



Invincible II, 1960

CG-52313

Incapable of being conquered, overrun or subjugated.

Builder: Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, Maryland

Length: 52'

Beam: 14' 7"

Draft: 6' 11"

Displacement: 75,715 pounds

Cost: \$259,163.00

Commissioned: September, 1960

Decommissioned: In service

Disposition: N/A

Machinery: 2 General Motors 6-71 diesels; twin propellers; 150 HP each at 1,800 RPM

Performance & Endurance:

Max: 11 knots; 495-mile range

Cruising: 640 mile cruising range

Complement: 5 (1974)

Armament: None

Electronics: Navigation-type radar

History:

The steel-hulled 52-foot motor lifeboat was designed for offshore rescue under the worst sea conditions. They are self-righting and self-bailing and can carry up to 40 survivors. They were designed by the Coast Guard to replace the 52-foot wooden-hulled motor lifeboats and to complement the shorter-legged 36-foot and 44-foot motor lifeboats.

The 52-footers are constructed of steel. Among other features that increase their range and endurance, the craft is fitted with a complete galley. The boat is equipped with 250-gallon-per-minute pump for dewatering and fire fighting. These are the only Coast Guard vessels under 65-feet in length with names, a tradition started beginning with their 52-foot wooden hulled predecessors. Beyond the search and rescue mission, they are also assigned to maritime law enforcement, marine environmental protection, and recreational boating safety duties.

The *Invincible* was initially stationed at Coast Guard Base Seattle. On 30 November 1960 she transferred to Grays Harbor Lifeboat Station, Westport, Washington.



"The Coast Guard 52-foot motor lifeboat Invincible II on patrol passes the Cape Disappointment lighthouse Feb. 13, 2002."; 13 February 2003; Photo No. 0302130C03652F-512 (FR); photo by PA3 Kurt Fredrickson, USCG.



"The Coast Guard 52-foot motor lifeboat Invincible II is underway from Station Cape Disappointment, WA."; 13 February 2003; Photo No. 0302130C03652F-505 (FR); photo by PA3 Kurt Fredrickson, USCG.



"The Coast Guard's four remaining 52-foot motor lifeboats, Invincible II, Intrepid, Triumph II and Victory get underway together for the first time since 1998 at Station Cape Disappointment, WA. Feb. 13, 2003. The 52-foot motor life boats are widely used in support of search and rescue, maritime law enforcement, marine environmental protection and recreational boating safety."; 13 February 2003; CG Photo No. 030213-C-3652F-503 (FR); photo by PA3 Kurt Frederickson, USCG.

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