



Volador, 1942

IX-59

One of several varieties of flying or sailing fishes named for a Spanish term meaning flying.

History:

The *Volador* was a wooden-hulled, 110-foot schooner. She was designed by William Gardiner and built in 1926 at Wilmington, California, by William Muller. The vessel was acquired for the Navy by the Port Director, San Pedro, from W. L. Valentine on 2 February 1942. Delivered to the Section Base, San Pedro, on that day, *Volador* was classified as a miscellaneous auxiliary, unclassified, IX-59, and was placed "in service" on 19 February 1942. In July of that year, she was temporarily transferred homeported at San Pedro, *Volador* operated locally under the aegis of the 11th Naval District into 1943. On 1 July 1943 she was transferred to the Coast Guard for operational training duties for Coast Guard district personnel. On 17 August 1943, *Volador* was delivered to the War Shipping Administration which transferred the schooner to the War Department for operation by the Army. *Volador* (IX-59) was struck from the Navy list on 3 September 1943.

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