



POINT MONROE, 1966

WPB 82353

Builder: J.M. Martinac Shipbuilding Corp., Tacoma, WA

Commissioned: 27 December 1966

Decommissioned: (21 August 2001)

Disposition: Scheduled for transfer to NOAA

Length: 82'10" oa, 78' bp

Navigation Draft: 5'11" max (1960)

Beam: 17'7" max

Displacement: 69 fl; 60 light (1960)

Main Engines: 2 Cummins diesel (see class history)

BHP: 1,600

Performance, Maximum Sustained: 18.0 kts, 542-mi radius (1,600 hp, 1963)

Performance, Economic: 9.4 kts, 1,500-mi radius (1,600 hp, 1963)

Maximum Speed: 22.9 kts (1963)

Fuel Capacity: 1,840 gal

Complement: 8 men (1960), 2 officers, 8 men (1965)

Electronics:

Radar: SPN-11, CR-103 (1960), or SPS-64

Armament: 1 x 20mm (1960), 5 x .50 cal mg, 1 x 81 mm mortar (Vietnam service)

Class history—The 82-foot patrol boats have mild steel hulls and aluminum superstructures. Longitudinally framed construction was used to save weight.

These boats were completed with a variety of power plants. 82301 through 82313, 82315 through 82317, and 82319 through 82331 were powered by two Cummins 600-hp diesels. Boats 82318 and 82332 through 82379 received two Cummins 800-hp diesels. The 82314 was fitted with two 1,000-hp gas turbines and controllable-pitch propellers. The purpose of this installation was to permit the service to evaluate the propulsion equipment. All units were eventually fitted with the 800-hp diesels. Units remaining in 1990 were re-equipped with Caterpillar diesels.

WPB 82301 through 82344 were commissioned without names; at that time the Coast Guard did not name patrol craft shorter than 100 feet. In January 1964 they were assigned names.

Ship's history:

The *Point Monroe* was stationed at Galveston, TX, in 1967 and 1968. She was used for law enforcement and search and rescue operations. On 26 July 1967, she escorted the disabled M/V *State Star* to Galveston. On 29 January 1968, she towed F/V *Bryan Paul* 30 miles northeast of Freeport, TX, to Galveston. On 11 February 1968, she rescued three from F/V *Julie* 90 miles southeast of Galveston. On 28 October 1968, she towed the disabled F/V *Lyco* 4 21 miles south of Freeport. On 30 October 1968, she dewatered and towed the disabled F/V *Trawler* 13 miles southwest of Freeport to that port.

From 1969, she was stationed at Freeport. On 23 January 1969, she escorted the distressed F/V *Sassy Gal* 120 miles southeast of Freeport to that port. On 18 March 1970, she towed the disabled F/V *Little Paul* 75 miles south of Port Aransas, TX, to safety. In May and June 1970, she assisted following an explosion and fire on an oil rig 10 miles off Galveston, TX.

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