



Point Franklin, 1966

WPB 82350

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

Commissioned: 14 November 1966

Decommissioned: 23 June 1998

Disposition: Transferred to Venezuela, 3 August 1998

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.

Cutter History:

The *Point Franklin* was stationed at Cape May, NJ. She was used for law enforcement and search and rescue operations. On 26 November 1967, she medevaced a wounded crewman from M/V *Timaru Star* 45 miles south-southwest of Delaware Light Station. On 1 March 1968, she escorted the distressed F/V *Bright Star* 25 miles southeast of Cape May to safe waters. On 17 August 1968, she assisted the distressed M/V *Green Lake* 25 miles southeast of Ocean City, Md. On 25 August 1969, she assisted and escorted a distressed 19-foot pleasure craft off Ocean City. On 12 December 1969, she towed the disabled sailboat *Dora* to Ocean City. On 26 November 1970, she towed the disabled F/V *Sharron Ann* following a collision with M/V *Concordia Sun* off Cape may. In September 1985, she helped seize tug *Capstan* 240 miles east of Cape Charles carrying 30 tons of marijuana. On 15 December 1986, she fought fire on the tug *Kathryne McAllister* 5 miles east of Avalon, NJ.

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BMCS R.P. SMITH: 1966-1970
BMC F. WARREN: 1970-1972
BMC J.R. NASH: 1972-1974
BMC N.L. CANTRELL: 1974-1976
BMCS R.F. LAIRD: 1976
BMCM F. TURPIN: 1977-1978
QMCM C.W. TURNER: 1992-1995
QMCM S.A. MORT: 1995-1996

BMCM H.J. BECHTLER: 1996
QMCM G.F. YATES: 1996-1998
QMCM L.A. PIERCE: 1998

**COMMANDING OFFICERS
USCGC POINT FRANKLIN
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LTJG J.H. OLTHUIS: 1978-1980
LTJG J.W. YOST: 1980-1982
LTJG G.J. REZENDES: 1982-1984
LTJG B.D. KELLY: 1984-1986
LTJG B.L. WHITE: 1986-1988
LTJG C.D. MARSH, JR.: 1988-1990
LTJG D.W. JILLSON: 1990-1992

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