

**UNIT NUMBER:.**

**S.S. BAYRUPERT**

**AREA OF SERVICE: LABRADOR/HUDSON STRAITS**

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Steel Screw Steamer

**Construction:**

Designer and builder: Ardrossan Dry Dock & Ship Building Co.  
Dimensions: Length - 330' Breadth - 50' Depth - 31'3"  
Draft: 21'  
Number of passengers: 50 Number of crew:  
Plans: A.109/39-17-20; A.109/19 & 20 (Specifications)  
Power:  
Registered: London  
Speed: Average 10 knots per hour burning 28 tons of Welsh coal per 24 hours  
Tonnage: Gross - 4037.17 Net - 2414.91

**HISTORY:**

1926 Built and launched at Ardrossan. Not successfully launched until fourth attempt so believed an unlucky ship. Specially designed for ice-navigation, she was a very up-to-date ship, lavishly furnished and fitted.  
1926, 3 June Ceremony to mark her sailing from Tilbury Docks on the 258th anniversary of the sailing of the *Nonsuch*  
1926-1927 From home port of Ardrossan sailed to fur trade Posts in Labrador and Hudson Straits, Baffin Island  
1927, 22 July Wrecked on submerged reef off Labrador Ship's complement of 80 made their way in lifeboats to Farnyard Island six miles away to await rescue by S.S. *Kyle*

**MASTERS:**

1926 - 1927 Thomas Smellie

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