



Navesink, 1935

A river in New Jersey.

Builder: Charleston Navy Yard, Charleston, South Carolina

Length: 110' 6"

Beam: 24'

Draft: 12' 6"

Displacement: 290 tons

Cost: \$236,000

Commissioned: 5 January 1935

Decommissioned: 30 October 1968

Disposition: Sold

Machinery: 1 General Electric motor connected to 2 General Electric generators driven by 2 McIntosh Seymour 6-cylinder diesel engines; 800 SHP

Performance & Endurance:

Max: 12.0 knots

Cruising: 10.0 knots; 1,500 mile range

Complement: 16 (1938)

Armament: 2 x 20mm/80; 2 depth charge tracks (1944); none (peacetime)

Electronics: MR-3A (1961)

History:

The *Navesink* was one of four 110-foot *Calumet*-class tugs that entered Coast Guard service in the mid-1930s. They were designed for light-icebreaking as well as traditional tug operations. The design proved to be so successful that the next three subsequent classes of tugs constructed for Coast Guard service closely followed the *Calumet*-class design.

She was initially stationed in the 3rd District and was based out of New York harbor. She was transferred to the 5th District in 1943 and was based out of Norfolk, Virginia and she conducted customs boardings, law enforcement and SAR patrols. She returned to New York in 1947 where she remained based out of for the rest of her Coast Guard career. On 16 June 1966 she assisted following the collision between the tankers *Texaco Massachusetts* and the *Alva Cape* in the Newark Channel. On 7 September 1966 she helped fight a fire on board the German passenger liner *Hanseatic* in New York harbor. On 25 December 1967 she helped fight a fire on board the Norwegian motor vessel *Dianet* in New York harbor.

She was decommissioned on 30 October 1968 and was sold on 21 May 1970.

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