

District Craft Development Board

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2 August 1940

From: Senior Member, District Craft Development Board.

To: Secretary of the Navy.
Via: Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: District Craft Development Board - Recommended program for Fiscal Year 1942.

Reference: (a) Report of District Craft Development Board, Serial 360120-7 of May 13, 1940.

1. The District Craft Development Board met at 1000 Tuesday, July 30, 1940, in Room 2604, Navy Department to consider and make recommendations for the construction of District Craft during the Fiscal Year 1942.

2. Members present were -

Captain E. D. Washburn (Operations)
Commander F. S. Low (Operations)
Commander R. C. Alexander (Operations) Recorder
Lt. Comdr. E. W. Grenfell (BuShips)
Lt. Comdr. C. D. Beaumont (BuShips)

Commander A. D. Douglas was present as a representative of the Naval Districts Division and Lieutenant C. T. Abbott (SC) represented the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

3. The Board took under consideration the various items on the agenda as presented by the Recorder. In addition to the District Craft which should be provided during the Fiscal Year 1942, in accordance with the approved five-year project, the Board considered the replacement of craft which are now overage or will become overage by July 1, 1941. The Board also considered the request of various shore establishments for new equipment. In the case of new assignment requested by various shore establishments, these requests are based upon:-

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(1) The necessity of replacing overage and unserviceable equipment.

(2) Additional units considered necessary incident to increased naval activity, both in surface vessels and aircraft.

4. The Board adheres to its previous recommendation contained in reference regarding -

(a) Navy yard or commercially constructed Yard and District Craft,

(b) Characteristics of oil barges (District Craft Development Board letter Op-38-C-MW YY/L8-3(360120) of July 19, 1940.

(c) Motor Driven Minesweeping Vessels.

5. The Board considers that the characteristics of the various types of district craft as already established are satisfactory and recommends no change.

6. As a result of the deliberations of the Board, the following recommendations are made:-

DISTRICT CRAFT FOR INCLUSION IN 1942 BUILDING PROGRAM

5 YT Large Harbor Tugs
2 YT Small Harbor Tugs
4 YO (self-propelled) Oil Barge, 10000 bbl
4 YG (self-propelled) Garbage lighters
2 YF 500-T (self-propelled) Covered lighters
2 YF 500-T (self-propelled) Covered lighters (Insulated)
11 YF 500-T (non-self-propelled) Covered lighters
7 YF 250-T (N.S.P.) Covered lighters
1 YF 100-T (N.S.P.) Covered lighter Heavy Construction
10 YC 500-T (N.S.P.) Open lighters
9 YC 250-T (N.S.P.) Open lighters
1 YC 100-T (N.S.P.) Open lighter Heavy Construction
1 YCF (N.S.P.) Car Float
4 YSD (S.P.) Seaplane Derricks
6 YM (S.P.) Motor driven mine sweepers (small)

7. By applying the unit costs used by the Board in Reference, a total cost of \$8,730,000 is obtained.

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1st Endorsement:

7 August 1940

From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To: Secretary of the Navy.
Subject: District Craft Development Board -
Recommended program for Fiscal
Year 1942.

1. Forwarded.
2. The recommendations of the District Craft Development Board are concurred in and are recommended for approval.

H. R. STARK.

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2nd Endorsement:

7 August 1940

Approved.

Louis Compton,
Acting.

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QSL/L4(401009)
Serial 201238

November 23, 1940

From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To: Chief of the Bureau of Ships

Subject: M/V CUBAHAMA - Acquisition of

References: (a) District Craft Development Board Report
Op38-C-LAS YY/L8-3 (400802) of 13 Novem-
ber 1940.
(b) 1st Endorsement to reference (a)
(c) 2nd Endorsement to reference (a).

Enclosure: (A) Inspection report of subject vessel.

1. The subject vessel has been selected for possible acquisition and conversion to a miscellaneous auxiliary (AG).

2. It is recommended that the Bureau of Ships proceed with negotiations with the owner for the acquisition of the subject vessel provided she can be purchased at a price considered just and reasonable by the Chief of the Bureau of Ships.

3. Mr. L. L. Green, Jr. Vice President of the Bahama Line Ltd., P.O. Box 245, Charleston, S.C. has advised this office that the subject vessel is for sale and that he has authority to negotiate for her sale.

4. Delivery to the Commandant 5th Naval District is desired. Recommendations concerning conversion desired will be furnished later. It is anticipated that this vessel will be assigned to the Fourteenth Naval District.

5. It is requested that when and if this vessel is acquired, one copy of Enclosure (A) be forwarded to the Bureau of Navigation.

6. Upon acquisition the subject vessel will be classed as a miscellaneous auxiliary (AG).

R. E. Lyman

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3 January 1941

From: Senior Member District Craft Development Board.

To: Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: District Craft Building Program - Fiscal Year 1942.

Reference:

- (a) Senior Member Dist. Craft Dev. Board letter Op-38-C-MW/YY/L8-3(400802) of August 2, 1940 and endorsements.
- (b) Senior Member Dist. Craft Dev. Board letter Op-38-C-LAC YY/L8-3(400802) of 18 October 1940 and endorsements.
- (c) Senior Member Dist. Craft Dev. Board letter Op-38-C-LAC YY/L8-3(400802) of 13 November 1940 and endorsements.
- (d) Senior Member Dist. Craft Dev. Board letter Op-38-C-LAC YY/L8-3(400802) of 13 December 1940 and endorsements.
- (e) Senior Member Dist. Craft Dev. Board letter Op-38-C-MW YY/L8-3 (400802) of 30 December 1940 and endorsements.

1. Reference (a) contains the district craft building program for fiscal year 1942 as recommended by the District Craft Development Board and approved by the Secretary of the Navy.

2. Reference (b) added the following craft to the approved program (reference a):-

- 1 YTT (nsp) Torpedo Testing Barge
- 1 YG (nsp) Self-dumping Scow

Reference (c) added the following to the approved program (reference a):-

- 1 YSD Seaplane Wrecking Derrick

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Reference (e) added the following craft to the approved program (reference a), (Naval Supply Depot, Bayonne, New Jersey):-

2	YT	large	
1	YF	(sp)	500 tons
8	YF	(nsp)	500 tons
4	YC	(nsp)	500 tons

3. Reference (d) made the following changes in the approved program:-

Delete item

6 YMS Motor Driven Minesweepers

and add in lieu thereof:-

4	YT	large	Harbor Tugs
2	YT	small	Harbor Tugs
2	YCF	(nsp)	Car Floats
1	YSR	(nsp)	Sludge Removal Barge

4. The approved 1942 District Craft Building program as now constituted is as follows:

11	YT	large	Harbor Tugs
4	YT	small	Harbor Tugs
4	YO	(sp)	Oil Barge, 10,000 bbls
4	YG	(sp)	Garbage Lighters
1	YG	(nsp)	Self-dumping Scow
3	YF	500 tons (sp)	Covered Lighters
2	YF	500 tons (sp)	Covered Lighters (insulated)
19	YF	500 tons (nsp)	Covered Lighters
7	YF	250 tons (nsp)	Covered Lighters
1	YF	100 tons (nsp)	Covered Lighter (heavy construction)
14	YC	500 tons (nsp)	Open Lighters
9	YC	250 tons (nsp)	Open Lighters
1	YC	100 tons (nsp)	Open Lighter (Heavy construction)
3	YCF	(nsp)	Car Floats
5	YSD	(sp)	Seaplane Wrecking Derricks
1	YSR	(nsp)	Sludge Removal Barge
1	YTT	(nsp)	Torpedo Testing Barge

5. Due to the urgent need for the district craft enumerated in paragraph four above, the District Craft

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Development Board recommends that this construction be commenced at the earliest practicable date.

R. H. ENGLISH
Captain, USN

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Serial 338

1st Endorsement:

6 January 1941

From: Chief of Naval Operations.
To: Secretary of the Navy.
Subject: District Craft Building Program - Fiscal Year 1942.

1. Forwarded. The Chief of Naval Operations concurs in the recommendations contained in paragraph five of basic letter, and recommends approval.

H. R. STARK

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2nd Endorsement:

6 January 1941

From: Secretary of the Navy.
To: Chief of Bureau of Ships.

1. The recommendations of the District Craft Development Board and of the Chief of Naval Operations are approved.

2. It is desired that the subject building program be expedited.

FRANK KNOX

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District Craft Development Board
Budget Officer, Navy Department
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June 13, 1941

From: The Senior Member, District Craft Development Board.
To: The Chief of Naval Operations.
Subject: District Craft Building Program 1943.
Reference: (a) Dist. Craft Development Board report of May 16, 1938 as approved by the SecNav May 18, 1938, file Op-23C-FKA YY/L8-3 (360120-2).

1. The District Craft Development Board, after having held several preliminary meetings, met at 1000 June 10, 1941 in Room 2616 Navy Department. Present were:

Captain W. S. Farber	Operations
Comdr. R. C. Alexander (Recorder)	Operations
Lt. Comdr. S. N. Pyne	Buships
Lt. Comdr. C. D. Beaumont	Buships
Lt. Comdr. W. C. Lockhart	Operations
Lieut. R. Boaz	Buships

Captain C. J. Moore, USN, War Plans Division, Naval Operations, Comdr. P. P. Welch, Naval Districts Division, Naval Operations, and Comdr. D. W. Mitchell (SC), of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts were also present.

2. The Board took under consideration the subject of district craft to be included in the 1943 District craft building program. The agenda submitted to the Board by the recorder contained all the items recommended for inclusion in the program by the Commandants of the various Naval Districts and Naval Stations.

3. In preparing the District Craft Building Program for 1943, the Board considered:

- (a) the necessity of replacing craft that, by the approved standards of reference (a) of useful life are now overage, obsolete, beyond economical repair and should, in the interests of efficiency and economy be replaced at this time,

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- (b) the necessity of furnishing adequate and proper craft at the naval air stations, naval stations and naval operating bases that are now being established at certain outlying places,
- (c) the additional craft that are required at various navy yards, and shore establishments to properly meet the added demands made upon them due to the increased activities of the naval establishment and,
- (d) the additional craft that are necessary to provide for the support of a two ocean navy.

4. The Board has departed from the 1943 program as contained in the Five Year Plan prepared and approved in 1938 (reference a), for reasons that are apparent. Realizing that to recommend the immediate construction of all craft that are considered necessary would not only require a large amount of funds, but would put a severe load upon the building facilities at this time, the Board has deferred a number of items for consideration in connection with the 1944 building program.

5. Oil Barges. As a result of intensive investigation, the District Craft Development Board in 1940, recommended the adoption of a 10,000 bbl fuel oil barge and the adoption of the design submitted by the Bureau of Ships. The action of the Board was subsequently approved by the Chief of Naval Operations, Serial 109938 of July 29, 1940.

While the advantages and usefulness of the 10,000 bbl fuel oil barge are apparent, these craft are expensive, and their construction is slow. The Board believes that there should be two additional types of self-propelled fuel oil barges to meet the requirements of the naval service, and therefore, recommends that for district purposes, the following three types be adopted:

- (a) Large YO, a 10,000 bbl type similar to YO-46 - 49 as modified since the approval of the original design by the Chief of Naval Operations Serial 109938 of July 29, 1940.
- (b) Intermediate YO, an oil barge of approximately 6,700 bbl capacity of an

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approved commercial type. Plans are understood by the Board to be available.

- (c) Small YO, a barge of approximately 3,600 bbl capacity, similar to YO-23, modernized as necessary and powered by either steam or Diesel engines.

6. District Patrol Craft (YP). The majority of the vessels of this type now in the service were acquired from the United States Coast Guard in 1933. In general, these craft were constructed during the years 1920 - 1924. The 100 foot class is very satisfactory and has excellent sea keeping qualities. The type is considered to be very useful and is capable of performing a variety of services. It is recommended that the design be obtained from the U. S. Coast Guard, if not on hand in the Navy Department, modernized as necessary, and that the District patrol craft recommended herein be constructed in accordance therewith.

7. The District Craft Development Board met in final session at 1400 Thursday, June 12. After thorough consideration of the subject it is recommended that the 1943 District Craft Building program be constituted as follows:-

5 YP - 75 ft. (special design for USNA)
 20 YP - 100 ft.
 27 YT (large)
 16 YT (small)
 2 YO (large) (s.p.)
 7 YO (intermediate) (s.p.)
 8 YO (small) (s.p.)
 2 YOG (s.p.)
 1 YAG (s.p.)
 7 YF (s.p.) 500 ton
 1 YFB (s.p.) (similar to YFB-19)
 1 YF (s.p.) (Range Tender)
 4 YG (s.p.)
 5 YSD (s.p.)
 48 YC - 500 ton
 17 YC - 250 ton
 3 YCF (n.s.p.)
 32 YF (n.s.p.) 500 ton
 19 YF (n.s.p.) 250 ton

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- 1 YG (n.s.p.)
- 1 YO (n.s.p.)
- 1 YOG (n.s.p.)
- 6 YS (n.s.p.)
- 3 YSR (n.s.p.)
- 11 YW (n.s.p.)
- 3 YF 100 ton (n.s.p.) Heavy construction.
- 3 YC 100 ton (n.s.p.) Heavy construction.
- 1 Diving Tender, 100' x 20'

Note: One (1) YF (250 ton) non self-propelled is to be constructed of wood for special service in the Fifth Naval District.

The six 100 ton YC and YF of heavy construction are for duty in Alaska and are to be constructed as specified by the Commandant, Thirteenth Naval District.

8. The Board has received at various times requests for small gasoline or diesel oil delivery boats. These craft, are, in general, desired to carry about 5,000 gallons of fuel. The Board recommends that the Bureau of Ships investigate the practicability of fitting out 50' motor launches as gasoline or diesel oil delivery boats. It is suggested that, if a satisfactory boat can be developed, the Bureau of Ships provide operating bases and naval stations with such boats in the same manner as other small boats are at present supplied. These small craft are not properly classed as District craft.

W. S. FARBER,
Captain, U.S.N.

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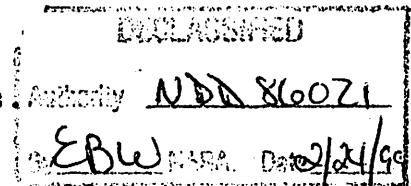
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From: The Chief of Naval Operations.
To: The Secretary of the Navy.
Subject: District Craft Building Program 1943.
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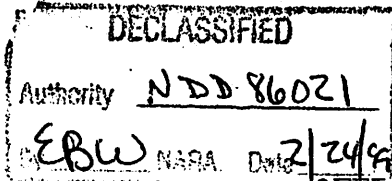
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June 21, 1941

From: Senior Member, District Craft Development Board.
To: Chief of Naval Operations.
Subject: District Craft Development Board, Report of Special Meeting of.
Reference: (a) CNO Memorandum QB(59)/A3-1(410614) of June 14, 1941.
(b) Public Law 4 - 77th Congress (HR1437) approved January 31, 1941.
(c) Public Law 72 approved May 24, 1941.
(d) Bureau of Ships letter QSl-(9)(CF) of March 14, 1941.
(e) CNO Serial 96223 of April 14, 1941.
(f) CNO Serial 100323 of April 22, 1941.

1. The District Craft Development Board, augmented in membership by members from the War Plans and Naval Districts Divisions of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations met at 0930 June 19, 1941 in Room 2616 Navy Department.

Present were:

Captain W. S. Farber, USN	Operations
Captain E. W. Burrough, USN	Operations
Comdr. H. Hoogewerff, USN	Operations
Comdr. R. C. Alexander, USN	Operations (Recorder)
Lt. Comdr. S. N. Pyne, USN	Buships
Lt. Comdr. C. D. Beaumont, USN	Buships
Lieut. R. Boaz, USN	Buships
Lieut. L. K. Scott, USN	Operations

2. The Recorder informed the Board that the purpose of the present meeting was to recommend the types and numbers of vessels to be constructed under the authority contained in Section 2 of reference (b).

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3. Reference (b) referred to in reference (d), and commonly spoken of as "The act of January 31, 1941" authorizes the Secretary of the Navy to construct, not to exceed 400 small craft at a total cost not to exceed \$400,000,000..

4. The Board was informed that the listed items in paragraph 2, subparagraph J of reference (d), should be amended as follows, delete

20 PT and add 5 ATS (Fleet salvage vessels)

The residual authority is now 125 ships, but it was suggested that the five fleet salvage tugs, authorized by reference (e) and for which contracts have not been let, might well be withdrawn from construction under reference (b), and constructed under reference (c).

5. Fleet Salvage Tugs (ATS). In view of the fact that reference (b) authorizes the construction or acquisition of 550,000 tons of auxiliary vessels and further, that contracts for 5 Fleet Salvage tugs have not yet been made, it is recommended that that portion of reference (e) and (f) directing the construction of 5 Fleet Salvage tugs as a part of the 400 ship program (reference (b) be cancelled; and in lieu thereof, that the said 5 Fleet Salvage tugs be constructed under the authorization contained in reference (c), (an act for the construction or acquisition of 550,000 tons of auxiliary vessels).

6. Based upon the recommendation contained in paragraph 5 above, the Board proceeded to consider the types and numbers of vessels to be constructed upon the premise that there are yet to be constructed under reference (b), a total of one hundred thirty (130) vessels, and that unobligated funds to the amount of \$107,615,000. are available.

7. After consideration of the subject of patrol craft, mine sweepers, net tenders, gate vessels and similar craft it was determined that no more vessels of the following types are needed for the present.

Coastal Mine Sweepers (AMc), Motor Mine Sweepers (YMS), Mine Sweepers (AM), Net Tenders (YN), Gate Tenders (YNg).

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As a result, the types of craft to be considered were reduced to PC - 165' class, PC - 110' class and PT. At 1215 the Board recessed to meet at 0830 June 20, 1941.

8. The Board resumed its session at 0830 Friday, June 20. Present, all members as previously reported except as noted herein, due to the types of craft to be considered, Captain A. L. Swasey, USNR (Buships), and Lieut. Comdr. J. C. Guillot, USN (Buships) attended, vice Lieut. Comdr. Pyne, Lieut. Comdr. Beaumont, and Lieut. Boaz relieved. Commander N. L. Rawlings (Buships) attended at the request of the Board to furnish certain information.

9. Submarine Chasers (PC-165' class) and (PC-110' class). In discussing the capabilities and limitations of these types, the Board gave consideration to the availability of construction facilities, the availability of construction of power plants and the general service requirements.

10. Motor Torpedo Boats (PT). There will be in the Navy, upon the completion of present contracts, 29 serviceable craft of this type. Considering the service requirements it is believed that a total of 60 craft (five squadrons) should be provided.

11. In order, therefore, to arrive at the most equitable adjustment of service demands for types, considering the funds and numbers available under the act of January 31, 1941, the Board recommends the construction of the following:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>
50	PC-165' class	\$ 71,250,000.00
48	PC-110' class	21,800,000.00
32	PT (Motor Torpedo Boats)	<u>12,160,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$105,210,000.00

W. S. FARBER,
 Captain, USN

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From: The Chief of Naval Operations.
To: The Secretary of the Navy.
Subject: District Craft Development Board, Report
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1. Forwarded, recommending approval.

H. R. STARK

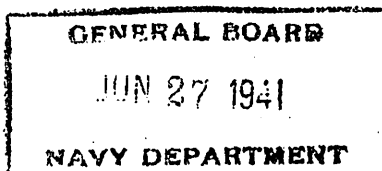
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June 26, 1941

Approved. The Chief of Bureau of Ships
will proceed with the construction of the vessels as
recommended by the District Craft Development Board.

FRANK KNOX

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December 10, 1941

From: Senior Member, District Craft Development Board.
To: The Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: District Craft Development Board; Report on Acquisition and Construction of Patrol Craft.
(Report #18).

Reference: (a) Dist. Craft Dev. Board report of same subject dated Nov. 12, 1941, approved by CNO endorsement Serial 338138 of November 24, 1941 and by SecNav endorsement file Op-38-C-LAC YY/L8-3(400802) of Nov. 24, 1941.
(b) SecNav Serial 18812 of June 17, 1941.
(c) Public Law No. 323, 77th Congress, approved Nov. 21, 1941.

1. The District Craft Development Board, augmented in membership as directed by reference (b), met at 0845 Wednesday, December 10, 1941 in Room 2735, Navy Department. Present were:

Rear Admiral W. S. Farber	Operations
Captain E. W. Burrough	Operations
Captain A. L. Swasey	BuShips
Comdr. H. Hoogewerff	Operations
Comdr. R. C. Alexander (Recorder)	Operations
Lieut. Comdr. S. N. Pyne	BuShips
Lieut. Comdr. E. D. Payne	BuShips
Lieut. Comdr. C. D. Beaumont	BuShips
Lieut. Comdr. W. C. Lockhart	Operations

2. Reference (c) contains legislation by which the Secretary of the Navy with the approval of the President is authorized to undertake the construction of, or to acquire and convert, not to exceed 400 miscellaneous light draft vessels and small craft of such sizes, types and designs suitable for local defense, as patrol vessels, minesweepers and the like, as he may consider best suited for purposes of National Defense. The total expenditures are not to be in excess of \$300,000,000.

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3. The Board has, since the report of November 12, 1941, reference (a) continued investigation of the types and numbers of craft to be acquired or constructed under the existing law, reference (c). The Board has been furnished with further information by the Bureau of Ships.

4. As a result of its investigations, the Board met as stated in paragraph 1, to consider and determine upon the types of craft to be acquired or constructed.

5. Having considered the many factors involved in the construction of the various types of craft, together with the numbers of, and dates of completion of the different types now under construction the Board submits the recommendations that follow.

6. It is recommended that reference (a) be cancelled.

7. It is recommended that immediate steps be taken as follows:

- (a) 50 yachts or other privately owned small vessels be acquired for the use of Local Defense Forces in various Districts.
- (b) 36 Motor Torpedo Boats (PT) be constructed. It is the recommendation of the Board that the 36 motor torpedo boats be placed under construction immediately, and that in order to expedite to the utmost the delivery of these craft that the Bureau of Ships place the order for their construction with an additional contractor not now engaged in the construction of this type of craft.
- (c) 100 - 110' PC of the latest approved type be constructed.
- (d) 50 - 173' PC of the latest approved type be constructed. The Board understands that the type of engines being installed, in the craft of this class now building will be available for these vessels, and so recommends.

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(e) 30 - 180' Coastal Minesweepers (AMc) be constructed. These craft are to be constructed along the lines of the preliminary drawing (BuShips No. 015890) which was presented to the Board. It is understood that plans and specifications are now in the Bureau of Ships.

8. The Board will make a further recommendation in regard to the residual craft at a later date.

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 Rear Admiral, U.S.N.

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To: The Secretary of the Navy.

Subject: District Craft Development Board Report #18.

1. Forwarded, recommending approval.

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December 12, 1941

1. The District Craft Development Board Report of November 12, the CNO First Endorsement Serial 338138 of November 24, 1941 and the subsequent endorsement is cancelled.

2. The recommendations of the District Craft Development Board contained herein are approved. Immediate action will be taken by the appropriate Bureaus.

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January 20, 1942

From: Senior Member District Craft Development Board.
To: Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: District Craft Development Board Report #20.

Reference: (a) SecNav Serial 18812 of June 17, 1941.
(b) Public Law No. 323, 77th Congress.
(c) Dist. Craft Dev. Board Report #18 of Dec. 10, 1941 as approved by the SecNav Dec. 12, 1941.

1. The District Craft Development Board, augmented in membership as directed by reference (a), met at 0830 Tuesday, January 20, 1942 in Room 2735, Navy Department.

Present were:

Rear Admiral W. S. Farber	Operations
Captain E. W. Burrough	Operations
Comdr. H. Hoogewerff	Operations
Comdr. R. C. Alexander (Recorder)	Operations
Lieut. Comdr. W. C. Lockhart	Operations

2. The Board was presented with a memorandum prepared by the Chief of the Bureau of Ships which contained a study of possible additional construction of patrol craft during the years 1942 and 1943.

3. From a review of the needs, present and future, and a consideration of the facilities available for construction, the Board recommends the construction of the additional patrol craft:

1942 - 2 - 173' PC of the latest approved type
1943 - 90 - 173' PC of the latest approved type

4. The craft recommended for construction in paragraph two, are in addition to those recommended for construction in reference (c).

W. S. FARBER,
Rear Admiral, U.S.N.

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January 23, 1942

From: The Chief of Naval Operations.
To: The Secretary of the Navy.
Subject: District Craft Development Board Report #20.
1. Forwarded, recommending approval.

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January 30, 1942

From: The Senior Member, District Craft Development Board.

To: The Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: District Craft Development Board Report #21.

Reference: (a) Comdt. 12th ND Restricted letter L-8-3/QS (3055-14-Li) of Jan. 6, 1942 and enclosure thereto.

(b) Nyd Pearl Harbor dispatch 094224 of Jan. 1942.

(c) BuS&A letter L8-2/YY(OLP)N6/NT4-9 L8-2/ND14 of Jan. 6, 1942.

(d) ComTrainlant Restricted letter JJ7/L24/FF13-9 Serial 224 of Jan. 15, 1942, and enclosure thereto.

(e) ComTrainlant letter Serial 097 of Jan. 14, 1942.

(f) Comdt. U. S. Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas letter Serial 9800 of Dec. 31, 1941.

(g) C.O. NavSta New Orleans dispatch (mailgram) 182155 of December 1941.

(h) Comdt. Nyd Pearl Harbor file YB/(89679PN) of Jan. 4, 1942.

1. The District Craft Development Board met in Room 2716 Navy Department at 0900 January 29, 1942. Members present were:

Rear Admiral W. S. Farber	Operations
Comdr. R. C. Alexander (Recorder)	Operations
Lieut. Comdr. S. N. Pyne	BuShips
Lieut. Comdr. C. D. Beaumont	BuShips
Lieut. Comdr. W. C. Lockhart	Operations

Commander W. A. Sullivan, USN (BuShips) was also present at the request of the Board.

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3. The Board took under consideration the items on the agenda as presented by the Recorder. Indicated in the following paragraphs are the Board's specific recommendations in regard to each item.

4. Reference (a). Acquisition of former Navy water barge #30 for use in the Twelfth Naval District.

Based upon the inspection report of the subject vessel, the Board recommends against the acquisition of this craft.

5. Reference (b), and reference (c). Acquisition of eight (8) 1000 ton steel open non self-propelled lighters, for use in the Fourteenth Naval District.

The Board recommends that four (4) lighters approximating the above characteristics be acquired at the earliest practicable date on the Pacific Coast for use in the Fourteenth Naval District. These craft when acquired will be classified as open lighters (YC).

6. Reference (d). Small self-propelled gasoline barge for use by the forces afloat in the First Naval District.

The Board recommends that a small self-propelled gasoline barge of approximately 20,000 gallons capacity be acquired at the earliest practicable date.

7. Reference (e). Self-propelled gasoline barge for use at the NOB Argentina.

The Board recommends that a gasoline barge of approximately 2,500 bbls. capacity be acquired for service at the NOB Argentina. While a self-propelled craft has been requested, and would in some respects be highly desirable, it is the Board's recommendation that a non self-propelled craft be acquired if found to be more readily available. Larger capacity than stated is acceptable in the barge acquired.

8. Reference (f). Large harbor tug for the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi, Texas.

The Board recommends that one of the harbor tugs (YT) large, of the current building program be assigned to the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

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9. Reference (g). Large harbor tug for the Naval Station at New Orleans.

The Board recommends that a suitable tug be furnished the Naval Station, New Orleans from among those recently acquired.

10. Reference (h). Construction of two covered lighters of approximately 200 tons capacity.

The Board recommends that the Commandant, Navy Yard Pearl Harbor be authorized to construct the lighters as requested in the reference.

11. The Board also took under consideration certain other matters of a confidential nature that are made the subject of separate correspondence.

W. S. FARBER,
Rear Admiral, U.S.N.

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February 2, 1942

From: The Chief of Naval Operations.
To: The Secretary of the Navy.

Subject: District Craft Development Board Report #21.

1. Forwarded. The recommendations of the District Craft Development Board are concurred in and are recommended for approval.

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Approved. The Chief of Naval Operations will designate the craft to be acquired.

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February 26, 1942

From: Senior Member, District Craft Development Board.
To: Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: District Craft Development Board Report #22.

Reference:

- (a) Maximum War Effort Program approved by Secretary of the Navy Jan. 31, 1942.
- (b) Secretary of the Navy Memorandum to the President dated Feb. 6, 1942 with enclosure thereto returned marked "OK except as to 7, FDR".
- (c) Secretary of the Navy Memorandum to the President dated Feb. 12, 1942 with enclosure and returned marked "O.K. FDR".
- (d) BuShips Conf. ltr to CNO, file C-YY/A1-3 (745) of February 2, 1942.
- (e) DCDB Report of Nov. 18, 1941 forwarded by CNO Serial 342438 of Nov. 19, 1941 and approved by the SecNav Nov. 19, 1941.
- (f) Dist. Craft Bldg. Program 1943, dated June 13, 1941, forwarded by CNO Serial 208738 of June 23, 1941 and approved by SecNav June 24, 1941.
- (g) DCDB Report of Oct. 3, 1941 (Priority List 1943 Dist. Craft Program approved by SecNav 7 Oct. 1941).
- (h) Comdt. Nyd Washington ltr to Chief BuOrd EN6-27/S68(2-3)(QN) of Feb. 5, 1942 with Chief BuOrd 1st Endorsement to Chief BuShips file FS/A4-3(132)(Re6b) of Feb. 11, 1942.
- (i) Senior Member DCDB letter to CNO, Serial 309138 of Oct. 7, 1941 with 1st Endorsement to Chief BuShips, Serial 309338 of Oct. 8, 1941.

1. The District Craft Development Board met in Room 2716 Navy Department at 0845 February 25, 1942. Members

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present were:

Rear Admiral W. S. Farber
 Comdr. R. C. Alexander (Recorder)
 Lt. Comdr. S. N. Pyne
 Lt. Comdr. C. D. Beaumont
 Lt. Comdr. W. C. Lockhart
 Lieut. (jg) R. L. Heller

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Captain Vance D. Chapline, USN (Operations), Captain E. L. Cochran, USN (BuShips) and Commander R. B. Daggett, USN (BuShips) were also present.

2. The Board took under consideration the items on the agenda as presented by the Recorder. Indicated in the following paragraphs are the Board's specific recommendation in regard to each item.

3. Reference (d). Maximum war effort, District Craft. The action taken by the President on references (b) and (c) resulted in approval of the entire district craft program as contained in references (a) and (d). In studying the immediate needs of the Naval Service and in the interest of expediting the maximum war effort program, the Board, by direction of the Chief of Naval Operations has reviewed the items contained in references (a) and (d) and has, in a number of instances, reduced the numbers of craft to be constructed under the subject program. The revised list follows, the assignments indicated in this list are tentative and are included at this time merely to assist the Chief of the Bureau of Ships in planning.

MAXIMUM WAR EFFORT DISTRICT CRAFT PROGRAM

	<u>26 YT (large)</u>	<u>31 YT (small)</u>	<u>32 YO (s.p.)</u>	<u>24 YO (n.s.p.)</u>
1st ND	- 3	2	4	4
3rd ND	- 2	0	2	2
4th ND	- 2	0	2	1
5th ND	- 4	2	3	4
6th ND	- 0	2	1	1
7th ND	- 0	2	0	1
8th ND	- 1	2	1	2
10th ND	- 2	2	5	3
11th ND	- 2	4	4	0
12th ND	- 3	6	3	2
13th ND	- 4	3	2	2
14th ND	- 1	4	4	0
15th ND	- 0	1	1	2
Potomac	- 2	1		

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	<u>6 YOG (s.p.)</u>	<u>24 YOG (n.s.p.)</u>	<u>17 YSD</u>	<u>YFB - 5</u>
1st ND	- 1	3		1 (large)
3rd ND	-	1		
4th ND	-		4	
5th ND	- 2	3		2 (YFB19 type)
6th ND	-	1		
7th ND	-	1		
8th ND	-	1		
10th ND	- 2	3	4	
11th ND	-	1		
12th ND	-	2	5	1 (large)
13th ND	- 1	3	4	
14th ND	-	2		
15th ND	-	3		1 (large)

	<u>5 YG (s.p.)</u>	<u>7 YG (n.s.p.)</u>	<u>3 YSR (n.s.p.)</u>	<u>2 YTT (n.s.p.)</u>
1st ND	- 1	2		1
5th ND	- 1	2	1	1
6th ND	-		1	
10th ND	- 1	2		
11th ND	- 1			
12th ND	-		1	
14th ND	-	1		
15th ND	- 1			

	<u>13 YW (s.p.)</u>	<u>12 YW (n.s.p.)</u>	<u>8 YCV (n.s.p.)</u>	<u>70 YC (n.s.p.)</u>
				<u>500 ton</u> <u>250 ton</u>
1st ND	- 2	2	1	3 4
3rd ND	-	1		4
4th ND	-			4
5th ND	- 2	2	2	7
6th ND	- 1			2 2
7th ND	- 1	1		2 4
10th ND	- 3	2	1	4 8
11th ND	-		2	8
12th ND	- 1			6 2
13th ND	- 1	2		4 4
14th ND	- 1	2	2	4
15th ND	- 1			

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	<u>64 YF (n.s.p.)</u>		<u>2 YF (s.p.)</u>	<u>12 YF (s.p.)</u>	<u>YN - 10</u>
	<u>500 ton</u>	<u>250 ton</u>	<u>Range Tender</u>	<u>500 ton</u>	
1st ND -	3	4	1	2	
3rd ND -	5			1	
4th ND -	1				
5th ND -	6	2	1	1	5
6th ND -	2	2		1	
7th ND -	2	2			
10th ND -	4	4		1	
11th ND -	5			1	
12th ND -	8			2	5
13th ND -	5	2		2	
14th ND -	4	2		1	
15th ND -	1				

15 YS (n.s.p.) - To be assigned by Bureau of Ordnance.

In the opinion of the Board, wooden construction is only acceptable in the case of the following types: -

YT small
 YFB of the YFB-18 type
 YG (n.s.p.) Wooden hull only
 YF (n.s.p.) - 250 ton
 YC (n.s.p.) - 250 ton
 YS
 Yawls for Naval Academy
 Torpedo Retriever for Key West

Fuel Oil Barges, (YO, self-propelled). The Board recommends that the 32 self-propelled fuel oil barges to be built or acquired be of the intermediate type and invites attention to the remarks of the Board contained in paragraph 8 of the Board's report of November 18, 1941, reference (e).

The Board has, at various times, stressed the importance and urgent need for the various types of utilitarian district craft. This need becomes more pressing with the passage of time and with the increase of the Naval Establishment. In support of the foregoing, the Board has, upon practically all occasions, recommended that whenever a satisfactory item could be acquired in lieu of construction, that this be done. The Board has further recommended that whenever a suitable commercial design exists which could be substituted for standard Navy design in the interest of expediting

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the delivery of district craft that this be done. In connection with the 1943 District Craft building program and the maximum effort program, the Board adheres to its previous recommendations regarding the acquisition in lieu of construction, and the adoption of existing commercial designs when applicable.

4. References (f) and (g), 1943 District Craft Building Program.

The second item of paragraph 7 of reference (f) (District Craft Building Program, 1943) is "20 YP-100 ft". These craft appear as priority items 74, 75, 76 and 77 of reference (g). In view of the changed situation since the preparation of references (f) and (g) on June 13, 1941 and October 3, 1941 respectively, and in view of the fact that these craft are not under construction, it is recommended that the item "20 YP-100 ft" be stricken from reference (f) and that priority items 74, 75, 76 and 77 be deleted from reference (g).

5. Reference (h). Construction of acoustic calibration and test raft.

The Board recommends that the 250 ton non self-propelled wooden lighter (YF) authorized as an item of the 1942 building program "for special service in the Fifth Naval District", be constructed for the purpose set forth in reference (h) and in accordance with specifications provided by the Navy Yard Washington (enclosures to reference h).

6. Reference (i). Additional Diving Tenders.

The 1943 District Craft Building program provides for the construction of 1 Diving Tender (YDT). The Bureau of Ships has planned the YDT based upon the hull lines and structural design of one of the AMc. These plans were approved by the Chief of Naval Operations by reference (i).

The Board recommends that four (4) additional YDT be provided for assignment as follows, 2 - Naval Torpedo Station Newport, 1 - Naval Torpedo Station Alexandria, 1 - Navy Yard Washington. The construction of new vessels is not recommended. It is recommended that, when sufficient minesweepers of the YMS type are available to relieve the AMc-78, AMc-79, AMc-80 and AMc-81, these craft be converted to diving tenders (YDT) in accordance with the plans approved by reference (i).

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W. S. FARBER,
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To: The Secretary of the Navy.
Subject: District Craft Development Board Report #22.

1. Forwarded, recommending approval. The urgent need for most of these craft indicates the necessity of immediate action in commencing the program and early completion of the various items.

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The recommendations of the District Craft Development Board contained herein are approved. The Chief of the Bureau of Ships will take the necessary action to place the craft under construction at the earliest practicable date.

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April 20, 1942

From:
To:Senior Member, District Craft Development Board.
Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject :

District Craft Development Board Report #23.

Reference:

- (a) SecNav Serial 18812 of June 17, 1941.
- (b) DCDB Conf. letter Op-38-C-BMF(SC)19-3/AMc150-199, Serial 036738 of April 13, 1942.
- (c) Cominch Second Endorsement to reference (a), file FF1/19-3/AM Serial 0626 of April 17, 1942.
- (d) Comdt. NAS Pensacola letter NA9/S82-6/Ymz of March 27, 1942.
- (e) DCDB Conf. report #22, Op-38-C-LAC (SC) AA/QB Serial 023038 of February 26, 1942 approved by SecNav Second Endorsement dated March 3, 1942.
- (f) DCDB Restricted Report #19 Op-38-C-LAC YY/18-3 (400802) of Dec. 12, 1941 approved by SecNav Second Endorsement dated Dec. 15, 1942.
- (g) DCDB Report file Op-38-C-LAC YY/18-3(400802) Report #13, Restricted of Oct. 3, 1941 (Priority List 1943 Dist. Craft Bldg. Program) approved by SecNav Oct. 7, 1941.

1. The District Craft Development Board, augmented in membership as directed by reference (a) met at 1100 Monday, April 20, 1942 in Room 2724, Navy Department. Members present were:

Captain V. D. Chapline
 Captain A. B. Anderson
 Comdr. H. Hoogewerff
 Comdr. R. C. Alexander (Recorder)
 Comdr. R. B. Daggett
 Lieut. Comdr. S. N. Pyne
 Lieut. Comdr. C. D. Beaumont
 Lieut. Comdr. W. C. Lockhart

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Commander M. S. Pearson (Operations) and Lieut. Comdr. C. C. Anderson (BuShips) were also present.

2. The Board took under consideration the items on the agenda as presented by the Recorder. Indicated in the following paragraphs are the Board's specific recommendation in regard to each item.

3. References (b) and (c). Conversion of Coastal Mine Sweepers (AMc 150-AMc 199 inclusive).

In order to fulfill an urgent need for small transport and/or cargo vessels of shallow draft, the Board, in reference (b) informed the Commander in Chief as to the characteristics and capacities that might be expected if the coastal mine sweepers, AMc 150-AMc 199 inclusive, were converted during construction. By reference (c), the Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet stated that the characteristics would be satisfactory and desired the conversion.

The District Craft Development Board, therefore, recommends that the craft to be constructed as AMc 150-AMc 199 inclusive, be not constructed as coastal mine sweepers, but that in lieu, thereof, these vessels be constructed to provide transportation for personnel and/or cargo as indicated below:

- (a) Increase fuel capacity to 6000 gal.
- (b) Increase fresh water capacity to 3000 gal.
- (c) As a result of (a) and (b), the maximum steaming radius will be increased to approximately 2500 miles.
- (d) Provide for a permanent ship's company of 3 officers and 14 enlisted men.
- (e) A 2-ton capacity boom on foremast, to plumb an 8'x7' hatch to the forward compartment.
- (f) Transportation of 2 officers and 74 men for maximum voyage of 24 hours.
- (g) As an alternative to (f), provide for the transportation of 2 officers and 50 men on a voyage of not over 24 hours, concurrently miscellaneous freight and cargo to the amount of 1500 cu. ft.
- (h) As a third alternative, 4000 cubic feet of freight and no passengers can be carried on a voyage of 2500 miles.
- (i) Under the conditions of (h), approximately 17 tons of heavy weights can be carried forward.
- (j) Install a Kleinschmidt still, or similar apparatus for distillation of sea water, pro-

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vided the space necessary for this apparatus will not reduce the maximum water tank capacity below the 24 hour rate of the installed still.

4. Reference (d). Acquisition of a ferry boat for service at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida.

Authority for the construction or acquisition of a large ferry (YFB) is contained in reference (e). The Board recommends that in lieu of construction, a suitable large ferry with a speed of 12-15 knots and a capacity of approximately 1500 passengers (no vehicular transportation) be acquired for the Naval Air Station, Pensacola.

5. Self-propelled freight lighters (YF), fitting for the carrying of ammunition, and refrigerated stores.

Reference (e) contains the authorization for the construction of twelve (12) 500 ton self-propelled freight lighters, (YF 443-YF 454 inclusive), as a part of the Maximum War Effort program, district craft. Reference (g) contains the authorization for the construction of seven (7) 500 ton self-propelled freight lighters (YF 335-YF 341 inclusive), as part of the 1943 District Craft building program.

In order to increase their usefulness for various types of service, it is recommended that self-propelled 500 ton freight lighters listed above be fitted for the handling of ammunition and that they be further equipped with refrigeration for the proper handling of perishable stores.


V. D. CHAPLINE,
Captain, USN

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1. Approved.
2. The classification of the coastal mine sweepers AMc 150-199 is hereby changed as indicated below:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Auxiliary	Coastal transport (small)	APc



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From: The Senior Member, District Craft
Development Board.

To: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: District Craft Development Board Report
No. 29.

- References:
- (a) BuShips Rest. ltr. P11-1/(660G) of 10 March 1943.
 - (b) BuShips Rest. ltr. S82/L4(660g-256) NC42/S82 of 16 March 1943.
 - (c) Comdt. 13th ND Rest. dispatch 012319 March 1943.
 - (d) Comdt. 7th ND conf. ltr. ND7(29)L8 (HHJB:RCP:rr) 01071 of 26 Jan. 1943 to President JMBV.
 - (e) Comdt. 3rd ND ltr. YO DHq-5a(2):ejc of 15 March 1943 with ComEastSeaFron 1st End. YO/L8-3 of 16 March 1943 thereto.
 - (f) Comdt. Nyd. Phila. ltr. YT(CY) of 17 Feb. 1943 with ComFour 1st Endorsement serial 222 thereto.
 - (g) BuShips conf. ltr. C-YB/S1-1(400) of 13 March 1943.
 - (h) VCNO conf. ltr. Op-23N-EG(SC)S1-1/YB Serial 0104323 of 20 March 1943.

1. The District Craft Development Board met at 0930 Saturday, March 20, 1943 in Room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present were:

Capt. V. D. Chapline	Operations
Capt. R. B. Daggett	BuShips
Comdr. M. S. Pearson (Recorder)	Operations
Comdr. C. C. Anderson	BuShips.

Lt. Comdr. D. W. Wulzen (Operations), Lt. G. W. Faurot (BuShips) and Lt. W. G. White (BuShips) were also present.

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3. The Board took under consideration the items on the agenda as presented by the Recorder. Indicated in the following paragraphs are the Board's specific recommendations in regard to each item.

4. References (a) and (b) Request for bareboat charter of New York Central Diesel Lighter No. 35.

The Board recommends that this lighter be obtained on bareboat charter for six (6) months with option privileges, for duty in connection with the Navy Yard New York Degaussing Compass School. It is required to train officer personnel for duty at advanced bases and certain personnel for duty in Continental Naval Districts in both normal adjustment and degaussed compensation of magnetic compasses.

5. Reference (c) Request for acquisition of ex-Coast Guard vessel ALGONQUIN.

The Board recommends that the Algonquin be requisition purchased for use in the Alaskan Sector for towing and cargo shuttle service.

6. The Board recommends that the following craft be obtained on a bareboat charter for use in the Alaskan Sector:

Puget Sound Bridge and Dredge Co. Scow #10
Tug DOLLY
Small freight vessel MAVIS

7. Reference (d) Request for procurement of barge and equipment for Inshore Patrol Section Base, Port Everglades for use in maintenance work on the torpedo net installation and for handling drill mines and dan buoys.

The Board recommends against the acquisition of this barge. In lieu thereof, it is recommended that one skid type coil barge be provided by the Chief of the Bureau of Ships and that the equipment necessary for handling torpedo net buoys and drill mines be furnished. It is understood that four of these skid barges are now at Miami and that one can be spared for this purpose.

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8. Reference (e) Request for acquisition of two self-propelled oil barges (V. L. Keegan and J. A. Cummings) for use at Section Base, Tompkinsville.

The Board recommends that these self-propelled oil barges be requisition purchased for assignment to the Third Naval District.

9. Reference (f) Request for two large harbor tugs.

The Board recommends that General Motors Diesel Electric tug Hull #211, building at Gulfport Boiler and Welding Works, Port Arthur, Texas, be acquired for assignment to the Fourth Naval District.

10. References (g) and (h) Steel barges for mobile stowage.

There is a need for large covered barges in the South Pacific in order that ships may be unloaded at advanced bases without delay.

The Board recommends that thirty (30) steel covered barges be constructed for this purpose in accordance with Bureau of Ships Plan No. 632222.

W. A. Chaplin

Captain, U. S. Navy.

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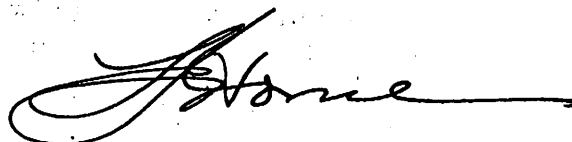
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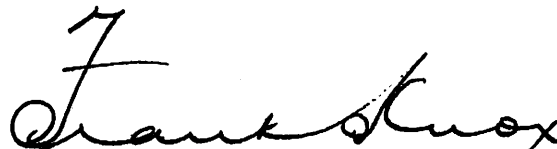
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1. Approved.
2. The Vice Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of Bureau of Ships will take the necessary action to carry out the approved recommendations of this report.



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APR 28 1943

From: The Senior Member, District Craft Development Board.
 To: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: District Craft Development Board Report No. 31.

Reference: (a) VCNO conf ltr Op-11-G4/fbc (SC)YY/ND Serial 031511-G
 of 5 April 1943.

1. The District Craft Development Board met at 0930 Thursday, April 22, 1943 in Room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present were:

Capt. V. D. Chapline	Operations
Capt. E. E. Brady	Operations
Capt. C. D. Wheelock	BuShips
Comdr. M. S. Pearson (Recorder)	Operations
Comdr. C. C. Anderson	BuShips
Lt. Comdr. C. J. Nicklas	Operations

Lt. R. L. Heller (BuShips), Lt. W. B. Steedman (BuShips), Lt. W. A. Marting (Operations) and Ens. W. E. Slaughter (Operations) were also present.

3. The Board continued a study of the current and prospective requirements for Fleet Service craft in the Naval establishment in accordance with the directive contained in reference (a). Incorporated in the following paragraphs are the results of this survey and the Board's recommendations.

4. The study and recommendations take into consideration the following:

(a) Estimates obtained from Commandants of Naval Districts as to their total minimum requirements of Fleet Service Craft for the calendar years 1943 and 1944.

(b) The Fleet Service Craft now in operation, authorized and building.

(c) Best available estimates of the needs of Advanced Bases for Fleet Service Craft until the end of 1944.

(d) Prospective availability of propulsion machinery through 1944.

(e) The current approved program of supply of Yards & Docks pontoon equipment to Pacific Bases.

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(f) Estimated replacements required.

(g) Lend-Lease requirements.

5. Table of Fleet Service Craft requirements follows:

Type	Naval Dist.	Adv.Bases PAC	ATL	Replace- ments	Lend- Lease	Total Needed
Harbor Tugs, large (YT)	8	35	8	4	3	58
Harbor Tugs, small (YT)	1	21	10	4	0	36
Oil Barges, self-propelled (YO)	-5	14	6	2	0	17
Gasoline Barges, self-propelled (YOG)	2	17	5	1	0	25
Water Barges, self-propelled (YW)	2	6	2	1	0	11
Open Lighters (500 ton) non-self-propelled (YC)	-35	34	12	14	0	25
Covered Lighters (500 ton) non-self-propelled (YF)	20	6	0	10	0	36
Net Tenders (YN)	16	*	*	0	20	36
Floating Workshops (YR)	0	7	3	0	0	10
Floating Cranes (YD) (125 ton)	0	0	1	0	1	2

* Being provided from current construction program.

6. The Board recommends that legislation be obtained (including appropriation of funds) for the construction of Fleet Service Craft as indicated in last column of above table. In the opinion of the Board, all Fleet Service Craft should be built of steel wherever practicable. If, in the opinion of the Bureau of Ships, any of the above craft can be obtained more expeditiously built of wood, the matter should be referred to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations for decision.

7. In order to assist the Chief of the Bureau of Ships in planning, an estimated distribution of craft recommended for construction follows:

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<u>Type</u>	<u>Pacific</u>	<u>Atlantic</u>
YT (large)	42	16
YT (small)	16	20
YO (s.p.)	8	9
YOG (s.p.)	17	8
YW (s.p.)	6	5
YC (n.s.p.)	13	12
YF (n.s.p.)	11	25
YN	Construction on either West or East Coast	
YR		
	7	3

8. The Board recognizes the vital and urgent need for certain Fleet Service Craft and is seriously concerned by the progressive delays in completion of those already authorized. With the increase in the Naval Establishment, particularly Advanced Bases, the needs for these craft become more pressing and the present shortage has, and will continue to present, a serious problem to commanders afloat. In order to partially off set the construction delays, a large number of commercial craft has been purchased or chartered but this field has now been practically exhausted. The Board strongly recommends that steps be taken to expedite the current construction program of Fleet Service Craft by raising the priority assigned, and further recommends that the construction of the craft contained herein be undertaken as a continuing program for the types now under construction.

V.D. Chapline
V. D. CHAPLINE,
Captain, U.S.N.
Senior Member

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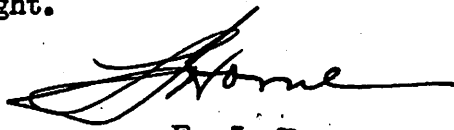
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To: The Secretary of the Navy.

Subject: District Craft Development Board Report No. 31.

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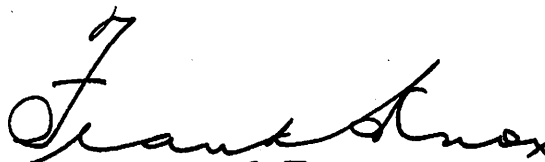
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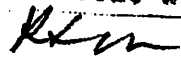
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From: The Senior Member, District Craft Development Board.
To: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

SUBJ: District Craft Development Board Report No. 32.

Ref. (a) Com5 ltr. ND5(14)/QS1-ZIZANIA of 10 July 1943
with enclosures thereto.

1. The District Craft Development Board met at 0930
Tuesday, July 20, 1943 in Room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present were:

Capt. V.D. Chapline	Operations
Capt. E.E. Brady	Operations
Comdr. M.S. Pearson (Recorder)	Operations
Comdr. A. Sledge	BuShips
Lt. Cdr. C.J. Nicklas	Operations
Lieut. W.B. Steedman	BuShips

Lieut. Comdr. L.H. Sample (Operations) and Lieut. Comdr.
R.L. Evans (BuShips) were also present.

3. In reference (a) the Commandant, Fifth Naval District
requested acquisition of the ZIZANIA (ex-lighthouse tender)
for use in connection with net installations in the
Fifth Naval District.

In view of the critical shortage of net tenders and
urgent need of floating equipment for maintenance of net
defenses, the Board recommends that the ZIZANIA be acquired
from the U.S. Maritime Commission for assignment to the
Fifth Naval District.

V.D. Chapline
V.D. CHAPLINE,
Captain, U.S.N.

Senior Member, Dist.Craft.Dev.Board

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To: The Secretary of the Navy.

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1. Approved. Pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 26 June 1943 (Public Law 92 - 78th Congress, 1st. Session), I find that the vessel herein provided for is necessary for the conduct of the war. The Vice Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of Bureau of Ships will take the necessary action to carry out the approved recommendations of this report.


JAMES FORRESTAL

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From: Senior Member, District Craft Development Board.
To: Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: District Craft Development Board Report No. 35.

Ref: (a) BuShips ltr. S82-3(26)(765-Am) of 1 September 1943.
(b) Comdt Nyd MI Speedltr (51-582934(300)(0209)) of
27 July 1943 to BuShips.

1. The District Craft Development Board met at 0930 on Tuesday, 7 September 1943, in Room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present were:

Captain V. D. Chapline	Operations
Captain E. E. Brady	Operations
Comdr. A. Sledge (Vice Capt. C. D. Wheelock)	BuShips
Comdr. M. S. Pearson (Recorder)	Operations
Comdr. C. C. Anderson	BuShips
Lieut. W. P. Gleason	Operations

Comdr. R. Keith (BuShips) and Lieut. C. H. Campbell (BuShips) were also present.

3. The Board recommends that the ocean-going tug THOMAS E. MORAN be acquired by purchase and manned by the Navy for use in the South Pacific area.

4. In reference (a), the Chief of the Bureau of Ships states that in order to insure availability of expeditious tank cleaning service to all ships arriving at the ABSD type floating drydocks, one sludge removal tank barge and one tank cleaning equipment barge should be provided for each ABSD.

The Board recommends that seven units (14 barges) be constructed for use with the Advance Base Section Docks ABSD-1 to ABSD-7 inclusive. Seven of these barges will carry the tank cleaning equipment and will be classed as YSR (Barge, Sludge Removal). Seven will provide storage for the oil or sludge and will be classed as YOS (Barge, Oil Storage).

The Board further recommends that insofar as possible, each unit of one YSR and one YOS be completed concurrently with the ABSD to which assigned.

5. Reference (b) requested authority and funds to design and build at Hunter's Point one 65-foot work boat, urgently required for transportation of men and materials between Hunter's Point and Mare Island and other activities in the San Francisco Bay Area, and in effecting repairs on vessels anchored in the Bay.

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Captain USN

Senior Member, Dist. Craft Dev. Board

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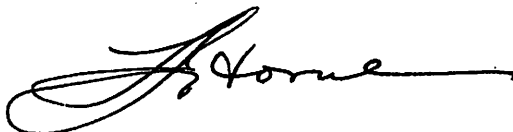
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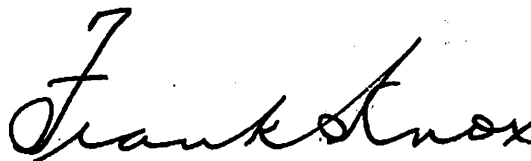
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1. Approved. Pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 26 June 1943 (Public Law 92 - 78th Congress, 1st Session), I find that the vessels herein provided for are necessary for the conduct of the war. The Vice Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of the Bureau of Ships will take the necessary action to carry out the approved recommendations of this report.

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2 OCT 1943

From: Senior Member, District Craft Development Board.
To: Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

SUBJ: District Craft Development Board Report No. 36.

Ref: (a) Chief of BuShips ltr N40(763)(765) of 1 Oct 1943.
(b) Administrator WSA ltr of 18 Sept 1943 to VCNO.
(c) CinCPac conf mailgram 041829 Sept 1943.
(d) Coml2 ltr L8-3/QS (2538-52-fa/o) of 9 Aug 1943.
(e) CO, NAD Puget Sd ltr NT1-17/NT4-37/S82.

1. The District Craft Development Board met at 1000 on Friday, 1 October 1943, in Room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present were:

Captain V.D. Chapline	Operations
Capt. E.E. Brady	Operations
Comdr. M.S. Pearson (Recorder)	Operations
Comdr. C.C. Anderson	BuShips
Comdr. A. Sledge (Vice Capt. C.C. Wheelock)	BuShips

Comdr. R. Keith (BuShips), Comdr. S.G. Kelly (Operations), Comdr. S. Frothingham (BuShips) and Lieut. C.H. Campbell (BuShips) were also present.

3. The Board took under consideration the items on the agenda as presented by the Recorder. Indicated in the following paragraphs are the Board's specific recommendations in regard to each item.

4. It has been brought to the attention of the Board that the total number of net tenders (YN) authorized is in excess of known requirements. This excess is due in part to the changed strategic situation since April 1943 when thirty-six net tenders were authorized and in part to the use of pontoon barges in lieu of net tenders in sheltered harbors.

The Board therefore recommends cancellation of twenty-one (21) of the thirty-six (36) net tenders authorized by District Craft Development Board Report No. 31. It is further recommended that of the 21 to be canceled, the maximum possible number be canceled which are building or under contract on the West Coast.

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5. Reference (a). The Chief of the Bureau of Ships has recommended construction of three sludge removal barges (YSR) in order to insure availability of expeditious tank cleaning service to all ships arriving in the Seattle, Portland and San Francisco Bay areas. The barges when completed, will supplant the present method of cleaning tanks by hand and thus release critically needed manpower.

The Board recommends construction of three (3) sludge removal barges (YSR), one to be assigned to the 12th Naval District and two to the 13th Naval District.

6. Reference (b). The Board is advised that one (1) tug and eight (8) steel barges are available to the Navy for acquisition. These barges have been inspected in Tampa, Florida and are considered suitable for Navy use.

The Board recommends that the following tug and barges be requisition purchased for assignment as indicated:

Tug	"Chipola"	5th ND
Barges	"Suwannee", "Apalachee" and	3rd ND
	"Cherokee"	
Barges	S.G. #5, 6, 7, 8 and 9	
		CinCPac for further assignment

7. Requisition purchase of N.Y. Central Barge #29 was recommended in District Craft Development Board Report #34, approved 3 September 1943. It has now developed that the 3rd Naval District can meet the need for which this barge was requested with equipment now on hand until delivery of a Navy new construction self-propelled YF.

The Board therefore recommends that N.Y. Central #29 be not acquired and that the authorization therefor be canceled.

8. Reference (c). The Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet recommends replacement of six (6) submarine salvage pontoons (YSP) transferred from Pearl Harbor to the South Pacific Area.

The Board recommends construction of six (6) submarine salvage pontoons for assignment to the 14th Naval District. It is further recommended that a low priority be assigned these YSP's in order not to interfere with materials needed for more urgent new construction.

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9. Reference (d). The Commandant 12th Naval District has requested acquisition of the water taxi SANTA ROSALIA to fill an important transportation need in that area. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Transportation Branch), and the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet have approved the acquisition.

The Board recommends requisition purchase of the SANTA ROSALIA for use in the San Francisco Bay area.

10. Reference (e). Request for acquisition of a small ferryboat for use at Naval Magazine, Indian Island and the Naval Net Depot, Indian Island, Washington. This request has been approved by the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet, the Commandant 13th Naval District and the Chief of Bureau of Ordnance.

The Board recommends requisition purchase of the ferryboat CLATAWA for assignment to the 13th Naval District.

11. There is a need for thirty steel covered lighters in the Pacific. Some of these can be provided by re-assignment from the West Coast Naval Districts. The remainder will have to come from new construction and those withdrawn from the West Coast should be replaced with steel lighters.

The Board recommends that thirty (30) steel, 500 ton covered lighters (YF) be constructed to meet this need. The maximum number possible should be built on the West Coast. The Board invites attention to paragraph 4 of this report, which recommends that of the 21 net tenders to be canceled, the maximum possible number be canceled which are building or under contract on the West Coast. This should assist in making available facilities for the construction of these lighters.

V.D. Chapline
V.D. CHAPLINE

Senior Member, Dist. Craft Dev. Board.

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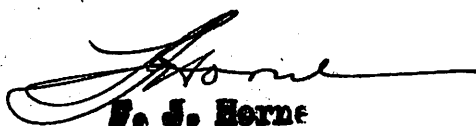
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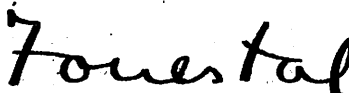
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1. Approved. Pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 26 June 1943 (Public Law 92 - 78th Congress, 1st Session), I find that the vessels herein provided for are necessary for the conduct of the war. The Vice Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of the Bureau of Ships will take the necessary action to carry out the approved recommendations of this report.



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15 October 1943

From: Senior Member, District Craft Development Board.
To: Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: District Craft Development Board Report No. 37.

Ref: (a) Administrator NSA ltr of 7 Oct 1943 to VONO.
(b) Com 14 Speedltr serial 26756 of 4 Oct 1943 to BuShips.

1. The District Craft Development Board met at 1430 on Friday, 15 October 1943, in Room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present were:

Capt. V. D. Chapline	Operations
Capt. E. E. Brady	Operations
Comdr. M. S. Pearson (Recorder)	Operations
Comdr. A. Sledge (Vice Capt. G. C. Wheelock)	BuShips
Lieut. W. B. Steedman (Vice Comdr. C. G. Anderson)	BuShips

Comdr. R. Keith (BuShips) and Lt. Comdr. C. H. Campbell (BuShips) were also present.

3. Reference (a) Acquisition of six tugs for use in Pacific.

The Administrator War Shipping Administration has advised that he will furnish assistance in acquiring for the Navy six 86-foot harbor tugs from the Office of Defense Transportation. He further advises that if desired by the Navy, the War Shipping Administration will undertake delivery of these tugs to their desired destination in the Pacific.

In view of the urgent need for tugs in the Pacific Area, the Board recommends:

(a) That the Administrator, War Shipping Administration be requested to acquire six 86-foot steel harbor tugs for the Navy. These tugs are now completed, four at Jacksonville, Florida and two at New Orleans, Louisiana.

(b) That the Administrator be further requested to deliver these tugs to the Navy at Pearl Harbor. Upon arrival the tugs will be acquired by purchase and manned by the Navy and will be available to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet for assignment.

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4. Reference (b) Construction of fifteen open lighters (wood) for the FOURTEENTH Naval District.

There is a shortage of open lighters in the FOURTEENTH Naval District and Central Pacific Area.

The Board recommends that construction of fifteen (250 ton) open lighters (wood) be authorized under local contract in the Honolulu area for assignment to the FOURTEENTH Naval District or as recommended by the Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

5. The Board is advised by the War Shipping Administration that the sea-going tug BUTTERCUP, now in San Francisco, is available for acquisition by the Navy.

In view of the urgent need for tugs in the Pacific to meet towing requirements, the Board recommends that the BUTTERCUP be acquired on a bareboat basis and manned by the Navy for assignment to the TWELFTH Naval District.

V. D. Chapline
V. D. Chapline,
Senior Member, Dist. Craft Dev. Board.

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Sub Chief of Naval Operations

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13 DEC 1943

From: Senior Member, District Craft Development Board.
To: Chief of Naval Operations.

SUBJ: District Craft Development Board Report No. 39.

Ref: (a) Com14 Disp 181920 Nov to BuShips.
(b) CO, Amphibious Training Command, Landing Craft School
Conf Ltr Ser 0124 of 17 Nov 1943.
(c) Com5 2nd End (51) YP:AG of 27 Nov 1943 to NSD Norfolk
ltr P-2:MS of 6 Nov 1943.
(d) BuShips Conf Ltr C-YP449(816) of 2 Dec 1943.
(e) NOB Newport Disp 081352 December 1943.
(f) Com12 Rest Ltr L9-3/QS(10769-14-CC/HZ) of 29 Nov 1943.
(g) CNO Conf Ltr Serial 0424323-05 of 22 Sept 1943.

1. The District Craft Development Board met at 1500 on Wednesday 8 December 1943, in Room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present were:

Capt. V.D. Chapline	Operations
Capt. E.F. Enright (Vice Capt. E.E. Brady)	Operations
Comdr. M.S. Pearson (Recorder)	Operations
Comdr. C.C. Anderson	BuShips
Lieut. (j.g) J.R. Hall (Vice Lt. W.P. Gleason)	Operations

Lieut. Comdr. C.H. Campbell (BuShips) and Ensign Eleanor Hanna (BuShips) were also present.

3. The Board took under consideration the items on the agenda as presented by the Recorder. Indicated in the following paragraphs are the Board's specific recommendations in regard to each item.

4. Reference (a): Request for authority to construct 7 - 500 ton and 8 - 250 ton lighters in lieu of 15 - 250 ton lighters.

In Report #37 construction of 15 - 250 ton lighters in the Honolulu area was authorized. The Board recommends modification of this authorization to the extent that 7 of these lighters be 500 ton capacity. Reference (a) states that the allotted appropriation is sufficient.

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5. Reference (b): Request for acquisition of hulk "William H. Smith."

There is a definite need for a hulk for day and night training of landing boat crews at the Amphibious Training Base, Coronado, Calif. The Board recommends requisition purchase of the hulk "William H. Smith" and a minimum conversion to make suitable for anchoring off Coronado, California for use in amphibious training.

6. Reference (c): Request for bareboat charter of M/V CLIO.

In view of the need for a freight vessel at the Naval Supply Depot, Norfolk and the fact that no new construction self-propelled freight lighter will be available before May 1944, the Board recommends acquisition by bareboat charter of the M/V CLIO for assignment to the FIFTH Naval District. If and when another standard Navy YF (s.p) can be assigned and delivered to the FIFTH Naval District, the charter of the CLIO should be terminated.

7. The Board considered the advisability of purchasing the ocean going tug "New York" in lieu of the present bareboat charter. However, in view of the age of the tug (47 years) and the large number of Navy AT's which will be available after the war, the Board recommends against the purchase of the "New York."

8. There is a shortage of lighters in certain areas, particularly in San Francisco and New York. In view of the increase in number of barges required for ammunition handling the Board recommends construction of 50 non-self-propelled covered lighters. These lighters should be built of wood, concrete or excess inventory steel and of 250 or 500 ton capacity, whichever will result in the earliest completion. It is recommended that, if practicable, at least half of these lighters be constructed on the West Coast.

9. Reference (d): Recommendation that YP-449 be purchased in lieu of present bareboat charter.

In view of the large expenditures which have been made in fitting out this vessel for special duty, the Board recommends that the War Shipping Administration be requested to terminate the charter and requisition purchase YP-449 for the Navy.

10. Reference (e): Request for purchase of coal barge.

A coal barge, building at Camden, Maine under a Maritime Commission project, is partially completed. The project has been canceled and the barge is available for acquisition by the Navy. The Board is not satisfied as to the need for a barge of this type and therefore recommends against acquisition.

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11. Reference (f): Request for requisition purchase of M/V SERVICE.

In view of the age of M/V SERVICE and the construction of standard Navy self-propelled freight lighters now underway, the Board recommends that M/V SERVICE be acquired by bareboat charter in lieu of purchase, for assignment to the TWELFTH Naval District.

12. A representative of the Bureau of Ships stated to the Board as follows: "There still remains a working balance of 8,280.2 tons unobligated in the Landing Craft and District Craft Authorization Act. The Bureau, however, has received directives for 552,622.8 tons of Landing and District Craft over and above legislative authority, or 560,093 tons over and above the obligated tonnage of 991,719.8."

The Board is cognizant of the fact that additional legislative authority has been requested in the amount of 1,000,000 tons for additional Landing Craft and District Craft as set forth in reference (g).

V.D. Chapline
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*Frank Knox***Frank Knox**

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18 FEB 1944

From: Senior Member, District Craft Development Board.
To: Chief of Naval Operations.

SUBJ: District Craft Development Board Report No. 44.

Ref: (a) Dist. Craft Dev. Bd. Report No. 43, approved 3 Feb 1944.
(b) BuShips Conf Ltr C-QB/YY(723) of 9 Feb 1944.
(c) ComL4 SpdLtr 2367 of 27 Jan 1944.
(d) BuShips Ltr NB/YY (765-D)(890) of 11 Feb 1944.
(e) CominCh Conf Ser 0381 of 2 Feb 1944 with SecNav 1st
End of 3 Feb 1944 thereto.
(f) CNO Conf Serial 088923-05 of 12 Feb 1944.

1. The District Craft Development Board met at 1000 on Thursday,
17 February 1944 in Room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present were:

Capt. V.D. Chapline	
Comdr. M.S. Pearson (Recorder)	Operations
Comdr. R.L. Evans (Vice Capt. C.D. Wheelock)	Operations
Lt. W.B. Steedman (Vice Comdr. C.C. Anderson)	BuShips
Lt. (jg) J.R. Hall (Vice Lt. W.P. Gleason)	BuShips
	Operations

Comdr. J. Newsom (Operations), Comdr. R. Keith (BuShips),
Comdr. I.L. Lind (BuShips), Lieut. C.M. Cox (BuShips) and Ens. Olga Sapp
(BuShips) were also present.

3. The Board took under consideration the items on the agenda as
presented by the Recorder. Indicated in the following paragraphs are
the Board's specific recommendations in regard to each item.

4. References (a) and (b) The Board, in Report No. 43, recommended the
acquisition by purchase from the War Shipping Administration of five
wooden deephold barges for use in the Pacific. It has since come to
the Board's attention that these barges are owned by the Maritime
Commission and that no Naval funds are available for their purchase.
It is therefore recommended that these five barges be acquired on a
loan-charter basis from the Maritime Commission in lieu of purchase from
the War Shipping Administration, in accordance with existing law.

5. Reference (c) Request for construction of two Aircraft
Transportation Lighters (YCV).

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In order to meet the need in Pearl Harbor for additional YCV's, the Board recommends construction at the Navy Yard Pearl Harbor of two YCV's to same specifications as YCV-7 and YCV-8. Reference (c) states that material is available locally. Construction of these two barges is not to interfere with conversion and repair of combatant ships and district craft now in service.

6. Reference (d) The Chief of the Bureau of Ships has recommended construction of six Sludge Removal Barges (YSR) and six Oil Storage Barges (YOS) in order that sludge removal equipment will be available at advanced bases. Six sets of Wheeler tank cleaning equipment are now under procurement and will be mounted on the YSR's.

The Board recommends construction of six Sludge Removal Barges similar to YSR-17 - 23 and six Oil Storage Barges similar to YOS-4 - 10 for use at Advanced Bases requiring sludge removal equipment.

7. References (e) and (f).

In reference (e) the Commander in Chief, United States Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations recommended and the Secretary of the Navy approved, a building program of 30 YP's (Tuna Boat Type). Reference (f) directs the Bureau of Ships to proceed with the program. In view of the fact that this program did not come officially before the District Craft Development Board and in order to keep the records complete, the Board hereby takes cognizance of references (e) and (f).

8. A representative of the Bureau of Ships stated that prior to action covered by this Board Report, tonnage authority was available as follows:

- (a) A balance of 5,451.4 tons in the Act dated 26 May 1943.
- (b) A balance of 345,713.7 tons in the new 1,000,000 ton Landing and District Craft authority, approved 17 December 1943.

9. The Board is cognizant of the fact that an allocation of tonnage for the construction, or acquisition and conversion of District Craft under the new 1,000,000 ton authority approved 17 December 1943, requires the clearance by the Chairman, Naval Affairs Committee, House of Representatives in accordance with the hearing on H.R. 3715.

V.D. Chapline
V.D. CHAPLINE,
Captain, USN,

Senior Member, Dist. Craft Development Board

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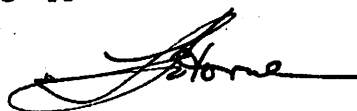
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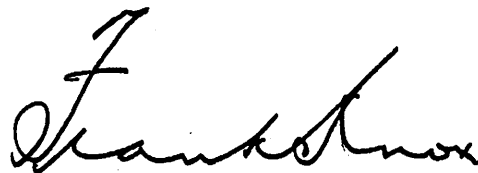
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From: Senior Member, District Craft Development Board.
To: Chief of Naval Operations.

SUBJ: District Craft Development Board Report No. 46.

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- (a) Com1 Conf Airmgm 011549 April.
- (b) Com3 Conf Airmgm 012002 April.
- (c) Com4 Conf SpdLtr Serial 402-44 of 20 March 1944.
- (d) Com5 Conf Mailgram 301935 March.
- (e) Com6 Conf Ltr Serial 036286 of 27 March 1944.
- (f) Com7 Conf Airmgm 281426 March.
- (g) Com8 Conf Airmgm 281938 March.
- (h) Com10 Conf Ltr Serial 0565-44 of 21 April 1944.
- (i) Com11 Conf Ltr Serial 0-1892 of 12 April 1944.
- (j) Com12 Conf Desp 312148 March.
- (k) Com13 Conf desp 292307 March.
- (l) Com13 Conf desp 012301 containing changes to ref (k).
- (m) Com15 Conf Mailgram 251720 March.
- (n) Potomac River Naval Command Conf Ltr Ser 1645 of 31 March 1944.
- (o) CinCPOA Secret desp 050419 April.
- (p) CinCLant Conf Desp 261836 March.
- (q) ComNavNaw Secret Desp 311746 March.
- (r) Com7thFlt Conf Desp 150313 April.
- (s) OP-12 Conf Memo Serial 0157212 of 27 April 1944.
- (t) BuShips Conf Ltr LC/I4-3(300)YY/I4-3 of 24 April 1944.
- (u) Com8 End-2, Ser 10047 of 20 April 1944.
- (v) CNO Conf Desp 161715 March to District Commandants.
- (w) CNO Conf Desp 211425 March to Fleet Commanders.
- (x) CNO Secret Desp 181215 April to Com7thFlt.
- (y) Com7thFlt Secret Desp 200541 April.
- (z) CNO Rest Serial 119823 of 27 April 1944.
- (aa) Com12 Ltr Ser 18501 of 29 March 1944 to BuShips.

1. The District Craft Development Board met at 1400 on Friday, 28 April 1944 in Room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present were:

Capt. R.M. Hinckley	Operations
Capt. E.E. Brady	Operations
Capt. A.P. Calvert	BuShips
Comdr. Joel Newsom (Recorder)	Operations
Comdr. C.C. Anderson	BuShips
Lt. W.P. Gleason	Operations

Capt. Waldschmidt (Opr.), Capt. Wynkoop (BuShips), Comdr. Keith (BuShips), Comdr. Jelley (BuDocks), Comdr. Reside (BuDocks), were also present.

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3. The Board took under consideration the items on the agenda as presented by the Recorder. Indicated in the following paragraphs are the Board's specific recommendations in regard to the items.

4. References (a) to (r) contain the estimated requirements of district craft, until the end of 1945, for the Naval districts, fleets and outlying bases, submitted by the Commandants and Fleet Commanders in reply to References (v) and (w).

5. Prior to this meeting, the Chief of Naval Operations considered the recommendations of the Commander SEVENTH Fleet to be excessive. Reconsideration was requested of the Commander SEVENTH Fleet in reference (x). His reply in reference (y) confirmed his former estimates.

Pending further study the Chief of Naval Operations directed that district craft in the quantities shown in the table below be placed in the program for the SEVENTH Fleet.

6. In reference (z) the Chief of Naval Operations requested the Chief of the Bureau of Ships to cause an inspection to be made of 120 ODT composite fuel barges, now out of service and laid up in New Orleans, and to submit recommendations as to the practicability of utilizing the barges for all or part of the District's needs in YF's (n.s.p) and YC's.

7. The estimated requirements of the references are combined and tabulated below:

Type	Nav. Dist.	PacFlt & Outlying Bases	AtlFlt & Outlying Bases	7thFlt & Outlying Bases	NavForces NAW & Outlying Bases	Total
YT large	31	11	1	10	4	57
YT small	38	14	-3	7	0	56
YO s.p.	14	0	0	12	0	26
YO n.s.p.	2	0	0	0	0	2
YOG s.p.	3	0	0	7	0	10
YG s.p.	-1	6	0	6	0	11
YW s.p.	0	0	1	8	0	9
YF s.p.	19	3*	0	15	2	39
YF n.s.p.						
2000 tons (Gen. Purpose)	0	0	0	10	0	10
YF n.s.p. 500 tons	69	0	1*	25	2	97
YC	47	31	0	0	0	78
YSD	0	0	0	0	3	3

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Type	Nav. Dist.	PacFlt & Outlying Bases	AtlFlt & Outlying Bases	7thFlt & Outlying Bases	NavForces NAW & Outlying Bases	Total
YD Pontoon type						
25 Ton	0	0	0	3	0	3
YD Pontoon type						
75 Ton	0	0	0	3	0	3
YD Revolving						
100 ton	2	0	0	1	0	3
YCF	2	0	0	0	0	2
YR	0	0	0	7	0	7
YDG	0	0	0	1	0	1

* Refrigerated Type

The Board recommends that legislation be obtained (including appropriations of funds) for the construction of the District Craft as indicated in last column of above table, (the Floating Derricks (YD) under the cognizance of the Bureau of Yards and Docks; all other craft under the cognizance of the Bureau of Ships), with the following exceptions:

(a) That the award of contracts for 69 YF's (n.s.p) and 47 YC's, desired by the Naval Districts, be held up for a short-time until the Chief of Bureau of Ships has submitted the recommendations requested in reference (z) and explained in paragraph 6 above.

(b) That a suitable vessel, preferably a PCE, be converted to a YDG for use in the SEVENTH Fleet and no new construction be undertaken.

Further study will be made of the additional craft requested by Commander SEVENTH Fleet.

8. In the opinion of the Board, all District Craft should be built of steel whenever practicable in order to insure more worth-while vessels in the post-war period.

9. The Board is cognizant that personnel to man these craft are not provided under the personnel ceiling.

10. In order to assist the Chief of the Bureau of Ships in planning, an estimated distribution of craft recommended for construction follows:

	Self Propelled		Total
	East Coast & Gulf	West Coast	
YF	9	30	39
YG	0	11	11
YO	3	23	26
YOG	1	9	10
YW	2	7	9

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Self Propelled

	<u>East Coast & Gulf</u>	<u>West Coast</u>	<u>Total</u>
YSD	3	0	3
YTB	18	39	57
YTL	5	51	56

Non Self Propelled

	<u>East Coast & Gulf</u>	<u>West Coast</u>	<u>Total</u>
YC (500 Ton)	17	61	78
YF (500 Ton)	10	87	97
YF (2000 Ton)	0	10	10
YCF	0	2	2
YO	0	2	2
YR	0	7	7

11. The Board recognizes the vital and urgent need in certain districts and fleets for tugs and self-propelled freight lighters, and strongly recommends their construction and delivery be expedited.

12. In reference (t), the Chief of the Bureau of Ships brings to the attention of the Chief of Naval Operations that the Bureau of Yards and Docks had previously authorized the construction of 77 work barges (YF's) for use with, and as part of, the floating drydocks, listed below:

26 YF's for ARD's 7 to 32
 28 YF's for ABSD's 1 to 7
 12 YF's for ARDC's 1 to 12
 5 YF's for YFD 62 to 65, 67
 2 YF's for Drydock Training Center
 2 YF's lost
 2 YF's spares

The Board concurs in the above stated needs and recommends that the construction of these barges be authorized by the Secretary of the Navy and charged against proper tonnage allocation.

13. Reference (m). A request for acquisition of the 1000 H.P. tug FALCS by the Commandant EIGHTH Naval District.

In view of the general shortage of tugs existing throughout the Naval establishment, the Board recommends the requisition purchase of the tug FALCS, and that the personnel to man it be provided by the Commandant EIGHTH Naval District.

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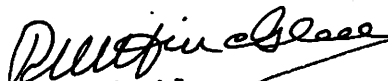
14. Reference (aa). Request of the Commandant TWELFTH Naval District for six launches in addition to four authorized in District Craft Development Board Report No. 38, approved by the Secretary of the Navy on 22 November 1943.

In view of the critical passenger transportation situation in the San Francisco Area, the Board recommends the construction of six victory type launches in accordance with design developed by Nunes Boat Company, Sausalito, California, or their equivalent. It is recommended also that their construction and delivery be expedited in order to relieve a serious transportation situation rapidly developing in that area.

By direction of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, these launches are not to be manned by naval personnel.

15. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting there was a balance of 43,504.4 tons in the 1,000,000 ton authority of Public Law 204.

16. The Board is cognizant of the fact that an allocation of tonnage for the construction, or acquisition and conversion of District Craft under the 1,000,000 ton authority approved 17 December 1943, requires clearance by the Chairman, Naval Affairs Committee, House of Representatives in accordance with the hearings on H.R. 3715.



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Senior Member, District Craft Dev. Board.

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SUBJ: District Craft Development Board Report No. 46.

1. Forwarded, recommending approval. The Chief of Naval Operations invites attention to the comments and recommendations of the Board contained in paragraphs eleven and fourteen.

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1. Approved. Pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 26 June 1943 (Public Law 92 - 78th Congress, 1st Session), I find that the vessels herein provided for are necessary for the conduct of the war. The Chief of Naval Operations, the Chief of the Bureau of Ships and the Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks will take the necessary action to carry out the approved recommendations of this report.

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To: Chief of Naval Operations.
Subject: District Craft Development Board Report No. 51.
Reference: (a) ComServForce 7th Flt Secret Ltr 00625 of 3 June.
(b) Coml4's Restr Desp 140205 of July.
(c) Coml4's Restr Spdltr Serial 18828 of 13 July.
(d) C0 Submarine Base, New London, Spdltr serial B-Q4 of 19 July.
(e) Coml2's Desp 281730 of July.

1. The District Craft Development Board met at 1000 on Tuesday, 1 August 1944, in Room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present were:

Capt. V. D. Chapline		Operations
Capt. E. E. Brady		Operations
Comdr. Joel Newson	(Recorder)	Operations.
Comdr. R. Keith		BuShips
Lt. W. B. Steedman	(Vice Capt. Calvert)	BuShips
Lt. (jg) J. R. Hall	(Vice Lt. Gleason)	Operations

Comdr. G. T. Stiles (BuBooks), Comdr. I. L. Lind (BuShips, Lt. W. B. Horstman (BuShips), and Lt. (jg) R. McIntosh (BuShips) were also present.

3. The Board took under consideration the items on the agenda as presented by the Recorder. Indicated in the following paragraphs are the Board's specific recommendations in regard to the items.

4. Reference (a): Request of the Commander Seventh Fleet for District Craft required until the end of 1945, in addition to the craft authorized in District Craft Development Board Report No. 46.

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Subject: District Craft Development Board Report No. 51.

In view of the additional urgent requirements of the Seventh Fleet as set forth in reference (a) and no other available source of supply, the Board recommends the below tabulated types and numbers of District Craft be built in addition to those authorized in District Craft Development Board Report No. 46, prior to the end of the calendar year 1945. Likewise, the YSR's and YOS's recommended below are in addition to the six (6) YSR's and six (6) YOS's authorized in District Craft Development Board Report No. 44 for use at advanced bases:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDED BY THIS BOARD</u>
YTB	10
YTL	7
YO (s.p.)	12
YOG (s.p.)	8
YW (s.p.)	23
YF (n.s.p.) 2000 tons	25
YD (Pontoon type 25 tons)	2
YD (Pontoon type 75 tons)	3
YR	7
YSR	8
YOS	8

5. Reference (b): Request of the Commandant FOURTEENTH Naval District for two (2) 1000 ton YCV's.

In view of the non-availability of YCV's of this size for reassignment to the FOURTEENTH Naval District, the Board recommends that two (2) YCV's similar to YCV Nos. 9 and 10 (1000 ton) be constructed for assignment to the FOURTEENTH Naval District and it is further recommended they be constructed in the FOURTEENTH Naval District.

6. Reference (c): Request of the Commandant FOURTEENTH Naval District for the construction locally of twelve (12) 250 ton, wooden open lighters (YC's). The Board recommends that twelve (12) 250 ton wooden YC's be constructed for assignment to the FOURTEENTH Naval District and, in view of the local availability of labor and material, recommends further they be constructed in the FOURTEENTH Naval District. These twelve YC's are in addition to the total of thirty-one authorized in District Craft Development Board Report No. 46, twelve of which are under construction in the FOURTEENTH Naval District at present.

7. Reference (d): Request of Commanding Officer Submarine Base, New London, to substitute Ferry OSSINING for Ferry MANHATTAN.

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Acquisition of the Ferry MANHATTAN on bareboat charter was authorized in District Craft Development Board Report No. 50. In view of the availability of the Ferry OSSINING in this area, the fact that it is of steel hull and has closed-in upper deck, desirable in winter operation, the Board recommends the requisition for the MANHATTAN be cancelled and in lieu thereof recommends the Ferry OSSINING be obtained on bareboat charter for assignment to the Submarine Base, New London.

8. Reference (e): Request of Commandant TWELFTH Naval District for four (4) wooden Deephold Barges.

The Barges are similar to the twenty (20) authorized in District Craft Development Board Report No. 48. In view of the need for additional ammunition stowage and transportation facilities in the San Francisco Area as a result of the explosion at Port Chicago, the Board recommends the acquisition on lean charter basis of four wooden Deephold Barges, Douglas Fir II, III, IV, and V, MC Hull Nos. 1088, 1089, 1090, and 1091 respectively, for assignment to the TWELFTH Naval District.

9. The Board is informed by the War Shipping Administration that the new Tug Port Haywood, built at Eureka, California, owned by the Maritime Commission, is available for acquisition by the Navy.

In view of the continuing unsatisfactory tug situation existing in the San Francisco Area, the Board recommends the acquisition of the Tug Port Haywood on lean charter basis for assignment to the TWELFTH Naval District.

10. The Board estimates a total of 53 officers and 1,249 enlisted men will be required to man the vessels recommended herein. It is understood they can be included in the operating Force Plan through the decommissioning of certain converted AMC's and acquired YP's, presently scheduled for laying up.

11. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting there was a balance of 122,454 tons in the 500,000 Presidential cleared portion under Public Law 322, which authorized 1,000,000 tons District and Landing Craft construction or acquisition.

The Board is cognizant of the fact that an allocation of tonnage for the construction, or acquisition of District Craft under the above authority should be cleared with the Chairman, House Naval Affairs Committee.

V. D. Chapline
V. D. Chapline,
Captain, U.S.N.

Senior Member, District Craft Dev. Board

By VH NARA Date 11/28

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2. ~~1~~ Personnel involved for manning the craft recommended for construction and acquisition in this report, can be provided from ships and craft now designated for future decommissioning or disposal.

The Barges are similar to the twenty (20) ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~U.S.~~ ~~Navy~~ ~~and~~ ~~Marine~~ ~~Corps~~ ~~Development Board Report No. 12.~~ In view of the fact that the ~~U.S. Navy~~ ~~and~~ ~~Marine Corps~~ ~~Development Board Report No. 12.~~ is also of the ~~U.S. Navy~~ ~~and~~ ~~Marine Corps~~ ~~Development Board Report No. 12.~~

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Sub Chief of Naval Operations

tion storage and transportation facilities, and the acquisition of the explosives at Fort Snager, the Board recommends the acquisition of a steam charter basis of four wooden Deephold barges, Douglas Fir II, III, (95)A1745, and I, MC Hull Nos. 1048, 1049, 1050, and 1051 respectively, and assign Serial 642823. 7 AUG 1944

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1. Approved. Pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 26 June 1943 (Public Law 92 - 78th Congress, 1st Session), I find that the vessels herein provided for are necessary for the conduct of the war. The Chief of Naval Operations, the Chief of the Bureau of Ships, and the Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks will take the necessary action to carry out the approved recommendations of this report.

10. The Board estimates a total of \$3,000,000 is required to run the vehicle program in 1964. It is included in the operating budget of the Department of the Navy. *John A. Bland*
Acting Secretary of the Navy

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9 May 1945.

From: Senior Member, District Craft Development Board.
To: Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: District Craft Development Board Report No. 59.

Refs: (a) Coml2 ltr ND12-52(0)-Dh over L8-3/QS Serial 18674
dated 5 April 1945.
(b) Under SecNav (Transp.Br.) End-2 to reference (a),
Serial 27090, dated 23 April 1945.
(c) Under SecNav (Transp.Br.) ltr SOTB-1-wv Serial
27524 dated 1 May 1945.
(d) BuOrd ltr (Rea-1) Nord (F) 1374 dated 27 Apr 1945.1. The District Craft Development Board met at 1500 on Wednesday, 9
May 1945, in Room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present were:

Rear Admiral V. D. Chapline	Operations
Captain R. S. McDowell	Operations
Captain A. P. Calvert	BuShips
Captain Joel Newsom (Recorder)	Operations
Lt. D. J. Stowe (Vice Lt. Gleason)	Operations
Lt. (jg) W. C. McIntosh (Vice Capt. Keith)	BuShips

Captain Hinckley (Operations), Lt. Commander McWilliams (BuOrd) and Lt.
Steedman (BuShips) were also present.3. The Board took under consideration the items on the agenda as pre-
sented by the Recorder. Indicated in the following paragraphs are the
Board's specific recommendations in regard to the items.4. Reference (a): Request of Commandant TWELFTH Naval District for
acquisition of Passenger Ferry Boats, SAN LEANDRO, HAYWARD and YERBA BUENA.

In reference (a) the Commandant stated that passenger ferry service between San Francisco and the Richmond and Sausalito Shipyards, as performed by Wilmington Transportation Company for the Maritime Commission, would be discontinued on 31 March, 1945 and the vessels laid up. The Commandant obtained the approval of the Regional Office of the Office of Defense Transportation to acquire and operate these ferries with civilian crews under supervision of the Domestic Transportation Officer, TWELFTH

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Naval District, between San Francisco and Hunter's Point and between San Francisco and Naval Air Station, Alameda. Reference (a) further advises that common carrier service to and from the above naval activities has reached such a low ebb that it has been found necessary to assign a detachment of Navy Sea Bee personnel to the Municipal Railway bus shops to assist in preventing serious breakdown of the municipally-owned transportation system.

In reference (b) the Under Secretary of the Navy (Transportation Branch) authorized the operation of the ferries SAN LEANDRO, HAYWARD and SIERRA NEVADA by the Wilmington Transportation Company as agents for the War Shipping Administration, and stated this procedure was satisfactory to the Commandant TWELFTH Naval District. The SIERRA NEVADA was substituted for the YERBA BUENA since the latter had in the meantime been acquired by the Army.

In reference (c), the Chief of Naval Operations was informed by the Under Secretary of the Navy (Transportation Branch) that the War Shipping Administration was not agreeable to operation of the ferries by the Wilmington Transportation Company as outlined above, but was agreeable to their transfer to the Navy on bareboat charter. Reference (c) further stated that acquisition of the ferries on bareboat charter was satisfactory to the Commandant and that he will arrange for their operation either through the use of civilian employees or through a contract arrangement with a civilian agency.

Inspection reports of the above ferries have been received. The Board was informed that in the opinion of the Chief of the Bureau of Ships, the vessels are satisfactory for the purpose intended and that only minor repairs are necessary to place in satisfactory operating condition.

In view of the present insufficient transportation facilities in the San Francisco area, the Board recommends acquisition by bareboat charter from the War Shipping Administration of the ferries SAN LEANDRO, HAYWARD and SIERRA NEVADA, their assignment to the TWELFTH Naval District and their operation by the Commandant either through the use of civilian employees or through a contract arrangement with a civilian agency. The Board further recommends that no additional naval personnel be used in the ferries' operation.

5. Reference (d): Request of the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance for transfer of the yacht "AIDE de CAMP" and the 30-foot motor boat "TOMMY" from the Office of Scientific Research and Development to the Navy without an exchange of funds, for operation by the Bureau of Ordnance in conducting underwater sound research at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The craft, owned by

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the Office of Scientific Research and Development, are presently being operated by the Underwater Sound Laboratory, Harvard University. The functions of the Harvard Laboratory are to be assumed by Pennsylvania State College on 1 August 1945. The latter activity has indicated to the Bureau of Ordnance that they do not want the responsibility of operating the above craft.

In view of the impracticability of transferring the equipment now installed on the "AIDE de CAMP" to a service designed vessel and the excessive costs that would be incurred in converting another vessel, the Board recommends that transfer of the yacht "AIDE de CAMP" and the small boat "TOMMY" to the Navy without an exchange of funds be authorized. The Board further recommends the craft be assigned to the Commandant of the SEVENTH Naval District for use of the Bureau of Ordnance at Fort Lauderdale, Florida; that the craft be manned with Naval personnel totalling seven enlisted ratings charged to "Converted Auxiliaries Unclassified"; and that the "AIDE de CAMP" be classified an "IX" and the "TOMMY" be classified a small boat.

Since these craft are the property of the United States, no inspection prior to transfer to the Navy is deemed necessary.

6. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting the cleared tonnage balance available for construction and acquisition of District Craft and Landing Craft was 52,391 tons.

7. The Board is cognizant of the fact that an allocation of tonnage for the construction, or acquisition of District Craft under the above authority should be cleared with the Chairman, House Naval Affairs Committee.


V. D. Chapline

Rear Admiral, U. S. N.

Senior Member, District Craft Dev. Board

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To: Secretary of the Navy.

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1. Approved. Pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 26 June 1943 (Public Law 92 - 78th Congress, 1st Session), I find that the craft herein provided for are necessary for the conduct of the war. The Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of the Bureau of Ships will take the necessary action to carry out the approved recommendations of this report.

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From: Senior Member, District Craft Development Board.
 To: Chief of Naval Operations.

Subj: District Craft Development Board Report No. 60.

Ref: (a) ComELEVEN desp 141811 of June 1945.
 (b) ComFOURTEEN desp 292106 of May 1945.
 (c) WSA ltr to CNO dated 15 June 1945.
 (d) BuDocks sec ltr ser 003335 of 2 July 1945.

1. The District Craft Development Board met at 1000 on Friday, 27 July 1945, in Room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present were:

Rear Admiral V. D. Chapline	Operations
Captain R. S. McDowell	Operations
Captain J. C. Lester	BuShips
Captain Joel Newsom (Recorder)	Operations
Lieut.(jg) G. S. Miles (Vice Lt. Gleason)	Operations
Lieut.(jg) W. C. McIntosh (Vice Capt. Keith)	BuShips

Captain Hinckley (Operations), Captain Lemler (BuShips), Captain Payne (BuShips), Comdr. Friedman (BuDocks), Lt. Comdr. Denno (BuDocks), Lt. Comdr. Thorn (BuShips) and Lieut. Steedman (BuShips) were also present.

3. The Board took under consideration the items on the agenda as presented by the Recorder. Indicated in the following paragraphs are the Board's specific recommendations in regard to the items.

4. Reference (a): Request of Commandant ELEVENTH Naval District for a sludge removal barge, (YSR), with wheeler system or equivalent for use in San Diego Bay. The Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, and the Commandants of West Coast Districts have submitted requests for 19 additional YSR's over and above those presently authorized. It is estimated that it will require at least ten months to construct additional units.

An inspection report of ATLAS No. 2, now located in New York, has been received and in the opinion of the Chief of Bureau of Ships the craft is satisfactory for the purpose intended. The Board is informed the War Shipping Administration is agreeable to the acquisition of ATLAS No. 2 by the Navy.

In order to fill an urgent need existing now in the San Diego area, the Board recommends acquisition by purchase of the Sludge Removal Barge ATLAS No. 2 and its assignment to the ELEVENTH Naval District. No additional personnel will be required.

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5. Reference (b): Reply of the Commandant FOURTEENTH Naval District regarding acquisition by purchase of the tugs YTM-335 (ex ARTHUR FOSS) and YTM-336 (ex MATILDA FOSS). The above tugs were requisitioned on a bareboat charter basis on 11 November 1942 and 11 February 1943, respectively, and have been assigned to and operating in the FOURTEENTH Naval District.

In May, 1945, the WSA informally recommended to the DCDB that the charter of the tugs be cancelled and that they be acquired by purchase since, it was claimed, it would be to the Government's financial advantage to do so. Before taking action, the Board directed the Commandant submit inspection reports and recommendations concerning the contemplated purchases.

In reference (b) the Commandant recommended against purchase in view of the present extremely poor material condition of the craft.

In reference (c), the War Shipping Administration reiterates the desirability of cancelling the charters and acquiring the tugs by purchase for the following reason: At charter rates of \$75 and \$50 per day, respectively, considered reasonable by the War Shipping Administration, present accrued charter amounts to approximately \$119,250. The owners agree to cancel all claims and to accept \$225,000 if the tugs are purchased outright.

In view of the poor material condition of the tugs, the Commandant's recommendation and the possibility they can be replaced by service built craft in the reasonably near future, the Board recommends that the bareboat charters of YTM's 335 and 336 be continued until receipt of new construction craft permits cancellation of their charters and their return to owners.

6. Reference (d): Recommendation of the Bureau of Yards and Docks that the bareboat charter of the dredge BENSON be cancelled and the dredge acquired by purchase. The dredge BENSON is presently under bareboat charter to the Navy (BuDocks NOy Contract 11431) and is operating in the forward areas.

As in previous instances of dredges acquired for operations in the forward areas, the Board recommends the bareboat charter of dredge BENSON be cancelled and that the Bureau of Yards and Docks be authorized to acquire by purchase. This dredge is presently manned by Naval personnel and no additional personnel will be required.

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7. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting the cleared tonnage balance available for construction and acquisition of District Craft and Landing Craft was 51,100 tons.

8. The Board is cognizant of the fact that an allocation of tonnage for the construction, or acquisition of District Craft under the above authority should be cleared with the Chairman, House Naval Affairs Committee.

V. D. Chapline

V. D. CHAPLINE,
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F.J. HORNE
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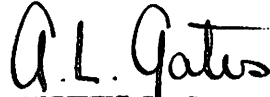
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Acting Secretary of the Navy

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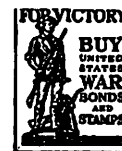
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To: Chief of Naval Operations.

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Refs: (a) CinCPoa sec ltr ser 006017 of 27 May 1945.
(b) CinCPoa sec desp 281949 of June 1945.
(c) CinCPoa conf desp 010245 of August 1945.
(d) CinCPoa conf desp 020621 of August 1945.
(e) Comdt PSNY ltr PSNY YHB of 31 July 1945 and Com 13 end-1 ser 214069 of 2 Aug. 1945.

1. The District Craft Development Board met at 1000 on Monday, 6 August 1945, in Room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present were:

Rear Admiral V. D. Chapline	Operations
Captain R. S. McDowell	Operations
Captain J. C. Lester	BuShips
Captain Joel Newsom (Recorder)	Operations
Lieut.(jg) W. C. McIntosh (Vice Capt. Keith)	BuShips
Lieut.(jg) G. S. Miles (Vice Lt. Gleason)	Operations

Captain Hinckley (Operations), Captain Lemler (BuShips), Lt. Comdr. Thorn (BuShips) and Lieut. Steedman (BuShips) were also present.

3. The Board took under consideration the items on the agenda as presented by the Recorder. Indicated in the following paragraphs are the Board's specific recommendations in regard to the items.

4. Reference (a), modified by references (b), (c) and (d), contains the district craft requirements of the Pacific Fleet, the Seventh Fleet and the FOURTEENTH Naval District until the end of the calendar year 1946. In reference (a), the Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas, requests deliveries by June 1946 or as soon thereafter as possible.

5. In an endeavor to reduce new construction to a minimum, the Chief of Naval Operations submitted requests to the Army, Maritime Commission and the Naval districts for district craft built or building that could be released any time prior to June 1946 for use in the Pacific areas. The problem of supplying additional craft was also presented to the Joint Small Craft Sub Committee of Joint Logistics Committee and Joint Military Transportation Committee for its study and recommendation.

6. The results obtained from these efforts to utilize existing craft and avoid new construction wherever possible, are shown in Column (4) and (5) in the table below. There are also listed in the table each type craft and number requested, the crafts' descriptions and the new construction required to fill requirements.

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Requested by CinCPoa		Description	Definitely Obtained from Other Sources	Tentatively Obtained from Other Sources	New Con- struction Required
Type (1)	No.		(4)	(5)	(6)
YTB	63	800 HP Steel 310 ton LD.	8		55
YTM	29	500 HP Steel, Seagoing qualities to permit long ocean voyages in company with other vessels.	2	27	0
YG	34	Self-propelled, 185 ton LD. Similar to YG 45.	0	0	12 (See par 8)
YF	48	Self-propelled, New Zea- land type.			48 (See Par 9(a))
YF	22	Self-propelled, similar to YF 852.	9		13 (See Par 9(a))
YF	5	Self-propelled Reefers, similar to YF 888.			5
YP	22	Self-propelled, similar to Tuna type, YP's 617- 646.			22
YR	9	540 tons LD similar to YR's 69-82			9
YSR	13	100 tons LD		13	0 (See Par 9(b))
YCK	10		5		5

7. The Board recommends construction under the cognizance of the Chief of the Bureau of Ships of the craft contained in column (6) of the above table and their assignment to the Pacific Fleet, Seventh Fleet and FOURTEENTH Naval District as recommended by the Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas. Personnel for manning the craft are not included in the Operating Force Plan. It is estimated 172 officers and 2240 enlisted men are involved. These numbers include personnel to man the 27 YTM's which, it is anticipated, will be acquired from the Maritime Commission by other means.

8. In the Opinion of the Board, the need for construction of 34 additional Garbage Lighters (YG's) for use in the forward areas, over and above those presently in service or building, has not been sufficiently established to justify construction of that number. Consequently, the Board recommends the construction of 12 YG's only at this time. The need for this type craft should be reviewed by the forces afloat on 1 December 1945. Should the forces afloat establish the need for additional YG's, the additional number can be

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constructed as a follow on program without any appreciable delay beyond their completion dates if authorized today.

9. Further recommendations of the Board follow:

- (a) That the construction of the required total of 61 YF's be authorized and that all be built similar to YF-852 provided time can be saved in their completion over the time required to build 48 New Zealand type and 13 of the YF-852 type; if not, then the program to be constructed as suggested by CinCPOA.
- (b) That the 13 YSR's and 6 additional YSR's, 4 for use in West Coast districts and 2 to be retained as spares, a total of 19, be obtained by converting 19 YC's, now in service or building, and installing Wheeler systems. The Board is informed that 19 YC's, suitable for harbor use only, can be obtained from the Army without an exchange of funds as replacements for the 19 YC's converted.
- (c) That in all other cases, the Chief of the Bureau of Ships, in order to expedite delivery, construct the craft from existing prototype designs.
- (d) That construction of the craft authorized be expedited and that District Craft be assigned a higher priority than at present if necessary to permit the first deliveries to the forces afloat on or before 1 June 1946.

10. Should present negotiations for acquisition of the 27 YTM's and 19 YC's be unsuccessful, the Board will act upon these items at a later date.

11. Reference (e): Request of the Commandant, Navy Yard, Puget Sound, for the acquisition of one deep sea towing barge for conversion to a houseboat in order to provide additional berthing space for crews of vessels undergoing repair at the Navy Yard.

12. The Board is informed there are 19 wooden barges owned by the War Shipping Administration of the RED ALDER, WESTERN LARCH and similar types now laid up in Lake Washington and that the War Shipping Administration is agreeable to the transfer of one barge to the Navy on a loan charter basis. These non-self-propelled barges are of wood, approximately 275 feet long and 2500 gross tons, and are suitable for conversion to Barracks barges with a reasonable expenditure of labor and funds.

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13. In view of the urgent need known to exist for additional berthing space for crews of vessels undergoing overhaul at the Navy Yard, the Board recommends the acquisition on loan charter basis of one (1) barge of the RED ALDER or WESTERN LARCH type, whichever is in the best material condition and considered the most suitable; that it be assigned to the THIRTEENTH Naval District; and that the minimum work be authorized to convert to a houseboat (YHB). No additional personnel will be required.

14. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that prior to this meeting the cleared tonnage balance available for the construction and acquisition of District Craft and Landing Craft was 47,501.17 tons.

15. The Bureau of Ships has initiated action requesting clearance by the President of 57,945 tons of the 500,000 ton uncleared portion, District and Landing Craft Authorization, Public Law 322 to cover the program under consideration by this Board.

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1. Approved. Pursuant to the provisions of the Act of 26 June 1943 (Public Law 92 - 78th Congress, 1st Session), I find that the craft herein provided for are necessary for the conduct of the war. The Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of the Bureau of Ships will take the necessary action to carry out the approved recommendations of the report.

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From: Senior Member, District Craft Development Board.
To: Chief of Naval Operations.

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Ref: (a) CinCPac Adv Hdqtrs sec desp 180453 of August 1945.

1. The District Craft Development Board met at 1000 on Monday, 20 August 1945, in Room 2721, Navy Department.

2. Members present were:

Rear Admiral V. D. Chapline	Operations
Captain R. S. McDowell	Operations
Captain Joel Newson (Recorder)	Operations
Comdr. E. B. Coulter (Vice Capt. Lester)	BuShips
Lieut.(jg) J. R. Hall (Vice Lt. Gleason)	Operations
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Captain Hinckley (Operations), Comdr. Neside (BuDocks), Lt. Comdr. Thorn (BuShips), Lt. Steedman (BuShips) were also present.

3. The Board took under consideration the items on the agenda as presented by the recorder. Indicated in the following paragraphs are the Board's specific recommendations in regard to the items.

4. In view of the surrender of Japan, the Board considers that certain district craft, previously authorized to be constructed and/or acquired, will not now be required. The Board, therefore, recommends the following specific action be taken:

- (a) That authorization for construction of three (3) shallow draft salvage barges with cranes, for use at MCAS, Cherry Point, North Carolina, approved in District Craft Development Board Report No. 53, but on which construction has not been started, be reduced in number to two (2). The Board is informed that the Bureau of Aeronautics concurs in this recommendation.
- (b) That authorization for construction of eighteen (18) covered barges for use of floating drydocks, but on which construction has not been started, approved in District Craft Development Board Report No. 58, be cancelled. The Board is informed that the Bureau of Yards and Docks concurs in this recommendation.
- (c) That authorization for acquisition by purchase of the sludge removal barge ATLAS NO. 2, for use at Naval Repair Base, San Diego, approved in District Craft Development Board Report No. 60, be cancelled. The Board is informed that the Bureau of Ships concurs in this recommendation.

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4. (d) That authorization for acquisition on loan charter basis of one (1) barge of the RED ALDER or WESTERN LARCH type, for use of crews of vessels undergoing overhaul at Puget Sound Navy Yard, approved in District Craft Development Board Report No. 61, be cancelled.
- (e) That authorization for the construction of the craft listed in column 6, paragraph 6, of District Craft Development Board Report No. 61, with the exception of twelve (12) garbage lighters (YG), be cancelled. The Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas, in reference (a), concurs.
5. The Board again recommends that the construction of twelve (12) garbage lighters, similar to YG-45, for use in Pacific and occupied areas, be authorized. Personnel for manning are not included in the Operating Force Plan.
6. A representative of the Bureau of Ships advised the Board that there was a cleared tonnage balance of 50,751.17 tons available for the construction and acquisition of District Craft, no action having been taken to charge vessels considered by District Craft Development Board No. 61.


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To: Secretary of the Navy.

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1. Approved. The Chief of Naval Operations, the Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks and the Chief of the Bureau of Ships will take the necessary action to carry out the approved recommendations of the report.

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