

UNIT NUMBER:

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AREA OF SERVICE: WESTERN ARCTIC

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Gas schooner built for work in ice.

Construction:

Designer and builder: Vancouver Shipyards
Dimensions: Length - 60' Breadth - 16'
Draft:
Number of passengers: Number of crew: 5
Plans: 1914 G.1/398
Power:
Registered:
Speed: 8 1/2 knots when loaded light
Tonnage: 50



HISTORY:

1914 21 July Bought from C.S. Wallis; built at a cost of \$3,000. (A.1/212, fo. 61)
1914-1915 With the *Ruby*, established Herschel Island Post and opened Western Arctic for the Company
1915-1930 Served as distributing vessel
1928 New gas engine installed and iron bark sheathing renewed
1930 In August, met *Fort James* at Gjoa Haven, making a combined transit of the North-West Passage.
1930 In October, wrecked off Richardson Island, Coronation Gulf

MASTERS:

1914 Otto Bucholz
1916-1920 Hendriksen
1927-1930 D.O. Morris

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