



EM *Vernon McNeal*, WYP-318 (ex-A. *Vernon McNeal*; ex-*Charles J. Colonna*; ex-*Steamer*)

Builder: Charles J. Colonna Shipyard, Berkley, VA

Commissioned: 1904 (commercial); 9 March 1943 Coast Guard

Decommissioned: 22 November 1943 and returned to owner on 29 December 1944

Length: 136 ft

Navigation Draft: 10' 5"

Beam: 22 ft

Displacement: 400 tons full load

Propulsion: Fairbanks Morse diesel, single screw

Shaft Power: 450 BHP

Maximum Speed: NA

Economical Speed: NA

Fuel Capacity: NA

Water Capacity: NA

Endurance: NA

Complement: NA

Armament: NA

Vessel History:

EM *Vernon McNeal* was a former fishing vessel. 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 work. The charter cost the Government \$750 a month and conversion costs were \$122,400. EM *Vernon McNeal* operated out of San Juan, Puerto Rico during World War II. She was assigned to the CARIBSEAFRON for patrol duty.