



## *Aster*, 1944

WAGL-408

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Any of various plants of the genus *Aster* in the composite family, having radiate flower heads with white, pink, or violet rays and a usually yellow disk.

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Builder: Martinolinch Shipbuilding Corporation, San Francisco, California

Length: 106' 3"

Beam: 30' 9"

Draft: 8'

Displacement: 450 tons fl

Cost:

Commissioned: April 1944 (USCG)

Decommissioned: 15 August 1962

Disposition: ??

Machinery: 2 x Caterpillar diesels, 270 hp, twin screws

Performance & Endurance:

    Max: 7.5 knots, 2,915 mile range (1956)

Deck Gear: 1 ton boom capacity

Complement: 10 men

Armament: None

Electronics: Bendix Marine detection radar

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### **History:**

United States Coast Guard Cutter *Aster* (WAGL-408), along with her sister ship *Thistle* (WAGL-409), were former-U.S. Army barges. They were constructed of wood and both were built by the Martinolinch Shipbuilding Corporation. The *Aster* was commissioned into the Coast Guard in 1944 and was stationed at Seattle, Washington, throughout her Coast Guard career. She carried out aids to navigation duties and logistics functions for light stations and light ships in her area.

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"USCGC ASTER (WAGL-408); 105-ft. Coast Guard river tender built: 1943 at San Francisco, Calif., Homeport: Seattle, Wash."; 5 April 1949; Photo No. API-04-05-49; photographer unknown.

