Combatant Craft of America

Our Mission

- A 501C-3 Non-Profit Corporation for the Preservation of American Patrol Boats.
- Preserve, maintain and bring up to operational standards American patrol boats so that their true significance can be experienced through sound, smell and wind in the face.
- Bring people together with a common interest in these craft.

83 Footers Design

- Design completed in 1941
- Wheeler Shipyards, Brooklyn NY
- Over 200 constructed for Navies around the world

Technical Info

- Length: 83 feet
- Tonnage: 54 tons
- Beam: 16 feet 2 inches
- Draft: 5 foot 4 inches
- Hull Framing: All Sawn Oak 2 1/4" X 2" on 12" centers Hull
- Planking: Bottom 1 5/8" Carvel Cedar

83 Footers Mission

- Antisubmarine patrol, coastal convoy escort and search and rescue.
- Two 30 boat rescue groups for Normandy landings.
- Twenty four to Advanced Base Harbor Defense Force on Pacific Islands.

83527 History

- Commissioned April 8, 1944
- Anti-Submarine duties with GULFSEAFRON (Miami, FL) in the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico areas
- June 6, 1945 shipped by LST to San Pedro, CA
- Orders to Advanced Base Pacific cancelled at end of War.
- Search and Rescue duty in Tacoma, WA until 1962.
- Decommissioned 18 December 1962

Disposal at End of War

- Sold at Sealed Bid Auction in Seattle WA.
- Purchased by Verne Wilke of Oakland, CA
- Moored at Alameda, CA as a house boat until 1998.
- Donated to American Patrol Boat Museum, Rio Vista, CA.
- Acquired by CCoA.

83527

Forward Deck View

Stern Deck View

Engine Room - Forward

Engine Room - Stern

Bridge

Wheel House

MISSION - 1

- Recognize and honor the history, vessel type (Wheeler patrol boat) and veterans who served aboard these and similar Coast Guard vessels.

Mission - 2

- Provide an authentic floating classroom on which to offer living history, maritime skills and life training experiences and teach positive heritage appreciation, character, self esteem and team building for youth from varied social and economic backgrounds.

Mission - 3

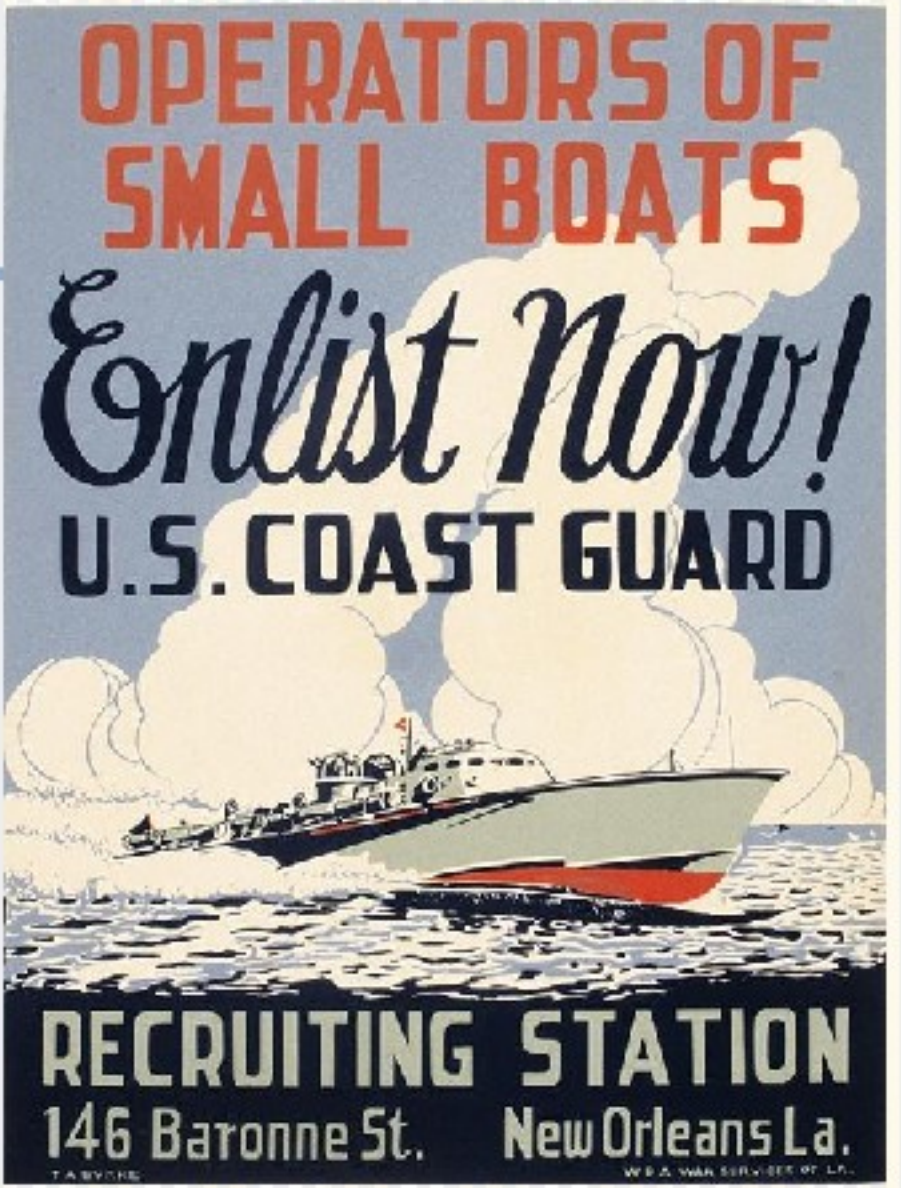
- Serve, in cooperation with units of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Sea Scouts and Explorers and similar organizations, as an active public outreach platform promoting marine safety and education, environmental protection, homeland security and Coast Guard and other military service recruiting.

What we have to do

- Finish getting Seaworthy
- Haul out for final insurance inspection.
- Continue trip North preparation
- Bring up the coast to Port Ludlow
- Cleanup for 83Footer Reunion, Port Townsend - August 15, 2004
- Continue restoration and touring

Immediate Projects

- Work Party mid April
  - Relocate to different moorage
  - Complete watertight hatches
- Work Party late May
  - Get ready for the haulout
  - Perform haulout
- Depart to Seattle early July
  - Secure for getting underway
  - Train with crew on operational stuff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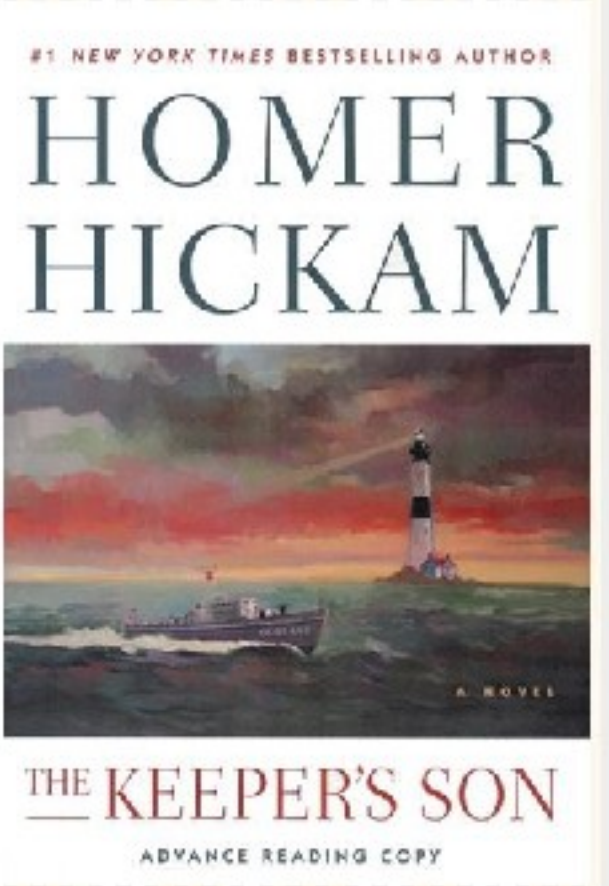
The Keeper's Son

- Released: October 1, 2003
- ISBN: 0312301898
- Novel about an 83 footer Coast Guard captain named Josh Thurlow and his family during the years of World War II. It is a book with lovable and believable characters, a great page-turning plot, and a romantic, sweeping setting like none other



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THE EX-COAST GUARD CUTTER *CG-83527* RESTORATION SITE

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The Coast Guard Cutter CG-83527 - is a modified 1944 83' Wheeler. She is a wood-hulled craft, the hull form was the round bilged type, single planked. She was commissioned April 8, 1944 and assigned to Anti-Submarine duties with GULFSEAFRON (Miami, FL) in the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico areas. She was then assigned to Search and Rescue duty in Tacoma, WA until Dec 1962.

Other Websites

- www.ptfnasty.com
- www.ussstoddard.org
- www.mst2-vietnam.info

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- Mobile Support Team - Two