



Ivy, 1947

ACM-5; WLB / WAGL-329
ex-Barbican; ex-Colonel George Armistead

A woody climbing or trailing plant of the genus *Hedera*, native to the Old World, especially *H. helix*, with lobed evergreen leaves and berrylike black fruit.

Builder: Marietta Manufacturing Company, Point Pleasant, West Virginia

Length: 188' 8"

Beam: 37'

Draft: 12' 10"

Displacement: 1,323 tons

Cost: N/A

Commissioned: 1942 (US Army); 24 March 1945 (USN); 21 April February 1947 (USCG)

Decommissioned: 26 November 1969

Disposition:

Machinery: Skinner Engine Company reciprocating steam engine; 2 Combustion Engineering boilers; twin propellers; 1,200 SHP.

Performance & Endurance:

Max: 11.5 knots

Cruising: 8.5 knots; 3,000 mile range

Deck Gear:

Complement: 52

Armament: None

Electronics: ?

Tender History:

The fourth tender named *Ivy*, one of five *Chimo*-class Army minelayers acquired by the Coast Guard, entered service with the Coast Guard in 1947. She was initially stationed at Miami, Florida, and was assigned to tend aids to navigation and conduct SAR and LE operations when required.

She transferred to Portland, Oregon on 29 June 1951 where she remained during the rest of her Coast Guard career. On 29 June 1951 she assisted the M/Vs *Alan Seeger* and *Audrey* following a collision. On 23 October 1952 she assisted the M/V *Paul T. Seafarer* and on 12 February 1954 she assisted the F/V *Western Fisherman*. On 27 March 1954 she dragged for a sunken fishing vessel off the lower Columbia River. On 1 August 1958 she grounded near Lake Washington but sustained no damage and was refloated. In August 1959 she served on a law enforcement patrol off Puget Sound. On 15 January 1961 she assisted the F/V *Mermaid* off the Columbia River Bar. On 1 March 1968 she assisted following the collision between the Japanese M/V *Suwaharu Maru* and the Liberian M/V *Mandoil II* off Oregon.

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