



## EM *Seabird*, WYP-330 (ex-*Sea Bird*)

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Builder: Portland Shipbuilding Co., South Portland, Maine  
Commissioned: 1919 (commercial); 1 April 1943 Coast Guard  
Decommissioned: 22 November 1943 and returned to owner 19 July 1944  
Length: 163 ft  
Navigation Draft: 13' 3"  
Beam: 25 ft  
Displacement: 690 tons full load  
Propulsion: Steam, single screw  
Shaft Power: 700 SHP  
Maximum Speed: 7 knots  
Economical Speed: NA  
Fuel Capacity: NA  
Water Capacity: NA  
Endurance: 1,200 miles  
Complement: NA  
Armament: NA

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### **Vessel History:**

EM *Seabird* was a former Menhaden fisherman. The former Menhaden boats were used along the Atlantic Coast. The EM in front of the name stood for Emergency Manning. Coast Guard records usually kept the EM before the name of the vessel. The Coast Guard chartered this vessel for patrol work. The charter cost the Government \$850 a month and cost \$135,360 to convert the vessel for war purposes. EM *Seabird* was assigned to the EASTSEAFRON and was stationed at Little Creek, Virginia.