

# **The Vessel Charles N. Curtis**

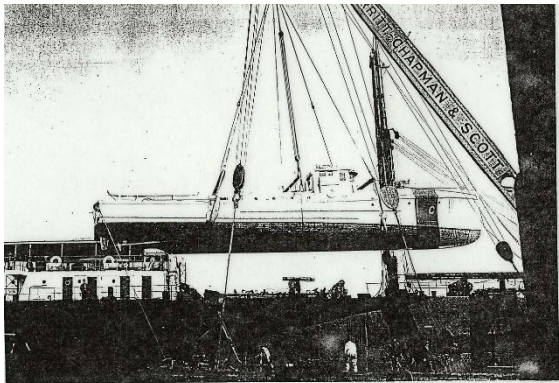
## **Celebrating 70 years of Service to the Youth of our Community**

**Purchased  
July 18, 1946 by the Boy Scouts'  
Mount Rainer Council**

The Curtis has served the youth of Tacoma for 70 years.



In 1931 she served as a 78' patrol boat for Coast Guard on the East Coast chasing rum runners. In 1937, after prohibition, she was shipped to the west coast and stationed in Tacoma.



During WWII she served as a patrol boat off the west coast of Washington and Oregon. At end of War she was surplused and Mount Rainer Council purchased her for \$10.00.. She was named after the Council Executive "Charles N. Curtis".



During her history she met the ever growing needs of her youth. Shown in 1948 cruising the Hylebos Waterway.

In the late 50's the aft cabin was added to facilitate her trip to Alaska.



In the mid-seventies the original wheel house was replaced and moved forward to provide better visibility needed due to the increased height of the bulwarks.

In the early 1980's the Curtis elected to become an Inspected Commercial Vessel under the Coast Guard Sub Chapter T Boat rules. This decision forever changed the Curtis requiring continued upgrades and modifications. The mast today is no longer the traditional single spar with yardarms but a stainless structure built to house Radars, GPS's, Radio's AIS, etc.





The Curtis is a valuable training vessel because of the low operating cost, capable of housing a large crew, clarity of mechanical operations, and up to date navigation tools. Her ability to service as a platform on which to train youth is depend on the ability and dedication of the adult volunteers who continue to upgrade and maintain an aging wooden hull.

### Memories of the Past



The old Buda Engines. Note the electrical switch panel upper left with all the open breakers.

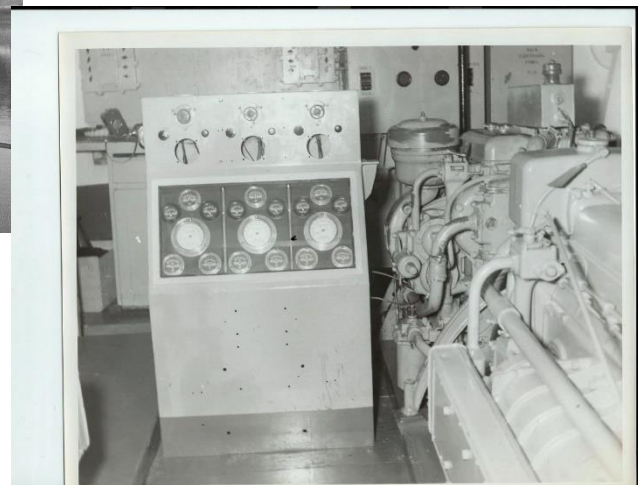


The Galley originally was in the forward quarters on the port side.



Gig Harbor from the decks of the Curtis many years ago

The original engine controls. The panel sat in the middle between the engines. We were able to keep the original gauges for display only.





The engine room had a raised overhead and better standing room.

It is any one's guess who these individuals may be.



In is with the support of the community that the Curtis continues to serve our youth and the youth continue to serve our community.  
Thank you

