

INTRODUCTION TO Ocean Liners

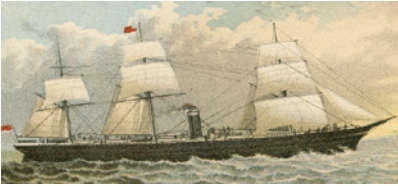
Ocean liners are sometimes called steamliners, steamships, or steamers. While traditional ships relied on wind power to cross the Atlantic Ocean, ocean liners had engines that ran on coal or diesel, making transatlantic travel much faster and more reliable. For many years, ocean liners were the only practical way across the Atlantic.

Try to guess the order in which these ships were built. Then find and list three differences between the earliest ship and the most recent ship.

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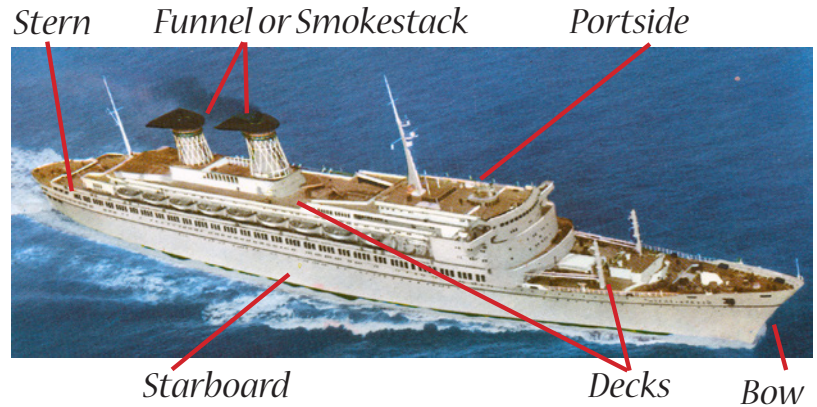
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1. The deck is lower, closer to the water in the earliest
2. The latest ship is larger and has more decks
3. The earliest ship has sails and one smokestack (wind and coal powered) while the latest has one funnel (diesel powered)



Steamliner Companies

Using this article, identify which lines these ships belong to.

How to distinguish passing Atlantic Liners.

A passing steamer at sea causes such interest to passengers that we give below the colours of the funnels of some of the principal Lines, by which they can be distinguished at a distance.

- ALLAN LINE—Red, white band, black top.
- ANCHOR LINE—Black.
- AMERICAN S.S. Co.—Red, white keystone black top and white band.
- BREMEN LINE—Cream colour.
- BRISTOL CITY LINE—Black, centre white band, blue star.
- CUNARD LINE—Red, black top.
- DOMINION LINE—Red, white and red band, black top.
- GUION LINE—Black, broad red band.
- HAMBURG-AMERICAN PACKET CO.—Black.
- INMAN LINE—Black, white band and black top.
- NATIONAL LINE—White, black top.
- RED STAR LINE—Cream colour, black top with red star.
- STATE LINE—Light buff, red band, black top.
- WHITE STAR LINE—Cream colour, black top.



1 White Star Line



2 Cunard Line



3 Red Star Line



4 Bremen Line

Have you ever wondered why some ships have a few capital letters in front of their name? The capital letters are the ship's prefix, and they describe what sort of vessel the ship is.

A few common prefixes are listed below and to the right. Use them to answer the questions below.

- RMS 1. The *Titanic* was intended to carry mail. What was her prefix?
- SMS 2. The *SS Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse* was turned over to the German navy at the beginning of WWI. What was her **new** prefix?
- SS 3. The *SMS Imperator* was bought by the Cunard line (non-military) and turned into the *Berengaria*. What was her new prefix, assuming she did not carry mail?
- HMCS 4. The *RMS Empress of Britain* was turned into a troop transport for the Canadian navy at the beginning of WWII. What was her new prefix?
- USS 5. The *SS Manhattan* was turned over to the United States navy at the beginning of WWII and called *Wakefield*. What was her new prefix?
- HMS 6. The *RMS Majestic* served as a luxury liner for many years, complete with extravagant amenities like this swimming pool. She was sold to the British navy during the 1930s and was renamed *Caledonia*. What was her new prefix?

Ship Prefixes

- SS = Steamship
- RMS = Royal Mail Steamer
- USS = United States Ship (U.S. navy)
- HMS = Her Majesty's Ship (British navy)
- HMCS = Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (Canadian navy)
- SMS = His Majesty's Ship (German navy)