



Royal Rendezvous: Queen Mary Meets Her Successor

The succession is now official. As a squadron of skywriters spelled out “Hail to the Queens” against the blue skies overhead, the Queen Mary 2 sailed into Long Beach Harbor around noon on Thursday to pay her respects to her predecessor, the Queen Mary. As maritime enthusiasts and members of the media watched, filmed and photographed the event, the world’s largest luxury liner approached the original Queen Mary for a whistle salute before setting sail for Ensenada, Mexico.

Launched in the 1934, the Queen Mary made history throughout the 20th Century with her famous passengers, unprece-

dent horsepower, service during World War II and elegant design. By the time the historic ocean liner was finally permanently berthed along the Long Beach shoreline as the city’s – literally – flagship attraction, her international exploits had made her a household name worldwide.

Launched in 1998, the Queen Mary 2 dwarfs even her 1,019-foot-long namesake. At 1,132 feet, the newer ship is not only longer than the Queen Mary, but also – if stood upon her stern – taller than the Washington Monument, the Eiffel Tower and Big Ben.

Photographs by the Business Journal’s Thomas McConville



Tale Of The Tape

	Queen Mary	Queen Mary 2
Overall Length:	1,019 ft.	1,132 ft.
Gross Tonnage:	81,237 tons	151,400 tons
Date Launched:	26-September-34	8-June-98
Maiden Voyage:	27-May-36	12-January-04
Height:	181 ft. from keel to smokestack top	236.2 ft. from keel to funnel
Number of Decks:	12	17
Passenger Capacity:	1,957	2,620
Officers and Crew:	1,174	1,253
Propulsion:	Steam Turbines	Diesel-electric/Gas Turbines
Horsepower:	160,000	157,000
Cruising Speed:	28.5 knots (55.17 km./hr.)	26 knots (30 mph)
Whistles:	3 – Steam type. Two on forward funnel, one on middle funnel	2 – Typhoon located at the forward and end of the funnel
Smokestacks:	3	1









