



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Atlantic, 1941

WIX-271

Builder: Townsend & Downey S & R Company, Shooters Island, New York
Length: 185'
Beam: 29' 6"
Draft: 17' 6"
Displacement: 303 tons (gross)
Cost: Gift
Launched: 1903
Commissioned: 1 April 1941 (USCG)
Decommissioned: 27 October 1947
Disposition: Sold on 10 September 1948
Rig: Schooner
Machinery: 1 Seaburg triple expansion steam engine; 150 SHP; single propeller
Sail area: 11,058 square feet
Complement: ?
Electronics: None
Armament: None

History:

The *Atlantic* was a steel-hulled, three-masted schooner that was originally launched in 1903. She gained international notoriety by crossing the Atlantic from Sandy Hook, New Jersey, to The Lizard, England, in 12 days, 4 hours, and one minute. In 1905 she won the Kaiser's Cup. During World War I, she served as a mother ship for submarines.

She was acquired by the Coast Guard and commissioned on 1 April 1941. She was assigned to Headquarters but was stationed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut where she was used for cadet training.

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