



Bowen, 1855

Built at: Baltimore, MD

Cost: \$6,000 (purchase price)

Rig: schooner

Length: 77'

Beam: 21' 6"

Draft: 5'

Displacement: 75 tons

Built: 1847

Acquired: February 1855

Commissioned: 1853

Disposition: Sunk August 1872

Complement: Unknown

Cutter History:

The private schooner *G.L. Bowen* was purchased in February 1855 at Key West and commissioned as *Bowen*. The tender was assigned to the 7th Lighthouse District as an engineering tender. It was later re-named *Florida* on 12 March 1855. In June 1872 the ship was re-assigned to the 2nd Lighthouse District. It capsized and sank east of Gloucester, MA in August 1872. There were no deaths as a result of this loss.

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