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USS *Machigonne* (SP-1043), 1918-1919.

Previously civilian steamship Machigonne (1907)



Machigonne, a 425 gross ton coastal passenger steamship, was built in 1907 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was formerly named *Dida* and operated in New England waters prior to World War I. The steamer was chartered by the U.S. Navy in October 1917 and commissioned as USS Machigonne (SP-1043) in May 1918. She was employed carrying personnel and supplies in the Boston Harbor area during the rest of 1918 and into 1919. Sold (or, according to her data card, returned to her owner) in May 1919, the ship was employed commercially until 1941. She was renamed Hook Mountain in 1930.

This page features all the views we have of the steamer Machigonne, both before and during her World War I Navy service.

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S.S. Machigonne (American Coastal Passenger Steamer, 1907)

In port, prior to World War I.

This steamer was USS Machigonne (SP-1043) in 1918-1919.

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USS Agamemnon (ID # 3004)

Arrives in Boston Harbor, Massachusetts, circa late 1918 or the first part of 1919, while returning the U.S. Army's 102nd Infantry from Europe. She is being

escorted by ships and craft of the First Naval District. A submarine chaser is in the center foreground, and USS *Machigonne* (SP-1043) is at left, wearing a large welcoming sign.

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League Island (YFB 20) ex-USS Machigonne (SP 1043)

Passenger Steamer:

- Built in 1907 as *Dida* by Nealle, Levy & Co., Philadelphia, PA for the Casco Bay and Harpswell Line of Portland, ME
- · Sold in 1913 to the Nahant Steamship Line of Boston, Massachusetts
- · Acquired by the Navy 2 October 1917
- · Commissioned USS Machigonne (SP 1043), 15 May 1918
- Sold 29 May 1919 to the Boston, Nahant and Pines Steamboat Co. of Boston
- Sold in 1921 to John E. Moore and Co. of New York
- Sold in 1929 to Captain Daniel F. McAllister of New York and renamed Hook Mountain
- Sold in 1939 and renamed Block Island
- · Acquired by the Navy 24 February 1941
- Renamed League Island (YFB 20), 7 March 1941 and placed in service
- Placed out of service 6 June 1946
- Transferred 9 January 1947 to the War Shipping Administration for disposal
- Renamed Yankee in 1947
- Laid up in 1983 at Montville, CT
- Sold in 1990 to Jim Gallagher of New York and began restoration
- Sold in 2003 to Richard and Victoria MacKenzie-Childs
- Moved to Pier 25, Hoboken, NJ to continue restoration.

Specifications:

- · Displacement 425 t.
- Length 136' 6"
- Beam 29'
- Draft 8'

1941 - 8'9"

- Speed 12 kts.
- Complement 20 (1941)
- Armament: Two 1-pounders

1941 - None

- Propulsion: One 450ihp steam engine, one shaft
 - 1947 Steam engine replaced with one General Motors 12-567A diesel engine.

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SS Machigonne In port, prior to World War I Robert 102k Naval Historical Center photo NH 99581 Hurst USS Machigonne (SP 1043) Agamemnon (ID 3004) arrives in Boston Harbor, Massachusetts, circa late 1918 or the first part of 1919, while returning the U.S. Army's 102nd Infantry from Naval Europe. She is being escorted by ships and craft of the 91k Historical First Naval District. A submarine chaser is in the center Center foreground, and Machigonne is at left, wearing a large welcoming sign. U.S. Navy photo NH 57481

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Machigonne

The second *Machigonne (SP-1043)*, formerly passenger steamer *Dida*, was built by Nealle, Levy & Co., Philadelphia, in 1907; operated by the Casco Bay and Harpswell Line until chartered by the Navy 2 October 1917; and commissioned 15 May 1918.

Machigonne transported men and supplies between Boston and Bumpkin Island Training Station, during World War I. She was sold to Boston, Nahant & Pines Steamboat Co. 29 May 1919. Renamed *Hook Mountain* in 1930, she continued in merchant service until 1941.

Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships History:

League Island

The site of the Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa., at the junction of the Schlylkill and Delaware Rivers

The first *League Island*, formerly *Block Island* (ex-*Hook Mountain*, ex-*Machigonne*) was built in April 1907 by Neafie & Levy S. and E. B. Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; purchased by the Navy 24 February 1941 from H. Reynolds Palmer and Raymond H. Abell, Gales Ferry, Conn.; classified *YFB-20*, 27 February 1941; renamed and placed in service 7 March 1941.

League Island (YFB-20) was assigned to the 4th Naval District 17 March 1941 for ferrying service between the Naval Yard, Philadelphia, Pa., and National Park, N.J., which she carried out efficiently throughout the war. League Island was placed out of service 6 June 1946 and returned to WSA 9 January 1947

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BURLINGTON VT FERRY LAKE CHAMPLAIN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY KING STREET DOCK BURLINGTON, VT 05401-5293 802-864-9804

Built: 1913, MERRILL-STEVENS SHIPYARD,

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, Length: 130, Beam: 40, Depth of Hold: 11.6, Gross/Net Tons: 333/150. Hull: STEEL. Preservation Status: GOOD CONDITION, 70% ORIGINAL FABRIC.

BADGER GREAT LAKES CAR FERRY

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LUDINGTON, MI FERRY

LAKE MICHIGAN CARFERRY SERVICE 701 MARITIME DRIVE

LUDINGTON, MI 49431 231-843-1498

Built: 1952, CHRISTY CORPORATION, STURGEON BAY, WISCONSIN. Length: 410.6, Beam: 59.6, Draft/Depth of Hold: 18.6/24, Gross Tons: 4244. Hull: STEEL. Preservation Status: EXCELLENT, 98%

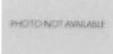


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SAN DIEGO, CA MUSEUM VESSEL (FLOATING EXHIBIT) FERRY

MARITIME MUSEUM ASSOCIATION OF SAN DIEGO 1306 NORTH HARBOR DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

619-234-9153

Built: 1898, UNION IRON WORKS, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. Length: 261.4, Beam: 40.2, Depth of Hold: 14.1, Gross/Net Tons: 1883/168. Hult: STEEL. Preservation Status: GOOD CONDITION, 95% ORIGINAL FABRIC, LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, REF. NO. 90002220, DESIGNATED A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK, 12/14/90.

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Built: 1905, NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING AND DRYDOCK COMPANY, NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, Length: 231, Beam: 43.3, Depth of Hold: 18, Gross/Net Tons: 1462,676, Hull: STEEL. Preservation Status: GOOD CONDITION, 95% ORIGINAL FABRIC, LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, REF. NO. 82003;262.

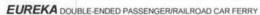
CITY OF MILWAUKEE GREAT LAKES CAR FERRY

Homeport Current Use Original Use Contact: MANISTEE, MI MUSEUM VESSEL (FLOATING EXHIBIT)

FERRY S.S. CITY OF MILWAUKEE - NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

111 ARTHUR STREET (U.S. 31 NORTH) MANISTEE, MI 49660

Built: 1931, MANITOWOC SHIP BUILDING COMPANY,
MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN, Length: 347.9, Beam: 56.2, Draft/Depth of Hold: 12/19.2,
Gross/Net Tons: 2942/1488. Hull: STEEL. Preservation Status: GOOD CONDITION, 100%
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BUILDING E, FORT MASON SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94123

Built: 1890, PATRICK TIERNAN. TIBURON, CALIFORNIA. Length: 291, Beam: 42, Draft/Depth of Hold: 7:5/14.2, Gross/Net Tons: 2420/1500. Huilt: WOOD. Preservation Status: GOOD CONDITION, 65% ORIGINAL FABRIC, LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, REF. NO. 73000229, DESIGNATED A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK, 2/4/85.

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BLAINE, WA FERRY FERRY

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1218 FOURTH STREET BLAINE, WA 98230 360-332-5742

Built: 1944, BRYANTS MARINA, INC., SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, Length: 32, Beam: 9.7, Draft: 5, Gross/Net Tons: 12/11, Hull: WOOD. Preservation Status: EXCELLENT CONDITION, LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, REF. NO. 97000551

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EUREKA, CA MUSEUM VESSEL LIGHTER/LAUNCH Homeport: Current Use: Original Use:

1410 SECOND STREET EUREKA, CA 95501 707-444-9440

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Built: 1910, W. F. MCDONALD, FAIRHAVEN, CALIFORNIA, Length: 47.6, Beam: 12, Draft/Depth of Hold: 3.5/3.8, Gross/Net Tons: 14/10. Hull: WOOD. Preservation Status; GOOD CONDITION, 90% ORIGINAL FABRIC

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OSPREY STEAM LAUNCH

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BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE, NY MUSEUM VESSEL (DRY BERTH EXHIBIT) LIGHTER/LAUNCH ADIRONDACK MUSEUM P.O. BOX 99, ROUTE 28N & 30

BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE, NY 12812-0099

Built: 1881, LAKE RAQUETTE, NEW YORK, Length: 42.7, Beam: 10.5, Net Tons: 10. Hull: WOOD.

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Homeport: Current Use: Original Use: Contact:

NEW YORK, NY MUSEUM VESSEL (OPERATIONAL) PASSENGER FERRY

JIM GALLAGHER
P.O. BOX 2077 - CANAL STREET STATION
NEW YORK, NY 10003

Built: 1907, NEAFIE & LEVY, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, Length: 136.5, Beam: 29, Depth of Hold: 9.6, Gross/Net Tons: 425/289, Hull: STEEL, Preservation Status: GOOD CONDITION, 95% ORIGINAL FABRIC, LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, REF. NO. 92001610

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