

## THE QUEEN AND THE OCEAN LINERS

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**With the Platinum Jubilee commemorations in this month, why can't we remember Her Majesty and her magnificent life together with the ocean liners.**

**Queen Elizabeth II** she's a lot of known for many things and one of them, she's the longest Monarch in Service, in this year she completed 70 years as a Queen, but do you know her story with the ocean liners?

Her story with the ocean liners started in 1930 when the Queen of the England and Great Britain and United Kingdom, she was her grandmother Queen Mary of Teck, at time, a young Elizabeth she was still a Princess, she was four years old, Elizabeth she wasn't even to be Queen if her uncle he didn't have abdicated the Throne, at time King George V and Queen Mary of Teck were the Monarchs in the Great Britain and United Kingdom, until the death of the King George V in 1936, when her father became the new King, all this was a lot of fast for the young Elizabeth, in 1930 the great Edwardian era of luxury liners it was arriving in the end, and in 1930 was born the first Cunard's Queens, the **R. M. S. QUEEN MARY**, with the name of Her Majesty, Queen Mary of Teck, the same ship would be launched on September 26th, 1934, Queen Mary she was one of biggest ships ever made at time, even more biggest and luxurious than the ill-fated Titanic (1912).

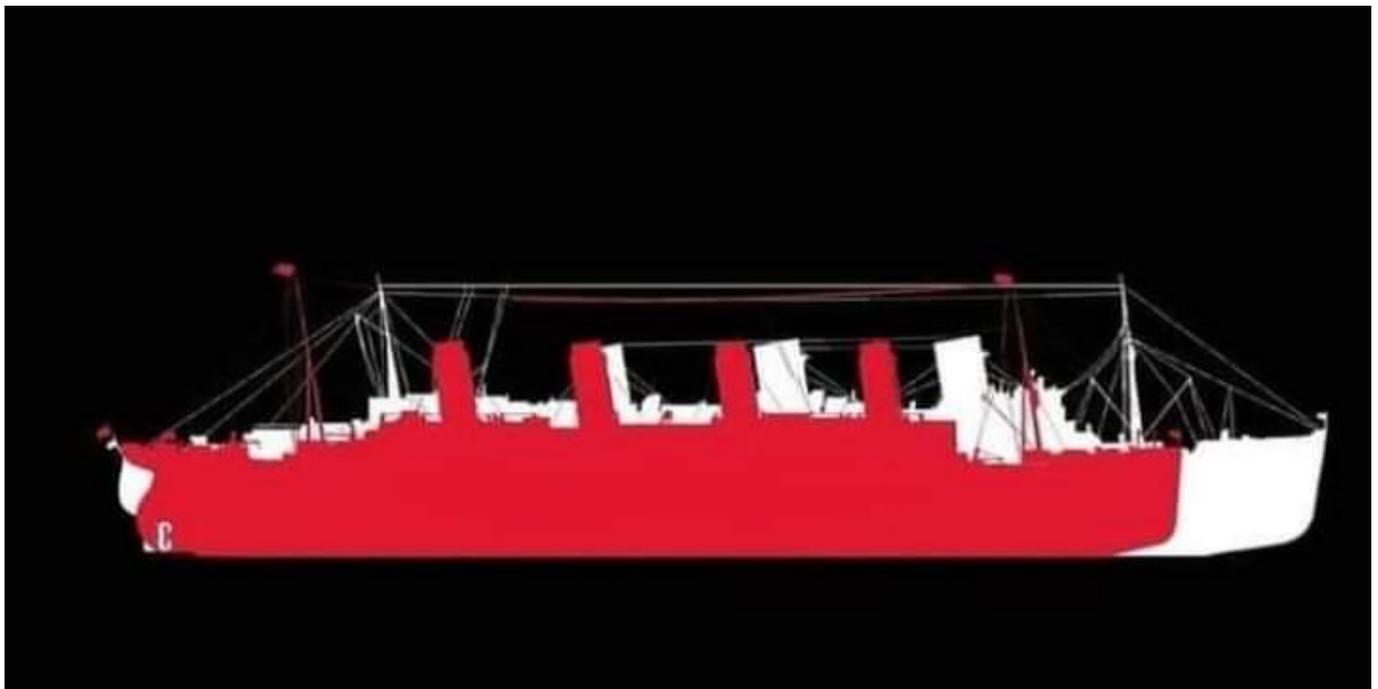
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The Children's playroom on board the Queen Mary.

The same place it was visited by our young Princess Elizabeth, who would later become Queen Elizabeth II, when the Royal family came to tour the ship before the Queen Mary's maiden voyage.



The R. M. S. QUEEN MARY vs. The Titanic.

***Her Majesty The Queen Mary of Teck (Queen Elizabeth II's grandmother).***



The same Queen visited the R. M. S. MAURETANIA in 1913 with her husband King George V.

During these years between 1936 and 1939 the Nazism party it was growing in the Europe, Queen Mary, now a former Queen and King George VI the new King.

The British Parliament they've always been great sponsors of the Cunard and their ships, since the Lusitania and Mauretania even the Queen Mary and the future Queen Elizabeth.

The **R. M. S. Queen Elizabeth**, maybe you can think, Elizabeth because of her, but not sure, Queen Elizabeth because her mother she always called Elizabeth, formerly knew as **Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother**, this ocean liner she was to honor her, during the launch day of the Queen Elizabeth, our young Princess Elizabeth was together with her mother watching the launch, many people were watching the launch. 1938 the Queen Elizabeth became the biggest ship in the world, 1939 the WW2 started in the

Europe, the Queen Elizabeth made her maiden voyage in a absolutely secret to New York City, she was painted in grey color, just like her sister Queen Mary, in these days the New Yorkers could admire the three biggest ships in the world, S. S. NORMANDIE, R. M. S.QUEEN MARY and R.M.S.QUEEN ELIZABETH, NORMANDIE she was a French liner, at time she was docked in New York City without return forecast, the French would've been invaded by the German, and many French ships would be docked in New York City.



Here on this picture we can see our young Princess Elizabeth and her sister Princess Margaret accompanied by their mother Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.



The launch day of the Queen Elizabeth at Clydebank shipyards.

### **The naming ceremony**

The naming ceremony of the hull on the British way, it's always accompanied by Scottish bagpipes, after we've a speech of Her Majesty, and she finish saying **"I name this ship..."** And **wishing good luck for her**. And then the Queen hit the champagne bottle on the hull and the ship she's ready to be launched.

### **The World War started[...]**

With the WW2 starting the Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth became troop ships, the Queen Mary it was known as **Grey ghost**, she'd be carrying many soldiers during the great War.

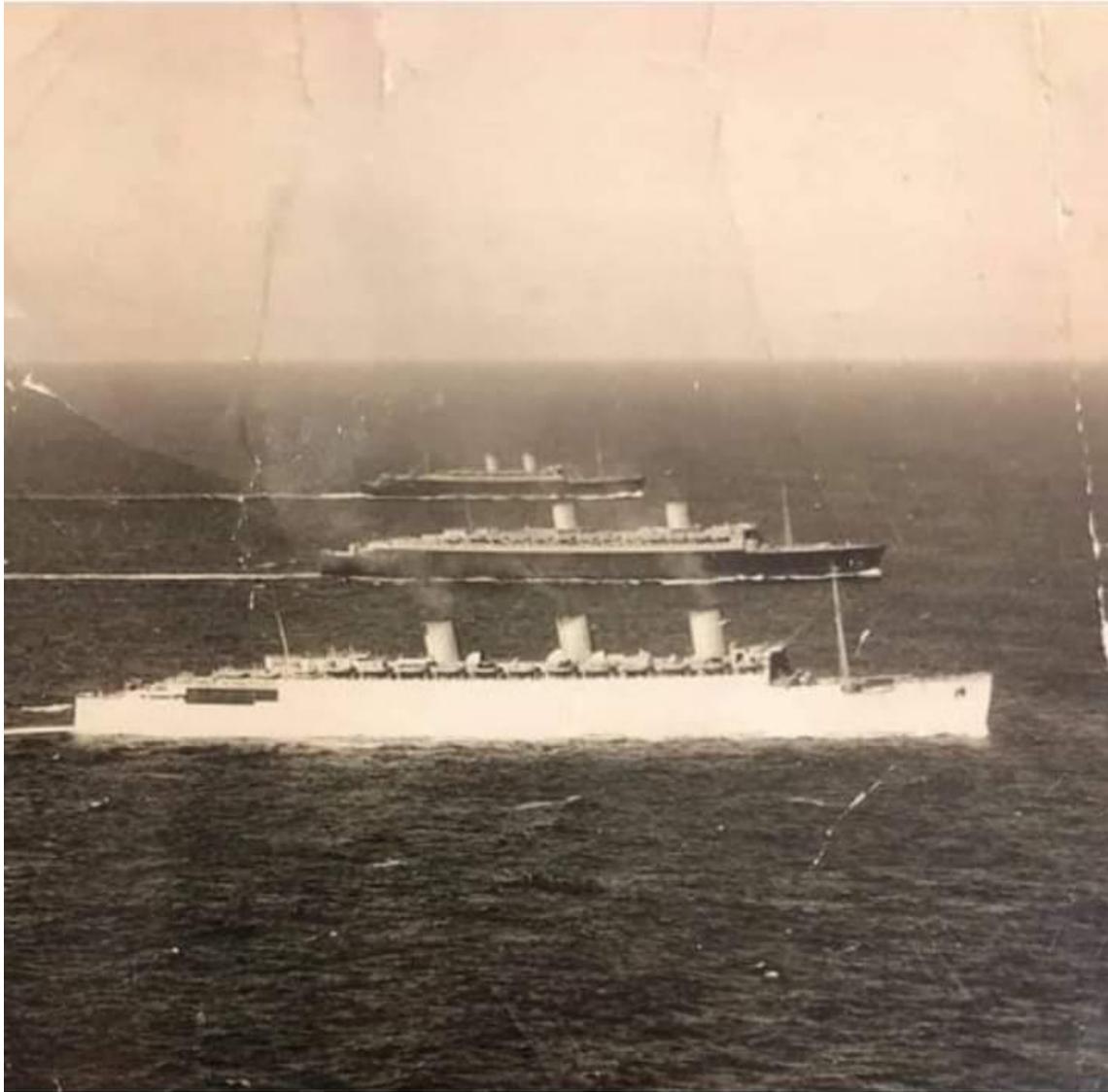
During the WW2 we'd have a great veteran from the Edwardian era and WW1 together with these Queens, the R. M. S. AQUITANIA now known as H. M. T. AQUITANIA for her second time, the last four funnels in the world.

Princess Elizabeth she'd be helping during the great War too.

The great War finished in 1945, now the Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary they would have the mission taking the soldiers to their countries.

Queen Elizabeth it wasn't finished until the end of the WW2, in 1947 she was finished and she finally made her maiden voyage as a passenger ship, on the wheelhouse it was the Queen Mother, she made the sea trials on the Queen Elizabeth.

Both Mary and Elizabeth were a great success during their life until 1967 when they would be sold.



⚓THE ATLANTIC CONVOY⚓.

This is a rare picture of three ships sailing in a convoy during WW2. These ships are:

H. M. T. MAURETANIA 2(top), H.M.T. QUEEN ELIZABETH (middle) and the H. M. T. QUEEN MARY (bottom). This convoy was called "US10" this voyage began on April of 1941 and everything went fine.

For those who don't know what's a convoy, a convoy refers to a group of vehicles, typically motor vehicles or ships, traveling together for mutual support and protection. A convoy is often organized with an armed defensive support. It may also be used in a non-military sense, for example when driving through remote areas. Arriving at the

scene of a major emergency with a well-ordered unit and intact command structure can be another motivation.



Here we can see a young Princess Elizabeth during the WW2.



Here on this picture we can see Queen Elizabeth and Sir. Winston Churchill the British Prime Minister, but what do they have in common?

Both would be on board the Queen Mary, Churchill traveled on board the Queen Mary to America, and there's also a restaurant with his name on the same ship.

Churchill he was a friend very close of the Royal Family and especially of the Princess Elizabeth now Queen Elizabeth II.

In 1967 it was born another new Queen of the Atlantic, the Queen Elizabeth 2, now this one, she was to honor Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth II, she would be making the ceremony on this day, the ceremony it was as I described, bagpipes, the Queen saying **I name this ship Queen Elizabeth 2**, and after hitting a champagne bottle on the hull and ready the QE2's hull it was on the water.

The Queen Elizabeth 2 would become the second longest ship of the Cunard, the first she was the Aquitania also known as **The Ship Beautiful**, retired in 1950.

In the same year Queen Mary would be sold to become a floating hotel in Long Beach California, where she is until today's days.



“Here Queen Elizabeth II is visiting the ocean liner, Queen Elizabeth 2, in July 1990.”  
Getty images.

2004 the second Queen Mary would born.



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In 2004 the Queen Elizabeth II would be naming the R. M. S. QUEEN MARY 2.

The last great liner sailing under the British flag, the ceremony it was the same, there would be a man playing bagpipes on the bow of the QM2, and our gracious Queen said the same words, **I name this ship Queen Mary 2, and wishing good luck for her.**

At time Queen Elizabeth 2 would be together with Queen Mary 2, until when she'd be sold to become a floating hotel in Dubai, actually Cunard they have three Queens, Queen Mary 2 (ocean liner) and Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria, the three ships they'd be named by Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth II, on today's days the

Cunard it has another new Queen under construction, she's going to be called **Queen Anne**

The magnificent life of the Queen Elizabeth it's a lot more than naming ships, but it'll be another article in the future.

To finish God Save The Queen



Artist unknown.

**God Save The Queen**

**God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen!**

Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the Queen!

O Lord our God arise,  
Scatter our enemies,  
And make them fall!  
Confound their politics,  
Frustrate their knavish tricks,  
On Thee our hopes we fix,  
God save us all!

Not in this land alone,  
But be God's mercies known,  
From shore to shore!  
Lord make the nations see,  
That men should brothers be,  
And form one family,  
The wide world o'er.

From every latent foe,  
From the assassins blow,  
God save the Queen!  
O'er her thine arm extend,  
For Britain's sake defend,  
Our mother, prince, and friend,  
God save the Queen!

Thy choicest gifts in store,  
On her be pleased to pour,

**Long may she reign!  
May she defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause,  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the Queen!**

Some pictures are from my own collection on my Facebook page.

This article I would like to dedicate to my beloved cousin, who since the last year has been learning with me and has loved the Great Britain and the ocean liners just like her cousin.