

UNIT NUMBER:**S.S./R.M.S. NASCOPIE**

AREA OF SERVICE: LABRADOR/EASTERN ARCTIC/HUDSON BAY;
 NEWFOUNDLAND SEAL FISHERY (1912-1930)
 FRENCH GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (1916-1921)
 GREENLAND & CARIBBEAN (1940-1942)
 EASTERN ARCTIC PATROL (1933-1947)

(Pronounced Naskawpee or Nascohpee; name of Labrador people)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Steel Screw Semi-Icebreaker

Construction:

Designer and builder: G.S. Goodwin & Co., Liverpool;
 Swan Hunter & Wigham Richardson, Neptune Works, Wallsend-on-Tyne

Dimensions: Length - 285' Beam - 43' Depth of Hold - 20'

Draft: Light - 9' & 12'4" Loaded - 21'7" & 24'

Number of passengers: 50 Number of crew: 45-50

Plans: A.12/FT 332/1a, fo. 26; A.12/FT 332/2, fo. 40, 105-106; G.3/931 (2 Plans);
 A.109/39, sheets 5-9; A.109/40, sheet 1; RG3/51/27, sheets 1-18; Photo Collection RG3/26F/1;
 Specifications, A.12/FT 332/2, fo. 108-178; Builders' model, HBC Museum Collection

Power: Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson triple-expansion engines; 2300 BHP

Registered: St. John's, 1912-1916 (#13 in 1912) London, 1916-1947 #129922

Speed: 12/13 knots

Tonnage: Gross - 2520.8 Net - 1520.88 Deadweight - 129770 cu. ft.

HISTORY:

- 1911 Hudson's Bay Company & Job Brothers of St. John's formed The Nascopie Steamship Co. Ltd.
- 1911/12 Built at Neptune Works, Wallsend-on-Tyne
- 1912/30 Supply vessel in Eastern Arctic; Newfoundland Seal Fishery
- 1916 Hudson's Bay Company purchased Job Brother's shares in Nascopie Steamship Co. Ltd.
- 1916/21 French Government Business; France-White Sea [1916-1919]
- 1921 Transported reindeer herd and Lapp herders from Norway to Baffin Land
- 1931/32 Laid up; refitted to accommodate tourists
- 1933/47 Made last Bay voyage from Britain in 1933; wintered in Montreal & served as supply vessel & Eastern Arctic Patrol vessel
- 1937 Made combined transit of North-West Passage with M.S. *Aklavik*
- 1939 Made voyage to Britain for refit
- 1940/42 Made voyages under charter to Greenland and Caribbean
- 1947 Wrecked on an uncharted reef at entrance to Cape Dorset harbour

MASTERS:

- 1912 - A. Cleveland Smith
- 1913-1914 J. Meikle (Michael)
- 1914 A.C. Smith
- 1915-1917 Edmund Mack
- 1917-1919 Thomas Smellie
- 1919-1921 G.H. Mead
- 1921-1922 L.J. Evans
- 1922-1925 Thomas Smellie
- 1926 F. Walker
- 1927 E. Mack
- 1928-1930 J.W. Murray
- 1933-1945 Thomas Smellie
- 1946-1947 James Waters



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NOTE: For information on *Nascopie's* role in the fur trade, see Series such as A.1 and RG2 Series 1 (Minute Books), A.74 & RG3 Series 1 & 2 (Fur Trade Reports), RG2/8/546-548 (files on fur trade transport) and RG3 Series 30 (Fur Trade Ledgers). She is often mentioned in the autobiographical writings of Company employees and of others who worked and travelled in the Eastern Arctic.

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