



Blanco, 1942

WPYc-343

ex-Atlantic; ex-Moby Dick

Builder: Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, Wilmington, Delaware

Length: 120'

Beam: 24' 10"

Draft: 6' 10"

Displacement: 198 tons

Cost: \$1 (acquisition); \$29,502 (conversion)

Launched: 1923 (private)

Commissioned: 20 August 1942 (USCG)

Decommissioned: 31 October 1945

Disposition: Declared surplus on 4 November 1945

Machinery: 1 Krupp, 6-cylinder, 4-cycle diesel engine; 180 BHP; single propeller

Performance:

Maximum Speed: 14 knots (sail & diesel)

Economic/Cruising Speed: 10 knots; 2,400 mile range

Complement: 26

Electronics: None

Armament: 2 x .50 caliber machine guns; 2 x "K" gun depth charge projectors.

Cutter History:

The *Blanco* was a steel-hulled, 3-masted schooner that was originally designed by Henry J. Bielow, Inc. She was acquired from the Great Lakes from her owners to augment the coastal patrol during the U-boat blitz along the eastern seaboard in 1942. She was assigned to the Gulf Sea Frontier and served out of Miami, Florida. She conducted anti-submarine and escort of convoy patrols until she was decommissioned on 31 October 1945.

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