



USS *Enceladus*, AK-80

A satellite of Saturn.

Builder: Penn Jersey Shipbuilding Company, Camden, NJ

Length: 269' 10"

Beam: 42' 6"

Draft: 20' 9"

Displacement: 1,677 tons

Top speed: 10-knots

Complement: 83

Armament: 1 x 3"

HISTORY:

Enceladus (AK-80) was built by the Penn Jersey Shipbuilding Co., Camden, N.J., in 1942. She was acquired and commissioned by the Navy on 18 August 1943. Her first commanding officer was LT Melville M. Coombs, USCGR. He was succeeded 7 August 1945 by LT Lloyd R. Freeman, Jr., USCGR. He, in turn, was succeeded by LCDR Victor A. Johnson, USCG on 27 September 1945.

During World War II she operated entirely in the southwest Pacific, all the while Coast Guard manned. She shuttled supplies between supply bases which included Noumea, New Caledonia, Tongatabu, Torokina, Bougainville, Emirau, and Guadalcanal. She was occupied with inter-island freight traffic until 4 August 1945 when she arrived at Pearl Harbor. *Enceladus* was decommissioned on 18 December 1945 and turned over to the Maritime Commission.

SOURCES:

Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships.

