



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Arundel, 1939

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A county in Maryland.

Builder: Gulfport Works, Port Arthur, Texas

Length: 110'

Beam: 26' 5"

Draft: 12'

Displacement: 328-tons

Cost: \$309,000

Commissioned: 6 July 1939

Decommissioned: 30 April 1982

Disposition:

Machinery: 1 Westinghouse electric motor connected to 2 Westinghouse generators driven by 2 General Motors 8-567A 8-cylinder diesel engines; 1,000 SHP; single propeller

Performance & Endurance:

 Max: 13.0 knots

 Cruising: 10.0 knots; 3,500 mile range (1945); 8.0 knots; 2,000 mile range (1961)

Complement: 16 (1945); 20 (1961)

Armament: Small arms only (when launched); 2 x .50 caliber machine guns (1945)

Electronics: SO-8 radar (1945); SPN-11 (1961)

History:

Arundel was one of four 110-foot tugs built for the Coast Guard. They were a follow-on to the 110-foot *Calumet*-class tugs and were capable of breaking ice up to three feet thick. They were officially referred to in the Coast Guard *Description of Cutters* document as a "Harbor Cutter." *Arundel* was built by the Gulfport Works in Port Arthur, Texas. She was launched on 24 June 1939 and commissioned on 6 July 1939. During the winter of 1940 she broke ice on the Hudson river. During World War II, she was assigned to CINCLANT (DESLANT) and was stationed at Boston, Massachusetts. She served on the Greenland Patrol.

In 1945 she transferred to New York, where she was assigned to law enforcement, search and rescue, and light ice-breaking duties. She transferred to Portland, Maine, in 1947. In 1948 she transferred to New Bedford, Massachusetts. In 1952 she transferred to Chicago, Illinois. From 8 to 9 April 1956 she was towed to Detroit, Michigan, by the CGC *Mesquite*. On 20 August 1965 she assisted in the search for debris from United Airlines crash in Lake Michigan. On 15 February 1968 she helped free the tug *Silver Star* from the ice and escorted her to Holland, Michigan. On 26 February 1968 she helped medevac a crewman from the tanker *Meteor* near St. Joseph, Michigan. On 5 April 1968 she helped free the grounded M/V *Inglehart* in the St. Mary's River. On 11 April 1970 she helped free the grounded M/V *Stadacona* near the Mackinaw

Bridge. On 17 April 1970 she stood by the M/V *8 Denton* following the fouling of her propeller by a buoy chain.

She transferred for the final time to Buffalo, New York, in 1980. She was decommissioned in 1982.

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