



Zizania, 1888

YNT-25; later-USS *Adario*

Zizania aquatica: perennial aquatic grass of North America bearing grain used for food

Builder: Ramsey & Son, Baltimore, Maryland

Length: 161' (oa)

Beam: 27'

Draft: 9' 6"

Displacement: 643 tons

Cost: \$66,173.30

Launched: 1887

Commissioned: 12 November 1888

Decommissioned: 18 November 1924

Disposition: Sold on 15 January 1925; civilian service; taken over by USN during WWII where she served as a net tender; returned to civilian use after the war until 1951.

Machinery: 2 x double expansion steam engines; 2 shafts

Complement: 5 officers, 16 men (1907)

Armament: None

History:

The *Zizania* entered commissioned service in 1888 and first served in the Fourth Lighthouse District out of Wilmington, North Carolina. In July of 1913 she transferred to Portland, Maine and served in the First Lighthouse District. She performed ice-breaking duties during the winter of 1917-1918.

She was decommissioned and sold in 1924.

Sources:

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