Saguenay Terminals as “**Sunrell**” before moving to Madrigal Shipping in 1959. On 17th September 1969 she arrived at Kaohsiung to be broken up by Shieh Sun Sa Iron & Steel Works.

The Fort ships were a class of 198 cargo ships built in Canada during World War II for use by the United Kingdom under the Lend-Lease scheme. They all had names prefixed with “**Fort**” when built. The ships were in service between 1942 and 1985, with two still listed on shipping registers until 1992.

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