

*Forest Ranger Ahoy*



*1912-1984*



## Introduction

Many thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Louie Lorentsen, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hyatt, Mr. & Mrs. Hank Doerksen, Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Antonelli, Sally Hyatt Dabois, John Parminter and to the owners of these historic vessels for all the photos and information that went into this project.

As time goes on, more discussions with the Forestry personnel, owners of the vessels, and research will produce more history on the Marine Division of the Forest Service. Hopefully another booklet will follow.

Robin Lakeres 2007

# ROOT AND BRANCH

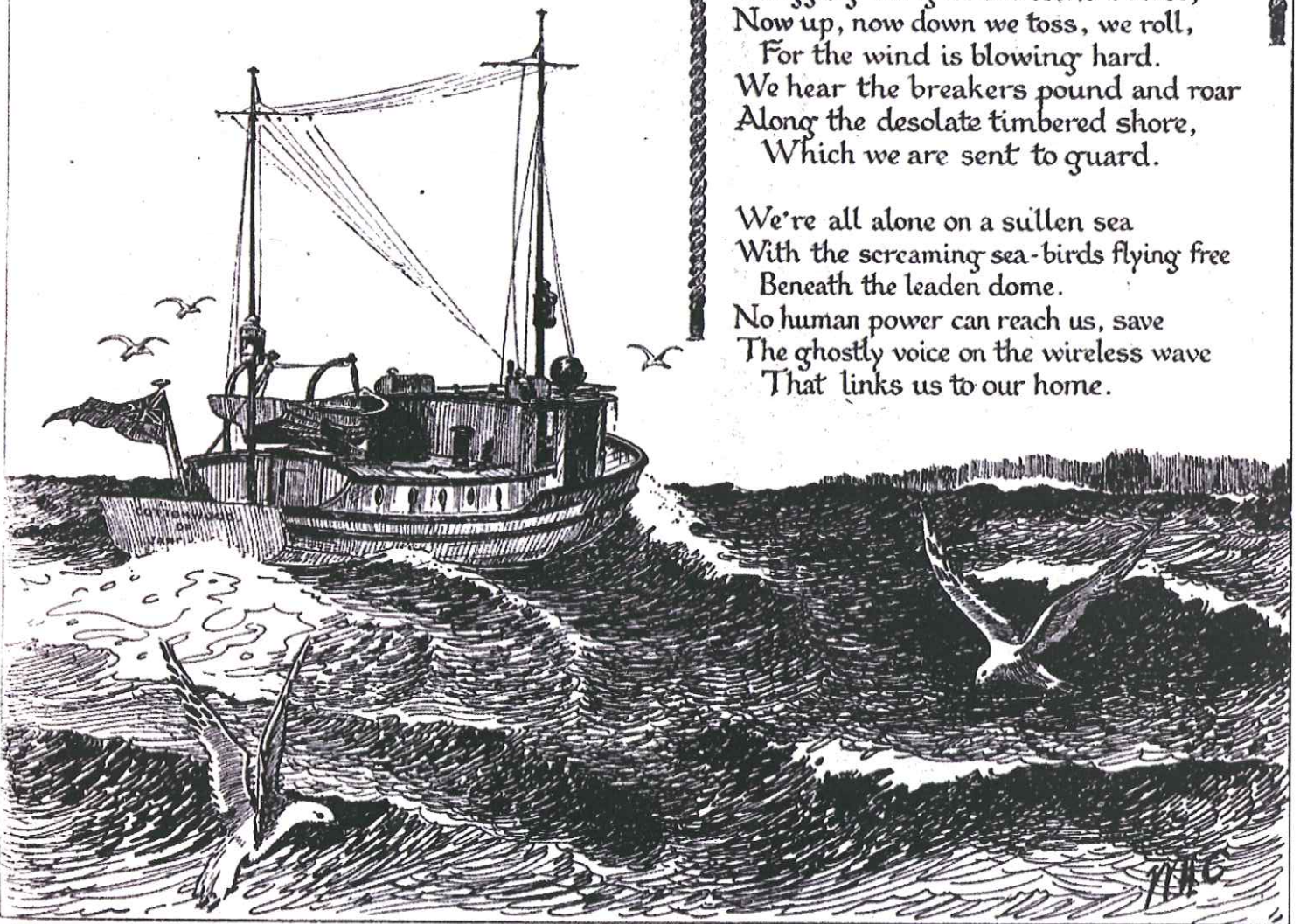


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## THE LONE PATROL.

Plugging along on the Lone Patrol,  
Now up, now down we toss, we roll,  
For the wind is blowing hard.  
We hear the breakers pound and roar  
Along the desolate timbered shore,  
Which we are sent to guard.

We're all alone on a sullen sea  
With the screaming sea-birds flying free  
Beneath the leaden dome.  
No human power can reach us, save  
The ghostly voice on the wireless wave  
That links us to our home.



## Short notes from Retired Forest Service personnel.



Marshall Antonelli displays his Forest Service Constable badge



Constable Badge



Mrs. Marshall Antonelli

Marshall explained how when they finished ranger school they were sworn in as Honorary Constables. This authority was many times used to detain people to help fight forest fires. They would go into logging camps, local gathering places or where ever they needed to go to round up extra hands to help fight fires.

Marshall also told of when you finished ranger school at the facility in Surrey you were given a boat to run. A lot of the time the young ranger would have no prior boat experience. To top it off the ranger would be given a "Texaco" road map (not a nautical chart) to travel to their assignment. If they were lucky they would find someone who had boat experience to teach them, if not they were on their own.

Hank Doerksen told about their daily lives at the remote stations. They would receive their supplies by steamship. They would order from Woodward's Store and the steamship would deliver to areas like Minstrel Island or Shoal Bay. The rangers and their families would take the launches to pick up supplies. It was usually a meeting with other forestry people, logging camp, and other neighbors. It was very important to stay in touch with these other people as your life could depend upon it. Most of the time they would stay, dine together and sometimes have dances. Minstrel Island used to be a gathering place as it had a community center and a dance hall.



Mrs. Hank Doerksen



Hank Doerksen



Louie Lorentsen



Mrs. Louie Lorentsen

Louie Lorentsen told us they were paid at the Thurston Bay Station in 1946 \$85 per month with an extra \$50 for boat duty. Rent was \$5 per month no matter what condition the housing was in. Often times they had to do repairs on the house while they were moving in.

Charles Hyatt told us how some of their forestry service was some of the fondest times of their lives. Life was very simple but often times very difficult. Duty was isolated and the wives kept the station, radio contact, home schooling, while the husbands were on boat duty or fighting fires. Medical care was brought to the stations by way of the mission boat. Dental care was carried out on the boats.



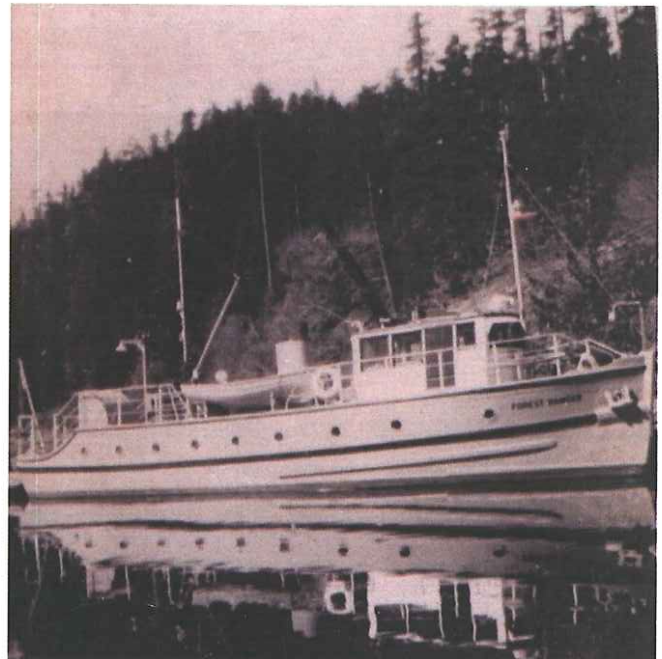
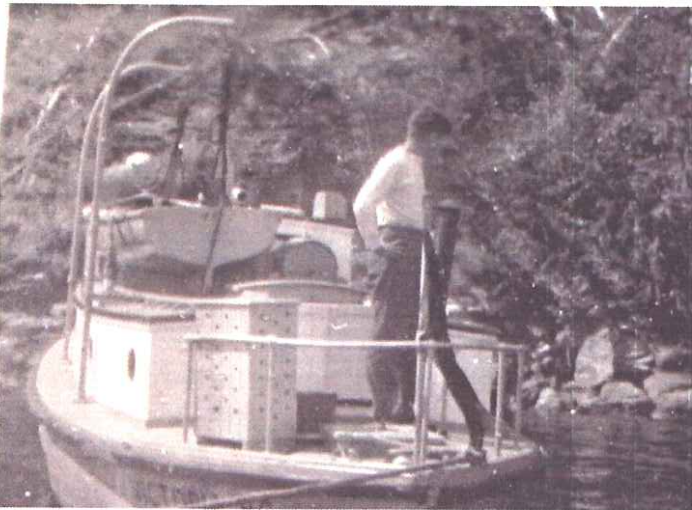
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hyatt



**log scaler from early days**



**Beatrice R**



**Forest Ranger**



dock and office

Chatham Channel Ranger Station

late 1950's

these photos are from 2 families,  
Hyatts and Lorentsens



Sally & Linda Hyatt with their sea treasures.



District Forester leaving station in float plane.



Charles, Sally, Linda Hyatt  
1956



Hyatt's home at  
Thurston Bay

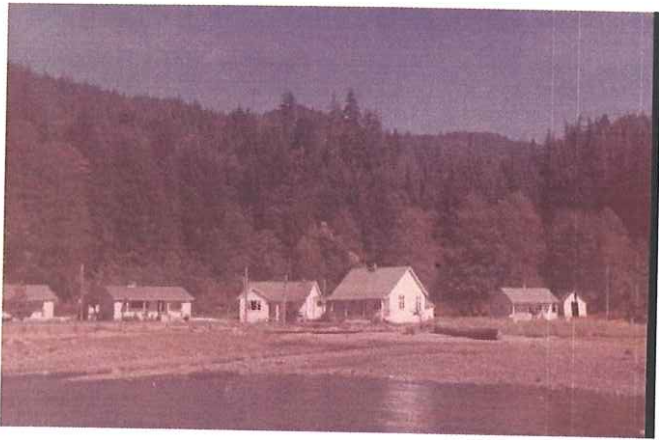


Hyatt's in wheelhouse  
of Forest Ranger II

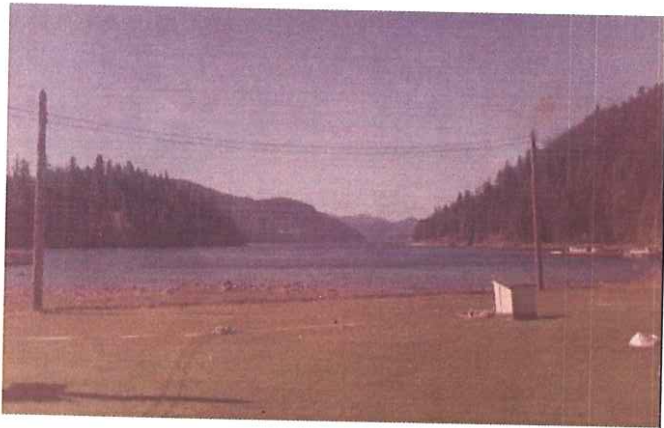


Charles Hyatt on supply trip  
to Campbell River





Thurston Bay housing



tool & fuel cache



Hyatt's

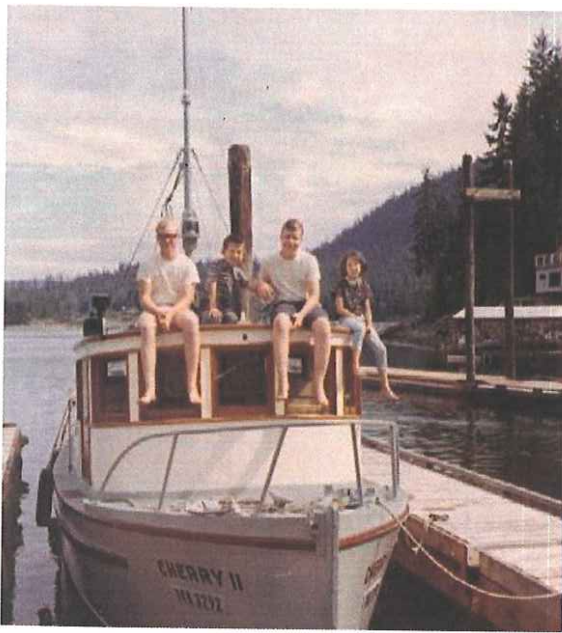
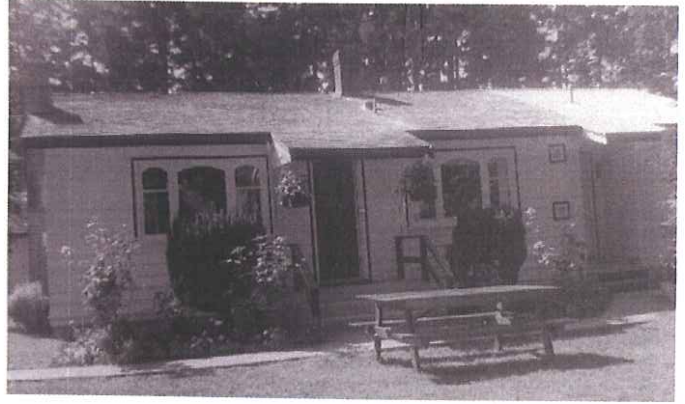


Wells Gray, Forest Ranger, blimp ?  
Tamarack, Sirene, Yellow Cedar



Wells Gray, Tamarack

Madeira Park, Pender Harbour  
Forest Service Ranger Station  
1963

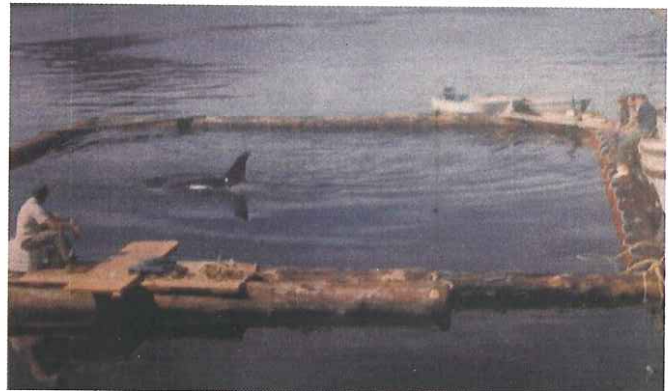
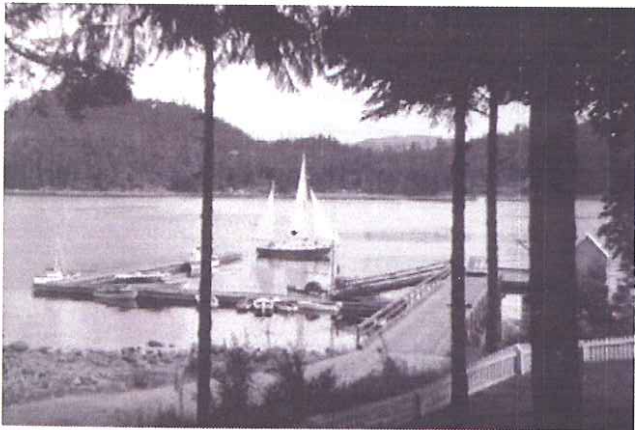


Cherry II  
&  
Forestry family





Navy ships visiting  
at Madeira Park



Captured Orca in the harbor



Wells Gray & Sirene



Forest Surveyor



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1st Rendezvous  
Pender Harbour  
1992





Built as yacht "Letitia"

## Alpine Fir II

1947 Built by G.H. Oliver, North Vancouver  
1st 2 years operated as private yacht, Letitia.

1949 Forest Service acquired

1984 Sold by Forest Service



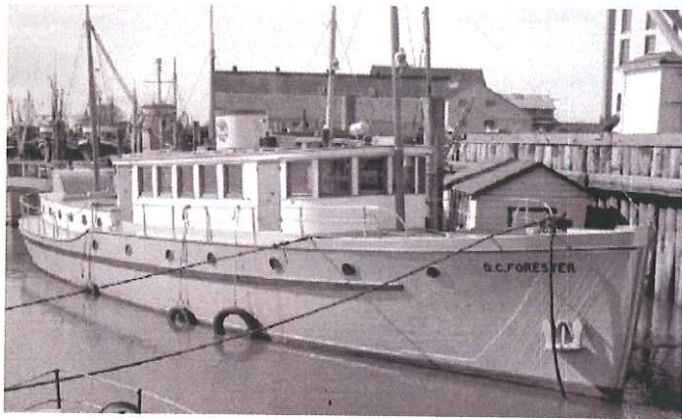
attended 1st rendezvous



Thurston Bay



Owned by Sandra & Phil Pidcock



## B.C.Forester

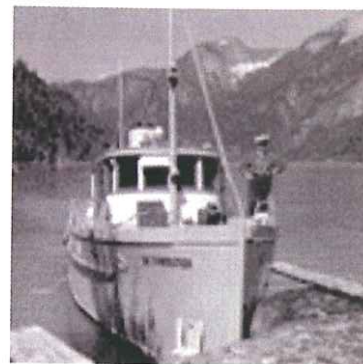
1923 55<sup>ft</sup> Built at the Forest Service Station  
Thurston Bay.

1935 Lengthened

1943 Rebuilt at the FSMD, Vancouver



Radio room  
on board



Filling water  
tanks from  
creek



2006 Owned by  
Doug & Marlene Brisson  
Powell River, B.C.

Named was changed  
to Kwaietek



## Cherry II

Built 1946 by the Forest Service  
Marine Station, Vancouver (2nd  
Series blimp)

1978 Sold to Roy Dusenbury

1988 Sold to Don Vince



launch day

on duty



2006 Purchased by  
Kathy & Robert Brereton



Coast Ranger & Syrene

## Coast Ranger

1967 Built as the F.S.M.D.  
Coast Ranger was the last wooden  
construction by the Forest Service.  
Ranger is still in service at the Prince  
Rupert Forest Service.



Doug Mitchell presenting Coast Ranger  
crew members Mathew & Bob, representing  
the Forest Service, with honorary  
memberships to the Squadron.



Vancouver Maritime Museum  
2005

## Dean Ranger

1959 Built at Star Shipyard

1965 Bought by Forest Service

1984 J. Graham bought from F.S.  
Was former Fisheries boat



Dean Ranger on forestry  
duty at Ocean Falls



on duty as P.G.D. 3



Owned by  
Chris & Marion West  
since 2001

## Forest Ranger II

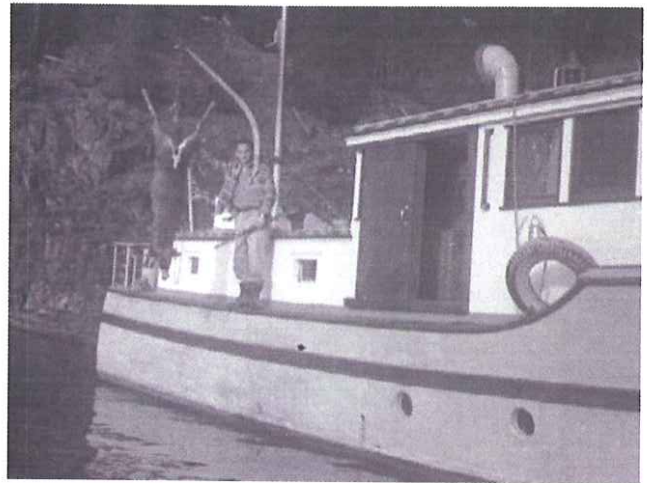
1953 Built at the Forest Service Marine Station, Vancouver 46'.

Used as Ranger Launch, principally in Loughborough and Bute Inlets, operating from Forest Service Base at Thurston Bay, Sonora Island.

1985 Sold to Harold & Joyce Campbell, Campbell River, B.C.



In service, taking on fuel



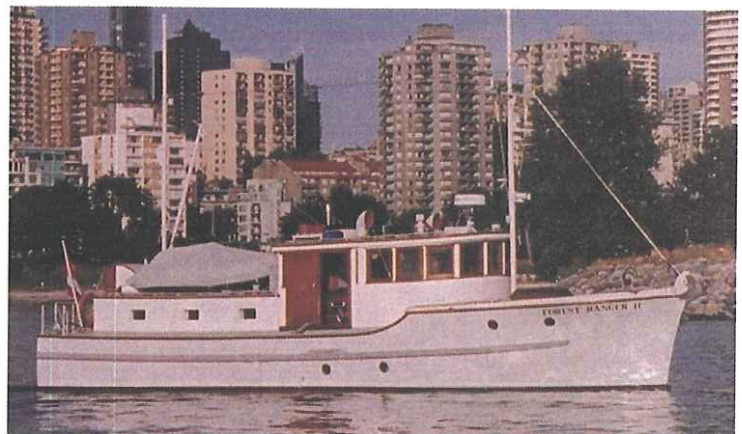
Tony Teindl



Rendezvous 1995  
Vancouver Maritime Museum

Vancouver 2005  
Maritime Museum

owned by Doug Mitchell  
North Saanich, B.C.



## Maple

1945 Built J.T. Taylor , Vancouver

1947 -1979 Forest Service (ex-Tahuna III)



Maple, Tamarack, Syrene

Bud Wood with Maple attended 1st  
Rendezvous, Pender Harbour 1994



1995  
Vancouver Rendezvous



Bud, Liz and Trevor leaving  
Brentwood Bay Rendezvous  
2006



## Nesika

1933 43<sup>ft</sup> Built by Herbert Gann

1937 Forest Service acquired

1974 Forest Service sold



On haulout grid



Owned by Dave & Georgia Amott  
Vancouver, B.C.

## Poplar III

1948-1998 48' built by Menchion Shipyard.  
Was still in service until 1998 . It was used  
by the Forest Service and the Marine  
Division of the RCMP "PML 17".

A model of the boat is on display at the  
Royal B.C. museum.



In service as Forestry vessel

Under ownership of  
Bill & Betty Thompson  
Cowichan Bay, B.C.



2006  
owned by Gregg Dietzman  
Friday Harbor, WA.



## Silver Fir

1950 34' by the F.S.M.D.

1979 Forest Service Sold



1995

Vancouver Maritime Museum

Richard Clarke owner



2005

Vancouver Maritime Museum

owned by Uwe Pause  
Victoria, B.C.







Sitka Spruce

1952 34 \*Built at the F.S.M.D.,  
Vancouver 2nd series Blimp

Rendezvous 2005  
Vancouver Maritime  
Museum



Owned by David & Alison Colwell  
Garibaldi Highlands, B.C.



Forest Service

## Syrene

1921 84' Built J. Thornecroft, England

1933-1936 Renamed "John Antle"  
Columbia Coast Mission boat

1937- A.R. Williams Machinery Co.,  
Vancouver

1938-Preston Locke, Vancouver

1942- 1977 Forest Service



Syrene & Western Yew



Salon area of Syrene

# The LOG of the COLUMBIA

198 HASTINGS STREET WEST  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

BEN DREW, *Business Manager*

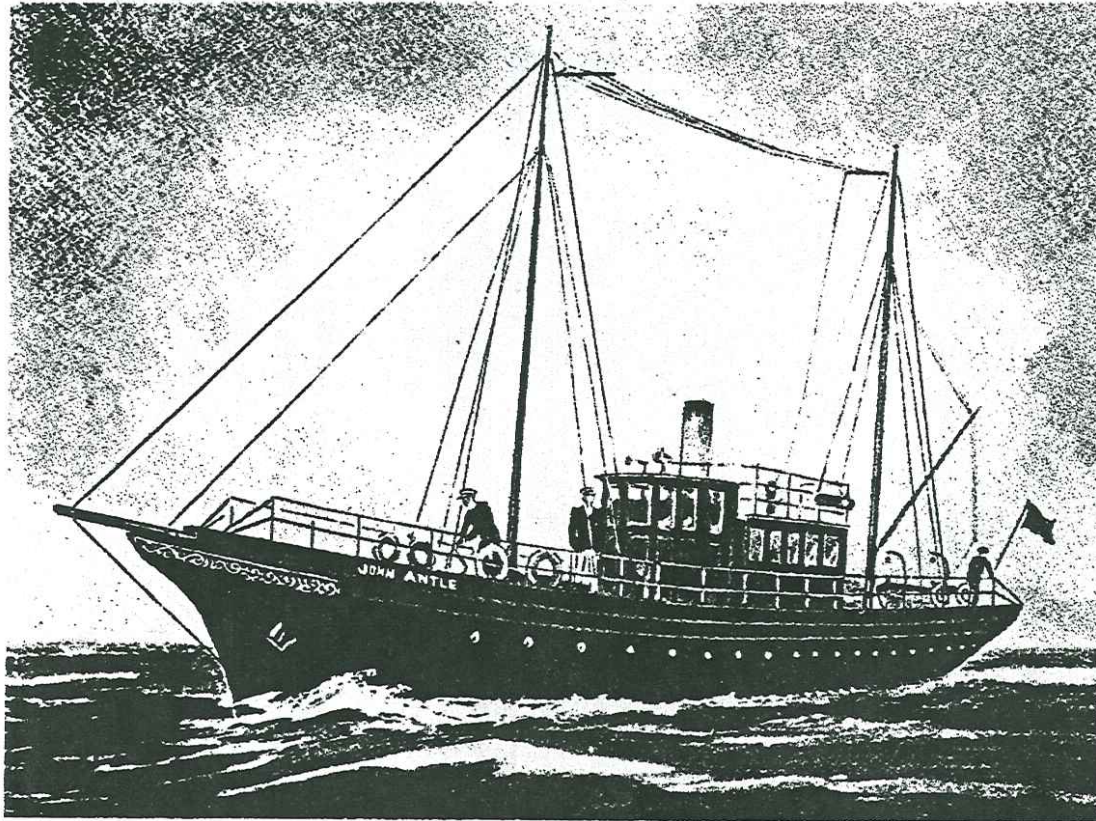
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## Welcome Home—"John Antle"



M.Y. "JOHN ANTLE"

Presented to the Columbia Coast Mission by friends and admirers in England, and to be maintained by them, through the B. C. and Yukon Church Aid Society, for Missionary Work in B. C. waters.



# Tamarack

1927-"BCP 42" was built for B.C. Packers as a seiner.

1933-Was sold to William Vivian of Vancouver who converted her to a yacht, reengined her with a Vivian Diesel and renamed her "Miss Vivian".

1938-Was purchased by the Ministry of Lands in Victoria. She was rebuilt by the Forest Service, reengined with a GM 165hp Diesel and renamed "Tamarack".



B.C. Forest Service



Forest Service Ranger Station  
Echo Bay



Freedom Found

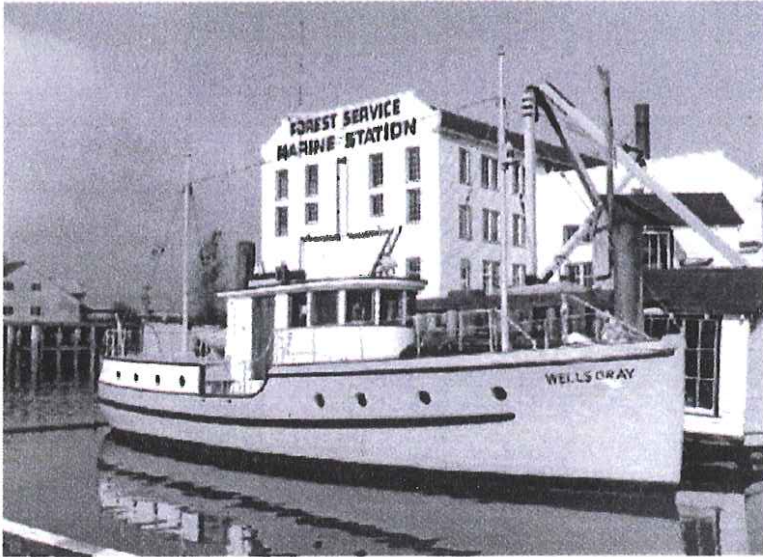
1976-Was transferred to the Attorney General, renamed "Freedom Found" and was used for training youth.

1984-Purchased by Gordon Nelson who renamed her Tamarack IV. She was reengined in 1992 and contracted to Canada Fisheries from 1990-2000.



owned by Terry and Carrol Neil  
since 2000  
Deer Harbor, Wa.

# Wells Gray



**Built 1927 Linton &  
Co. 48'**

**Forest Service  
acquired 1938, rebuilt  
F.S.M.D. 1948.**

**In service until 1979.**



**2007  
Owned by Albert  
Manchester, Port  
Townsend.**

# Western Yew

1946 Built by G.H. Oliver in N. Vancouver  
designed by Milton Veale. Built for Carl  
Johnson.

1952 Purchased by Forest Service

1984 Sold by Forest Service at auction

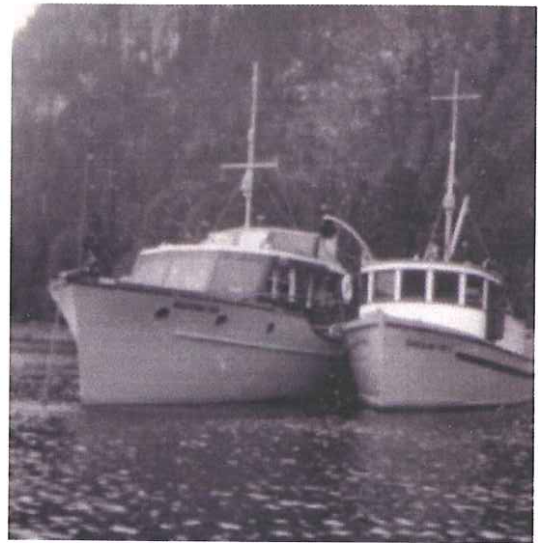
1984-1986 Owned by Gordon McGowan

1988 Owned by Kim Campbell & Howard Eddy.

1998 Purchased by Marke Simmons & Carol  
Bird



M/V Forynt



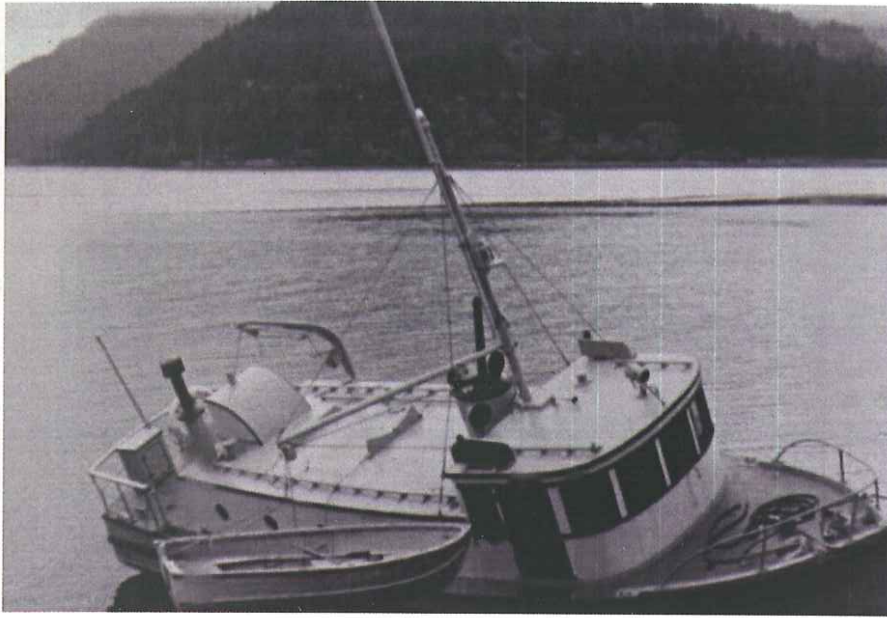
Western Yew (not converted  
from yacht yet) Louie Lorentsen  
Ranger, skipper  
tied next to Douglas Fir



Forest Service  
reengined to GM 165 hp  
Modified to working vessel



2000 to present  
Owned by Louie & Robin Lakenes



## **White Birch**

**Built in 1950 @ Celtic Shipyards. She is a 2nd Series Blimp.**

**The Forest Service owned her from 1950 to 1978. She worked mostly in the Ocean Fall area.**

**Her current owners are Colin & Dorothy Duxbury, Courtenay, B.C.**

