



Water Lily, 1895

Any of various cosmopolitan aquatic herbs of the genus *Nymphaea*, having floating leaves and showy, variously colored flowers, especially *N. odorata*, with fragrant many-petaled white or pinkish flowers. Also called *pond lily*.

Builder: Gas Engine & Power Company, Morris Heights, New York

Length: 69'

Beam: 10' 6"

Draft: 5'

Displacement: 39 tons

Cost: \$9,260.50

Commissioned: 31 October 1895

Decommissioned: 1929

Disposition: Sold

Machinery: Internal combustion engine (naptha-powered as launched); twin propellers

Deck Gear: None

Performance & Endurance:

Max:

Cruising:

Complement: 4

Armament: None

Tender History:

The *Water Lily* and sister *Snowdrop* were constructed as launches. The *Water Lily* served as an Inspector's launch at Charleston, South Carolina, then the Indian River, Florida, and was then transferred to the 6th Lighthouse District in 1927. Her engine was changed from naphtha to gasoline-powered in 1912.

She was sold in 1929.

Sources:

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