

## Great Ships of the Seas: *S.S. Oceanic*

The *Oceanic* was launched at Monfalcone, Italy, on January 15, 1963 and entered the transatlantic service in 1964. The 39,000-ton liner was the new flagship of Home Lines, appearing on the scene just as the Italian-based Home Lines was decommissioning its great classic, the *Italia*.

A true luxury liner, the *Oceanic's* facilities included two swimming pools, closed circuit television, chapel, cinemascope theatre, children's and teenagers' public rooms, and complete air conditioning. She was sleek, gleaming white, and had a single stack to the rear. Always popular, the *Oceanic* plied the seas for tourists, vacationers, and business people.

Her 61,000-horsepower turbines gave her a speed of 27 knots, and, by 1965, she was the largest liner used throughout the year on cruises, with a capacity of 1200 passengers. She worked the weekly run between New York and Nassau.

