



Haze, 1867

Builder: Henry Mallory, Mystic, Connecticut

Length: 137'

Beam: 24' 7"

Draft: 8' 4"

Displacement: 328 tons

Cost: \$27,000 purchase price

Commissioned: 16 October 1867

Decommissioned: 15 March 1905

Disposition: Sold

Machinery: Single expansion steam engine; coal-fired boiler; 292 BHP; single propeller

Performance & Endurance:

 Max:

 Cruising:

Deck Gear:

Complement:

Armament: None

Tender History:

Haze was the private steamer *Merchant* that was purchased for the Lighthouse Service in 1867. She was the first steam propeller-driven tender to serve on the Great Lakes. She was originally assigned to the 12th Lighthouse District but was transferred to the 10th and 11th Districts in 1869. Here she tended aids to navigation on Lake Erie and the Detroit River. She had new engines installed in 1876. Then she returned to her area of operations, where she remained until she was decommissioned on 15 March 1905 and was sold that same year for \$800. Her crew then cross-decked to the new tender *Crocus*.

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