



EM *Wilcox*, WYP-333 (ex-*Rowland*)

Builder: R. Palmer and Sons, Noank, Connecticut
Commissioned: 1911 commercially, 8 September 1943 Coast Guard
Decommissioned: Sank 30 September 1943
Length: 132 ft.
Navigation Draft: 10' 7"
Beam: 22'3"
Displacement: 435 fl
Propulsion: 1 diesel engine
Shaft Power: 500 BHP
Maximum Speed: NA
Economical Speed: NA
Fuel Capacity: NA
Endurance: NA
Complement: 32 commercial, 38 Coast Guard
Armament: 1 20mm/80; dc tracks

Vessel History:

Wilcox was a former Menhaden fisherman. The Menhaden boats were used along the Atlantic Coast. 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 costs \$500 a month and the conversion cost was \$122,400. *Wilcox* was assigned duty in the CARIBSEAFRON and was stationed in San Juan. She foundered and sank in a storm 94 miles due east of Nags Head, North Carolina. There were 37 survivors and one man lost.