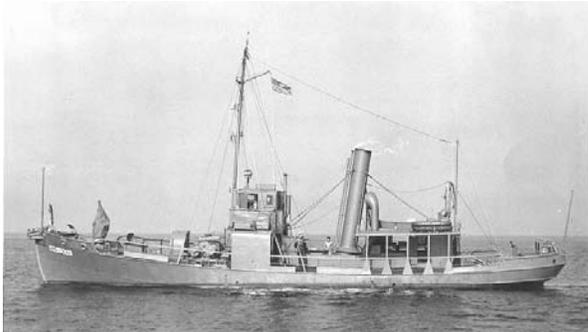




USCGC 95003

(ex-Aberdeen)



Builder: American Pacific Whaling Company, Seattle, WA

Built: 1912

Commissioned:

Decommissioned: March 16, 1944

Length: 88 feet

Navigation draft: 11 feet 5 inches

Beam: 19 feet

Displacement: 59 tons

Propulsion: Unknown

Shaft horsepower: 370 horsepower

Maximum speed: Unknown

Economical speed: Unknown

Endurance (@ 8 knots): Unknown

Complement: 10 person crew

Electronics: Unknown

Armament: Unknown

History:

USCGC 95003, formerly the fishing and whaling vessel *Aberdeen*, was one of several ships transferred under the Coast Guard's authority during World War II. Technological advances of the time made whaling vessels like the *Aberdeen* obsolete, so many of them were under emergency acquisition. Upon receipt from emergency transfer, vessels were used for coastal patrols and minesweeping operations.

Within the first six months the United States became involved in World War II, German U-boats began taking a heavy toll on merchantmen close to the U.S. East Coast. The Coast Guard took large numbers of boats to patrol coastal waters. These vessels primary responsibilities included port security from enemy mines laid by U-boats, defense against enemy vessels, search and rescue operations, and coastal escort duties. These wood-hulled ships were ideal for mine sweeping duties because they did not attract magnetic mines, and as patrol boats for their size.

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