



Bronco, 1942

WYP-340; ex-*Star 18*

Builder: Akers Mek. Vaerks, Oslo, Norway

Commissioned: 1930 (commercial), 7 December 1942 Coast Guard

Decommissioned: 30 June 1945, sold 20 November 1946

Length: 123' 1"

Navigation Draft: 13; 2"

Beam: 23' 9"

Displacement: 588 tons full load

Propulsion: reciprocating steam, Scotch boilers, single screw

Shaft Power: 750 SHP

Maximum Speed: 10 knots

Economical Speed:

Fuel Capacity: 110 tons

Water Capacity: NA

Endurance: 3,100 mile radius at 10 knots

Complement: NA

Armament: 1 3"/50; 2 dc tracks

Vessel History:

A former whaler transferred to the Coast Guard from the War Shipping Administration. The Coast Guard crews found her crowded and wet. Conversion costs were \$225,839.

The *Bronco* performed patrol duty in the CARIBTSEAFRON and was stationed at Balboa, Canal Zone.

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