



## Madroño, 1885

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A tree, also known as Madroña, *Arbutus menziesi* of western North America, with glossy evergreen leaves, white flowers, and red-orange fruit.

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Builder: John H. Dialogue, Camden, New Jersey

Length: 180'

Beam: 27' 6"

Draft: 11' 6"

Displacement: 806 tons

Cost: \$87,871.76

Commissioned: 14 September 1885

Decommissioned: 1927

Disposition: Sold

Machinery: Compound inverted fore-and-aft surface-condensing steam engine; 2 coal-fired return-flue boilers; 700 BHP; single propeller.

Performance & Endurance:

Max:

Cruising:

Deck Gear: Wood hoist

Complement: 26 (1907)

Armament: None

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### **Tender History:**

The *Madroño* was built by John H. Dialogue in Camden, New Jersey. She was launched in 1884 and was commissioned on 14 September 1885. She was designed as an inspection tender for service on the west coast as a replacement for the tender *Shubrick*. She arrived in San Francisco, California, in January of 1886. She was the third tender to serve in the Pacific. During her career, she had two service launches assigned to her, the *Hazel* and *Madroño*.

She remained in service until 1927 when she was sold.

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### **Sources:**

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