



Bitt, 1966

WYTL-65613

Bitt: A vertical post set on the deck of a ship for securing cables.

Builder: Western Boatbuilding, Tacoma, Washington

Length: 64' 11"

Beam: 19' 1"

Draft: 9'

Displacement: 74 tons

Cost: \$158,366

Commissioned: 27 May 1966

Decommissioned: 4 October 1982

Disposition: Sold

Machinery: 1 diesel engine; 400 BHP; single propeller

Performance & Endurance:

Max: 10.6 knots; 1,130 mile range

Cruising: 7.0 knots; 3,690 mile range

Complement: 5

Armament: None

Electronics: SPN-11 detection radar

Tender History:

The steel-hulled harbor tug *Bitt* entered service on 27 May 1966. She was first stationed at Bellingham, Washington, and was used for law enforcement and search and rescue operations. On 5 January 1969 she assisted in the evacuation of a stranded person near Nooksack River when a dike broke. On 29 July 1969 she towed the disabled fishing vessel *Jet Stream* to safety from Admiralty Inlet. On 20 October 1975 she rescued two persons from a capsized sailboat. She transferred to Valdez, Alaska in 1978. She was decommissioned in 1982.

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