



Bouquet, 1889

A small cluster or arrangement of flowers.

Builder: Frank W. Ofeldt, South Brooklyn, New York

Length: 25'

Beam: 5' 6"

Draft: 3'

Displacement:

Cost: \$1,126

Commissioned: 10 August 1889

Decommissioned: N/A

Disposition: Wrecked on 29 August 1893

Machinery: Compound condensing steam engine

Performance & Endurance:

Max:

Cruising:

Deck Gear:

Complement:

Armament: None

Tender History:

The *Bouquet* was a small steam launch, built with a copper-sheathed oak hull, that entered service in 1889. She was originally powered by naphtha (a

petroleum distillate) but was changed to coal burning in 1891. She was based in the 3rd Lighthouse District and served out of Sandy Hook, New Jersey.

She tended a string of experimental electrically lighted buoys in lower New York Bay. The project began in 1888 but was found to be impractical and it was suspended in 1903.

The *Bouquet* was wrecked at her moorings during a storm on 29 August 1893 and was declared a total loss.

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