



Hudson, 1934

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A river in eastern New York that flows south to the Atlantic Ocean at New York City.

Builder: Portsmouth Navy Yard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Length: 110' 6"

Beam: 24'

Draft: 12' 6"

Displacement: 290 tons

Cost: \$236,000

Commissioned: 31 October 1934

Decommissioned: 11 November 1968

Disposition: Transferred to Northwestern University

Machinery: 1 General Electric motor connected to 2 General Electric generators driven by 2 McIntosh Seymour 6-cylinder diesel engines; 800 SHP

Performance & Endurance:

Max: 12.0 knots

Cruising: 10.0 knots; 1,500 mile range

Complement: 16 (1938)

Armament: 2 x 20mm/80; 2 depth charge tracks (1944); none (peacetime)

Electronics: MR-3A (1961)

History:

The *Hudson* was one of four 110-foot *Calumet*-class tugs that entered service in the mid-1930s. They were designed for light-icebreaking as well as traditional tug operations. The design proved to be so successful that the next three subsequent classes of tugs constructed for Coast Guard service closely followed the *Calumet*-class design.

The *Hudson* was initially stationed at New York where she was used for customs boardings, towing, law enforcement and search and rescue operations. In 1943 she transferred to Baltimore for a year and then transferred to New Orleans, where she remained until 1958.

From 1958 until 1962 she was stationed at Brownsville, Texas. From 1962 until 1968 she was stationed at Norfolk, Virginia. She was decommissioned on 31 October 1968 and was transferred to Northwestern University on 8 July 1970.

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