



Foxglove, 1945

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A plant of the genus *Digitalis*, especially *D. purpurea*, indigenous to Europe, having a long cluster of large, tubular, pinkish-purple flowers and leaves that are the source of the drug digitalis.

Builder: Dubuque Boat & Boiler Works

Length: 114'

Beam: 30'

Draft: 6'

Displacement: 385 tons

Cost: \$191,595

Commissioned: 1 October 1945

Decommissioned: 8 July 1977

Disposition: Sold

Machinery: 3 Fairbanks Morse diesel engines; 600 BHP; three propellers

Performance & Endurance:

 Max: 9.0 knots

 Cruising: 7.5 knots; 2,100 mile range

Deck Gear: 3-ton capacity boom; air-powered hoist

Complement: 22

Armament: None (small arms?)

Electronics: None

Tender History:

The inland river tender *Foxglove* was designed and built by Dubuque Boat & Boiler Works in Dubuque, Iowa and entered commissioned service on 1 October 1945. She was designed to work with a working barge that she pushed off her bow; the barge could be interconnected to the tender's piping systems.

The *Foxglove* had a steel hull, decks, and superstructure.

She was assigned to the 2nd Naval District and was stationed at St. Louis, Missouri, where she served out of for her entire Coast Guard career. Her engines were replaced in 1961. Besides servicing river aids to navigation, she participated in a number of other operations. In May 1961 she assisted in flood relief in the Olive Branch area. On 31 March 1968 she assisted after a fire on a barge at Cahokia, Illinois.

She was decommissioned on 8 July 1977 and sold. She served as a quarters boat, renamed *Harvey*, until she was sold to Walter Marine in 1995. Walter Marine renamed her *Maranatha* and modified her for use to deploy artificial reefs.

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