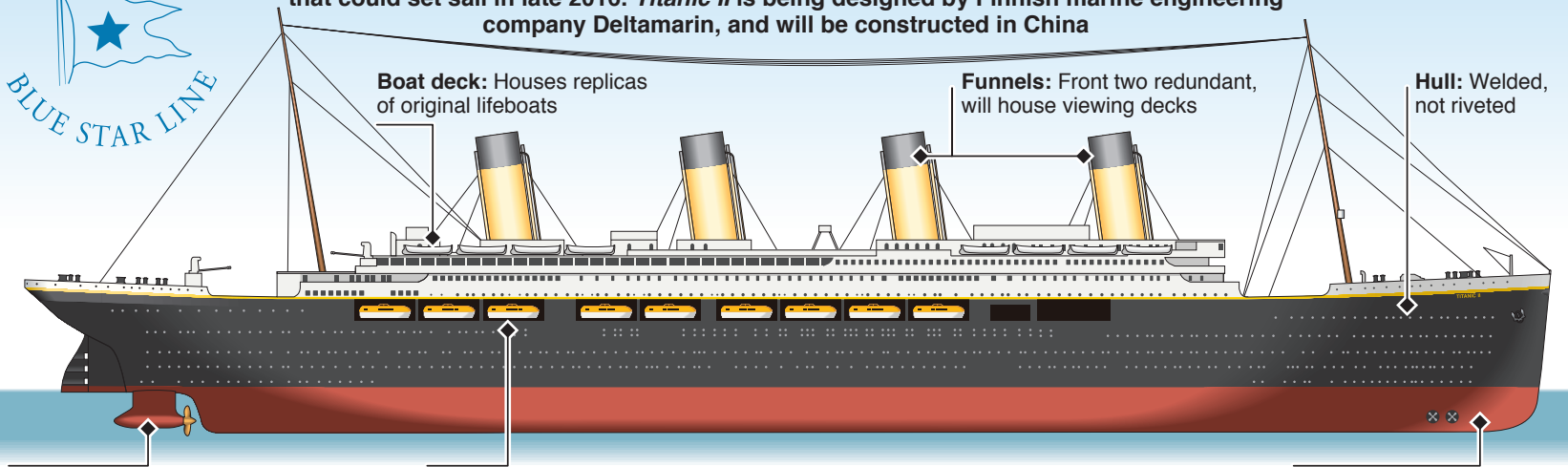


Billionaire plans to launch Titanic replica

Australian billionaire Clive Palmer is preparing to build an almost identical version of the Titanic that could set sail in late 2016. *Titanic II* is being designed by Finnish marine engineering company Deltamarin, and will be constructed in China



Boat deck: Houses replicas of original lifeboats

Funnels: Front two redundant, will house viewing decks

Hull: Welded, not riveted

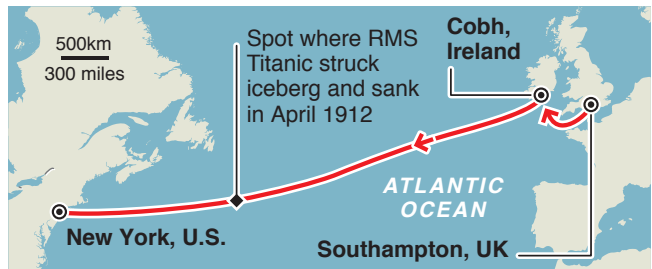
Propulsion: Diesel engines driving azimuth thrusters will replace original coal-fired steam engines

Safety deck: Located between C and D deck, for modern lifeboats and marine evacuation systems

Interiors: As close to original as possible. Wood panelling replaced with veneers to comply with fire regulations. New escape staircases in addition to original stairs

Bulbous bow: For higher fuel efficiency

Titanic II's maiden voyage will follow route of original Titanic



RMS Titanic

Titanic II

	<i>RMS Titanic</i>	<i>Titanic II</i>
Length	269m	269m
Displacement	53,000 tonnes	56,000 tonnes
Lifeboat capacity	1,178	2,700*
Passengers	2,600	2,435
Crew	900	900
Maximum speed	24 knots	24 knots
Construction	1909-1912	2013-2016
Cost	\$7.5m (\$400m today)	tbc

*Additional capacity of 800 in life rafts

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