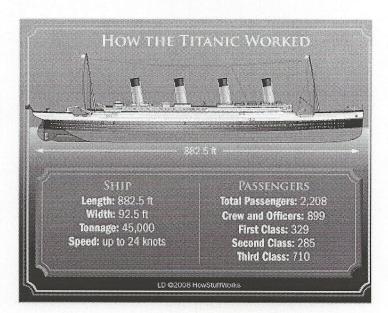


RMS TITANIC

Built in 1912, the Titanic was a symbol of 20th century European society's faith in technology and the British Empire's control of the world's oceans.

The longest ship in the world, the Titanic was given nicknames such as "unsinkable" – the White Star Line (the British company that owned the Titanic) proudly boasted "Even God himself could not sink this ship!"

Some Interesting Facts on the Titanic (taken from www.titanic-facts.com)



- The ship was loaded with only enough lifeboats to hold half of the Titanic passengers. There were 20 of them with a total capacity of 1178 people.
- Some of the limited lifeboats were lowered to the waters only half-full.
- The ship received information earlier regarding the presence of ice floes in the vicinity, yet continued to speed full throttle ahead towards tragedy.
- Among the property reported as lost on the Titanic were over 3000 bags of mail and an automobile.
- The ship contained a heated swimming pool, a first for any sailing vessel.
- The ship was still so brand new when passengers boarded it on April 10, 1912 that the paint was still wet in some spots.
- Of the 1517 people of perished in the sinking of the Titanic, only 306 bodies were recovered.
- The largest percentage of survivors came from first class passengers.
- Sadly, Captain Smith had made plans to retire after seeing the Titanic safely across the Atlantic on her maiden voyage.
- It cost \$7,500,000 to build the Titanic.
- It took three years to fully construct the ship.