



## Larch, 1926

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A coniferous tree of the genus *Larix*, with deciduous needles and heavy durable wood.

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Builder: St. Helens Ship Corporation, St. Helens, Oregon

Length: 63'

Beam: 16' 1"

Draft: 6' 6"

Displacement: 79 tons

Cost: \$25,500.00

Commissioned: 26 June 1926

Decommissioned: 28 October 1935

Disposition: Sold

Machinery: 4 cylinder Washington Diesel engine; 160 SHP; single propeller

Performance & Endurance:

Max:

Cruising:

Deck Gear: 2 1/2 ton capacity wood boom; electric winch

Complement: 4

Armament: None

Electronics: None

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### **Tender History:**

The *Larch* was a small harbor tender built for service on the Columbia River. She was assigned to the 17th Lighthouse District. She was transferred to the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, Oregon Division, in 1934. She was replaced by the tender *Rhododendron*.

She was returned to the Lighthouse Service the following year but was decommissioned and sold. She saw service as a private tugboat and eventually ended up as the private vessel *Trinity I* in Alaska. She grounded near Lincoln Rocks in the Clarence Straits on 6 February 1972 and sank the following day.

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### **Sources:**

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