



POINT GAMMON, 1962

WPB 82328

Builder: Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, MD

Commissioned: 31 January 1962

Decommissioned: 11 November 1969

Disposition: Transferred to South Vietnam as *Nguyen Yen Dao* on 11 November 1969

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: 1,200

Performance, Maximum Sustained: 14.5 kts, 577-mi radius (1,200 hp, 1960)

Performance, Economic: 10.7 kts, 1,271-mi radius (1,200 hp, 1960)

Maximum Speed: 16.8 kts (1960)

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 Gammon* was stationed at Fort Bragg, CA, in 1962. She was used for law enforcement and SAR.

From 1963 to 1965, she was stationed at Alameda, CA. On 20 April 1965, she dewatered and towed the disabled pleasure craft *Amigo del Mar* into Port Richmond, CA.

She was assigned to CG Squadron One, Division 12, Vietnam, from July 1965 to November 1969. She destroyed an enemy trawler on 1 January 1967.

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