



## USS *Nanticoke*, AOG-66

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A river rising in south central Delaware named for an Indian tribe on the eastern shore of Maryland; a fishing village in southeastern Maryland, 18 miles west southwest of Salisbury, Md.

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Builder: East Coast Shipyard, Bayonne, New Jersey

Length: 220' 6"

Beam: 37'

Draft: 17'

Displacement: 2,270 (fl)

Commissioned: 1 September 1945

Decommissioned: 4 January 1946

Disposition: Sold

Machinery: 720 hp diesel direct drive; single propeller

Top Speed: 10 knots

Complement: 62

Armament: 1 3"/50; 2 x 40mm; 3 x 20mm

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### **History:**

The USS *Nanticoke* was a *Klickitat*-Class gasoline tanker. She was laid down by St. Johns Shipbuilding Corp., Jacksonville, Fla., under a Maritime Commission contract, on 16 January 1945; launched 7 April 1945; sponsored by Mrs. Gustav W. Nelson; acquired by the Navy 31 August 1945; and commissioned 1 September 1945.

Assigned to the Naval Transportation Service, *Nanticoke* reported for duty 18 October to the Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Arriving at Norfolk, Va. 28 November, she was decommissioned there 4 January 1946 and returned to the Maritime Commission 12 January. Briefly operated by the American Petroleum Transport Corp. as *Sugarland*, she was acquired later in the year by the Argentine Navy and commissioned as *Punta Delgada* (B-16). Into 1970, she continued to serve as part of the Argentine Navy.

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**Sources:**

Cutter Files, Coast Guard Historian's Office

*Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships.*

