



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Aster, 1908

Any of various plants of the genus *Aster* in the composite family, having radiate flower heads with white, pink, or violet rays and a usually yellow disk.

Builder: N/A
Length: 179'
Beam: 32'
Draft: 10'
Displacement: 870 tons
Cost: \$200,000 appropriation (\$100K on 27 May 1908; another 100K on 4 March 1909)
Launched: N/A (see remarks below)
Commissioned: N/A
Decommissioned: N/A
Disposition: N/A
Machinery: 2 triple-expansion inverted direct-acting steam engines with 2 Scotch-type boilers; 2 propellers.
Complement:
Armament:

Tender History:

Construction for a new tender to replace the tender *Geranium* was authorized in 1908. Plans were drawn up for a 870-ton 179-foot tender tentatively named the *Aster*. Due to funding limitations, however, the *Aster* was never built and remaining funds were used to build two smaller tenders, the *Fern* and the *Rose*.

Sources:

Douglas Peterson. *United States Lighthouse Service Tenders, 1840-1939*. Annapolis: Eastwind Publishing, 2000, p. 89.

