

S.S. PRINCESS LOUISE



.Pr.Louise Was built in North Vancouver, B.C. by the Wallace Shipyard and Dry-dock Company. She was 4,032gt. 317.2 feet long, and 48.1 feet wide, and at the time of launch, August 29, 1921, was the largest ship in terms of displacement, in the entire Princess fleet. She was christened by Mrs. Troup, The wife of Captain James W. Troup, the manager of B.C.C.S. at the time.

She was built as passenger, and cargo vessel, to replace the Pr. Sophia (Which went down off Vanderbuilt reef with all aboard) on the Alaska run. She had a four cylinder triple expansion steam engine, that on her sea trials at Esquimalt, B.C. on Nov. 30, 1921, she made an even 17knots. Her passenger accommodation was originally 133 first class staterooms, 26 single berths, however because of the small size of some of her staterooms, they were enlarged, and she then had 126. Her dining room seated 125 people. After she was withdrawn from service in 1964 and sold to shoreline holdings in Vancouver, and in 1966 she was sold to Princess Louise Corp. and was towed to Long Beach Calif. and was preserved as a restaurant. She was the second Pr. Louise, the first was a side-wheeler built in 1869 and sunk at Port Alice in 1919. (This was the first Princess in the fleet)

This is one of the last pictures of the Princess Louise, as a restaurant ship, at her moorings at Harbor Marine on Terminal Island, California. I have received better information regarding her demise, from a Mr. David Norton, formerly of Los Angeles. And from his memory, told me she had been sold and was moved to the other side of the main channel for a refit, this is where she capsized and sank. She was refloated, but not salvageable.

She was under tow to Santa Catalina Is. to be sunk as a fishing reef, and she went down again, in deep water of San Pedro Channel (about June of 1990) where she remanes today.

