

# Complete Ocean Liner Speed Record Table

Blue Riband & Major Atlantic Record Breakers (Westbound)

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This reference sheet summarizes major transatlantic westbound passenger liner speed records associated with the informal Blue Riband accolade. Figures reflect published distances and elapsed times used in standard liner histories.

Year	Ship	Line	Route	Time	Avg Speed
1838	Sirius	British & American Steam Navigation Co.	Cork - New York	18d 10h 12m	6.71 kn
1838	Great Western	Great Western Steamship Company	Bristol - New York	15d 5h	7.95 kn
1897	Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Cherbourg - New York	5d 18h	22.28 kn
1900	Deutschland	Hamburg America Line	Cherbourg - New York	5d 11h 5m	23.36 kn
1907	Lusitania	Cunard Line	Queenstown - Sandy Hook	4d 19h 2m	24.60 kn
1909	Mauretania	Cunard Line	Queenstown - Sandy Hook	4d 10h 41m	25.89 kn
1929	Bremen	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Cherbourg - New York	4d 17h 42m	27.83 kn
1933	Rex	Italian Line	Gibraltar - Sandy Hook	4d 13h 58m	28.93 kn
1935	Normandie	French Line (Compagnie Générale Transatlantique)	Bishop Rock - Ambrose	3d 22h 7m	30.14 kn
1937	Queen Mary	Cunard-White Star Line	Bishop Rock - Ambrose	3d 23h 57m	30.63 kn
1952	United States	United States Lines	Bishop Rock - Ambrose	3d 12h 12m	35.59 kn

Curatorial Note: The Blue Riband was never formally governed. Distance endpoints and calculation methods varied historically. SS United States (1952) remains the last holder of the transatlantic passenger liner speed record.