



EM *Messick*, WYP-358 (ex-*W. L. Messick*)

Builder: Smith and McCoy Co., Norfolk, VA
Commissioned: 1911 (commercial); 24 June 1943 Coast Guard
Decommissioned: 2 March 1944 and returned to owner 13 March 1944
Length: 131' 8"
Navigation Draft: 12' 5"
Beam: 23' 5"
Displacement: 534 tons full load
Propulsion: diesel, single screw
Shaft Power: 600 BHP
Maximum Speed: NA
Economical Speed: NA
Fuel Capacity: NA
Water Capacity: NA
Endurance: NA
Complement: 30 men (commercial)
Armament: NA

Vessel History:

A former fishing boat; the EM in front of the name stood for Emergency Manning. Coast Guard records usually kept the EM before the name of the vessel. The Coast Guard chartered this vessel for patrol duty. EM *Messick* was assigned to the CARIBSEAFRON and stationed in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She was chartered for \$500 a month and it cost the Government \$106,900 to convert her for war purposes.