



## WPB 95315

### *La Crete a Pierrot*

Type B

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**Class history**—The 95-foot or Cape class was an outgrowth of a need for shallow-draft anti-submarine-warfare (ASW) craft brought on by the increasing tensions during the years immediately following World War II.

During the period of construction, three distinctive sub-classes evolved as the Coast Guard's mission emphasis shifted from ASW to search and rescue (SAR). The A Type 95-footer was outfitted primarily for ASW. The B Type differed by mounting a 40 mm vice 20 mm gun and being fitted with scramble nets, a towing bit, and a large searchlight – all important SAR tools. The C Type units were constructed without the heavy armament and for economy some of the SAR equipment was also deleted. However, the Coast Guard added these SAR items to both the As and Cs during various refits. A renovation program began in the mid-1970s but was ended, due to increasing expenses and a shortage of funds, after 16 boats had been overhauled.

The 95-footers were designed by the Coast Guard, and their hulls and superstructure were made of steel. These cutters remained unnamed until January of 1964.

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Builder: Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, MD

Commissioned: 1 August 1955

Decommissioned: 27 February 1956

Disposition: Transferred to Haiti

Length: 95' oa; 90' wl

Navigation Draft: 6'2"

Beam: 20' max.

Displacement (tons): 98 fl (C)

Main Engines: 4 Cummins VT-600 diesels

BHP: 2,200; 2,470 (renovated)

Performance, Max. Speed: 22 kts.

Performance, Cruising: 12 kts., 1,780-mi radius (1961)

Fuel Capacity: 3,114 gallons

Complement: 15 (1961)

Electronics:

Radar: none

Sonar: none

Armament: 2 x .50-cal. machine guns (as completed)

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### **Ship's history:**

The WPB-95315 was transferred to Haiti soon after she was completed.

