

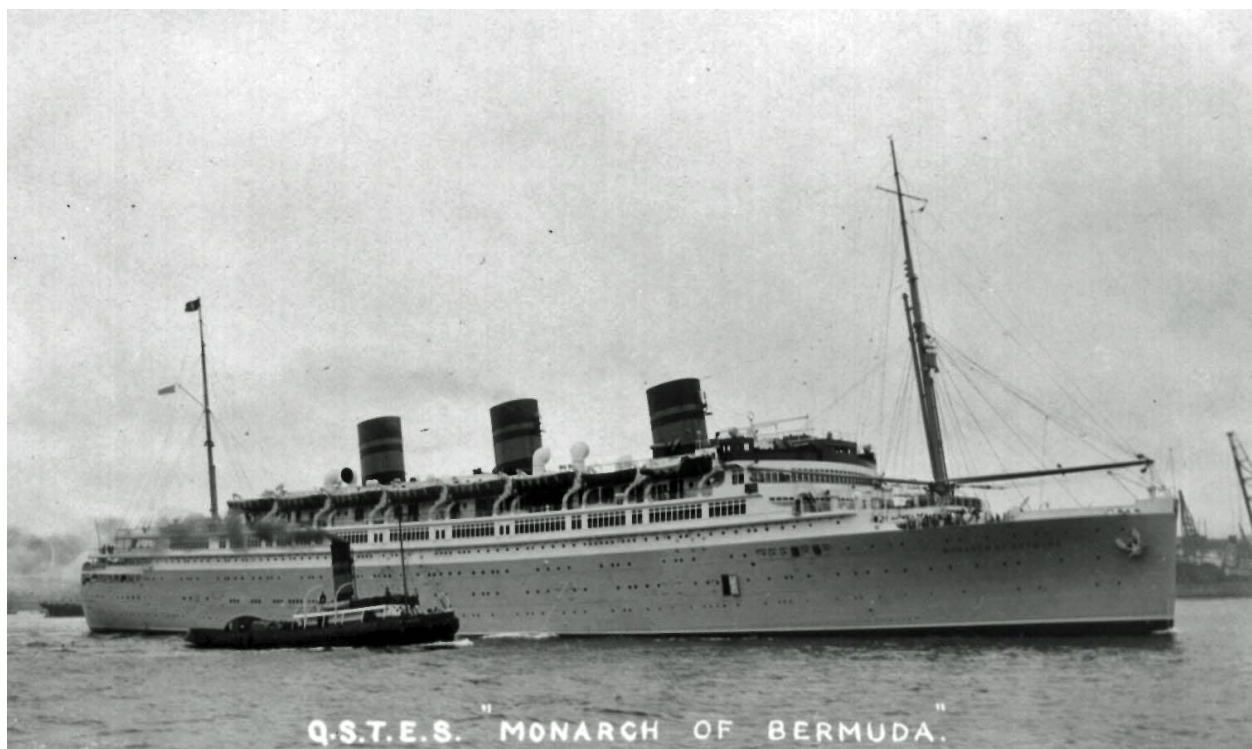
Monarch of Bermuda (1931-1966)

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Monarch of Bermuda (1931) was, quite literally, a first-class ship, having provision for 830 first-class passengers only. She was built by Vickers-Armstrong Ltd, Newcastle, for Furness, Withy & Co, with two masts, three funnels, and four propellers and registered at Hamilton, Bermuda, and employed on the New York – Bermuda service. In 1939 it was converted to a troopship operated by the Ministry of War Transport. Among other wartime exploits, it took part in the Norway campaign, shipped Britain's gold reserves to Halifax, Canada, and was involved in the invasion of North Africa.

During its re-conversion at Newcastle in 1947, it was virtually destroyed by fire and towed, a burnt-out hulk, to the Firth of Forth. It was rebuilt with one funnel and accommodation for 1,600 single-class passengers. Acquired by the Ministry of Transport as an emigrant ship and renamed *New Australia* it was used on the UK – Australia emigrant service. In 1958 it was sold to the Greek Line, renamed QSS *Arkadia* and re-fitted to carry 150 first- and 1,150 tourist-class passengers. She was employed on the Bremerhaven-Montreal route until 1966.



QSTES Monarch of Bermuda

[Q.S.T.E.S. stands for "Quadruple Screw, Turbo Electric Ship"]



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