



POINT TURNER, 1967

WPB 82365

Builder: J.M. Martinac Shipbuilding Corp., Tacoma, WA

Commissioned: 14 April 1967

Decommissioned: 3 April 1998

Disposition: Transferred to St. Lucia, 15 April 1998

Length: 82'10" oa, 78' bp

Navigation Draft: 5'11" max (1960)

Beam: 17'7" max

Displacement: 69 fl; 60 light (1960)

Main Engines: 2 Cummins diesel (see class history)

BHP: 1,600

Performance, Maximum Sustained: 18.0 kts, 542-mi radius (1,600 hp, 1963)

Performance, Economic: 9.4 kts, 1,500-mi radius (1,600 hp, 1963)

Maximum Speed: 22.9 kts (1963)

Fuel Capacity: 1,840 gal

Complement: 8 men (1960), 2 officers, 8 men (1965)

Electronics:

Radar: SPN-11, CR-103 (1960), or SPS-64

Armament: 1 x 20mm (1960), 5 x .50 cal mg, 1 x 81 mm mortar (Vietnam service)

Ship's history:

The *Point Turner* was originally named *Point Houghton*. She was stationed at Newport, RI. She was used for law enforcement and search and rescue operations. On 18 July 1968, she towed the disabled pleasure craft *Hell-o* 7 miles east of Boston Light Station to Gloucester, MA. On 10 May 1970, she transported an explosive ordnance team to F/V *Moby Dick*, which had recovered a live 500-lb bomb. The bomb was defused and carried to Quonset Point by the cutter.

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