



44-foot Motor Life Boat (MLB)

Crew: 4
Original Cost: \$225,000
(1972)
Length: 44 feet 1.5 inches
Beam: 12 feet 8 inches
Draft: 3 feet 4 inch

Displacement: 17.5 tons
Engine: 2 Cummings diesels
Speed: 14 knots
Range: 215 nm
Endurance: 6-10 hours

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General Information: Originally designed in 1961, these steel-hulled 44-foot motor life boats were built at the Coast Guard Yard in Curtis Bay, Md., between 1963 and 1972. Motor lifeboats are the workhorses of rescue stations. They are built to withstand the most severe conditions at sea and are capable of effecting a rescue at sea even under the most difficult circumstances. They are self-bailing, self-righting, almost unsinkable, and have a long cruising radius for their size. If one of these boats gets turned over on its back, its righting tanks will turn it right side up in 30 seconds or less. The 44-footers are being replaced one for one by the newer 47-footer over the next two years in the 13th District.

Missions: Search and rescue, maritime law enforcement marine environmental protection, and recreational boating safety.



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