



# Joseph Conrad, 1939 (WIX)

## ex-HM George Stage

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Builder: Burmeister & Wain, Copenhagen, Denmark

Length: 165' 6"

Beam: 25' 3"

Draft: 13' 1"

Displacement: 500 tons

Cost: N/A

Commissioned: 30 November 1939 (USCG); originally launched in 1882

Decommissioned: 31 August 1942 (USCG)

Disposition: Turned over to the War Shipping Administration

Machinery: Diesel engine; 160 BHP; single propeller

Performance & Endurance:

    Max: 11.0 knots

    Cruising: 6.0 knots; 2,000 mile range

Complement: 35

Armament: 2 x 2" brass muzzle-loading saluting cannons

Electronics: Probably none.

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### History:

*Joseph Conrad* was the former Danish merchant marine training vessel *George Stage*, which had entered service in 1882. She was acquired by the Coast Guard in 1939 for use as a training vessel for the merchant marine. She was stationed at Jacksonville, Florida. She participated in a training cruise through the Caribbean beginning in December, 1939 and sailed with the St. Petersburg to Havana Yacht race in early 1941. The Coast Guard turned the vessel over to the Maritime Administration when the merchant marine training functions of the Coast Guard were transferred to the newly created War Shipping Administration on September 1, 1942. After the war, *Joseph Conrad* was transferred to the Mystic Seaport Mariner's Museum at Mystic, Connecticut for use as an exhibit.

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