



Cahoone, 1927

WSC/WMEC-131



CLASS: Active Class Patrol Boat

BUILDER: American Brown Boveri Electric Corp., Camden, NJ

COMMISSIONED: 21 February 1927

LAUNCHED: 27 January 1927

DECOMMISSIONED: 11 March 1968 and sold 12 December 1968

DISPLACEMENT: 232 tons

PROPULSION: 2 x 6-cylinder, 300 hp engines

LENGTH: 125 feet

BEAM: 23 feet, 6 inches

DRAFT: 7 feet, 6 inches

PERFORMANCE:

Max speed: 13 knots, 1945, 2,500 mile range

Econ. speed: 8.0 knots, 3,500 mile range

COMPLEMENT: 3 officers, 17 men (1960)

ARMAMENT: 1927: 1x 3"/27
1941: 1 x 3"/23, 2 x depth charge tracks
1945: 1 x 40mm/80 (single), 2 x 20mm/80 (single), 2 x depth
charge tracks, 2 x mousetraps
1960: 1 x 40mm/60

CLASS HISTORY:

This class of vessels was one of the most useful and long- lasting in Coast Guard service with 16 cutters still in use in the 1960's. The last to be decommissioned from active service was the *Morris* in 1970; the last in actual service was the *Cuyahoga*, which sank after an accidental collision in 1978. They were designed for trailing the "mother ships" along the outer line of patrol during Prohibition. They were constructed at a cost of \$63,173 each. They gained a reputation for durability that was only enhanced by their re-engining in the late 1930's; their original 6-cylinder diesels were replaced by significantly more powerful 8-cylinder units that used the original engine beds and gave the vessels 3 additional knots. All served in World War II, but two, the *Jackson* and *Bedloe*, were lost in a storm in 1944. Ten were refitted as buoy tenders during the war and reverted to patrol work afterward.

CUTTER HISTORY

Stationed at Stapleton, NY, she took part in the rescue of survivors of the cruise ship *Morro Castle*, which burned off New Jersey in 1934. She was at Curtis Bay, MD, in 1936 and at Morehead City, NC, in 1937. By 1940 she was at San Pedro, CA, where she remained through World War II. From 1946 to 1954 she was at Mt. Edgecumbe, AK. She was stationed at Galveston, TX, until 1968.

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