



POINT BROWN, 1967

WPB-82362

Builder: J.M. Martinac Shipbuilding Corp., Tacoma, WA

Commissioned: 30 March 1967

Decommissioned: 27 September 1991

Disposition: Donated, 30 September 1991

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)

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.

Ship's history:

The *Point Brown* was stationed at Little Creek, VA, from 1967 to 1981. She was used for law enforcement and search and rescue operations. On 7 January 1968, she escorted distressed F/V *Avalon* to Hampton Roads, VA. On 14 March 1969, she provided escort following the collision between F/V *Endeavor* and M/V *African Neptune* off Virginia. On 5 March 1970, she towed the disabled F/V *Our Lady of Fatima* 60 miles east of Cape Henry to Hampton, VA. On 21 April 1970, she towed the disabled F/V *Sea Queen* to Hampton. On 4 July 1970, she helped fight fire in an oil-storage tank, Sewells Point, VA. On 7 October 1970, she medevaced a crewman from the Argentine M/V *Rio Dulce* off Cape Henry. On 22 November 1970, she towed the pleasure craft *Nita Bee* to Little Creek, VA. On 7 January 1979, she towed the disabled F/V *Faith* to Hampton, VA. On 23 February 1979, she assisted F/Vs *Triton 7* and *Margery Snow* that were aground on Little Cobb Island.

From September 1981 to late 1988, she was stationed at Oregon Inlet, NC. On 23 July 1980, she towed a disabled naval skiff. On 24 April 1984, she seized the pleasure craft *Sport Fishing* northwest of the Windward Passage with 2,5 tons of marijuana on board.

From late 1988 to 1991, she was stationed at Atlantic Beach, NC.

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