



## ***POINT BRIDGE, 1962***

### **WPB-82338**

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Builder: Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, MD

Commissioned: 10 October 1962

Decommissioned: 19 September 2001

Disposition: Transferred to Costa Rica

Length: 82'10" oa, 78' bp

Navigation Draft: 5'11" max (1960)

Beam: 17'7" max

Displacement: 69 fl; 60 light (1960)

Main Engines: 2 Cummins diesel (see class history)

BHP: 1,600

Performance, Maximum Sustained: 18.0 kts, 542-mi radius (1,600 hp, 1963)

Performance, Economic: 9.4 kts, 1,500-mi radius (1,600 hp, 1963)

Maximum Speed: 22.9 kts (1963)

Fuel Capacity: 1,840 gal

Complement: 8 men (1960), 2 officers, 8 men (1965)

Electronics:

Radar: SPN-11, CR-103 (1960), or SPS-64

Armament: 1 x 20mm (1960), 5 x .50 cal mg, 1 x 81 mm mortar (Vietnam service)

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**Class history**—The 82-foot patrol boats have mild steel hulls and aluminum superstructures. Longitudinally framed construction was used to save weight.

These boats were completed with a variety of power plants. 82301 through 82313, 82315 through 82317, and 82319 through 82331 were powered by two Cummins 600-hp diesels. Boats 82318 and 82332 through 82379 received two Cummins 800-hp diesels. The 82314 was fitted with two 1,000-hp gas turbines and controllable-pitch propellers. The purpose of this installation was to permit the service to evaluate the propulsion equipment. All units were eventually fitted with the 800-hp diesels. Units remaining in 1990 were re-equipped with Caterpillar diesels.

WPB 82301 through 82344 were commissioned without names; at that time the Coast Guard did not name patrol craft shorter than 100 feet. In January 1964 they were assigned names.

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### **Ship's history:**

The *Point Bridge* was stationed at San Pedro, CA, from 1962 to 1964. She was used for law enforcement and search and rescue operations.

She was stationed at Venice, CA, from 1965 to 1978. In January 1966, she towed the distressed sailboat *Eros* in heavy seas. The *Eros* sank but the crew was rescued. On 26-17 July 1968, she assisted in pollution clean-up in Ballona Creek, CA. On 23 June 1969, she fought fire on pleasure craft *Hi-C* 10 miles north of Santa Barbara Island.

From 1979, she was stationed at Marina del Rey, CA. In May 1983, she stood by a capsized drilling rig 5 miles off Point Conception to warn shipping.

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