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

**Previously civilian steamship
Machigonne (1907)**



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

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

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

In port, prior to World War I.
This steamer was USS *Machigonne* (SP-1043) in 1918-1919.

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USS *Agamemnon* (ID # 3004)

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

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

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

Passenger Steamer:

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

Specifications:

- Displacement 425 t.
- Length 136' 6"
- Beam 29'
- Draft 8'
1941 - 8'9"
- Speed 12 kts.
- Complement 20 (1941)
- Armament: Two 1-pounders
1941 - None
- Propulsion: One 450ihp steam engine, one shaft
1947 - Steam engine replaced with one General Motors 12-567A diesel engine.

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SS Machigonne



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In port, prior to World War I
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USS Machigonne (SP 1043)



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Agamemnon (ID 3004) arrives in Boston Harbor, Massachusetts, circa late 1918 or the first part of 1919, while returning the U.S. Army's 102nd Infantry from Europe. She is being escorted by ships and craft of the First Naval District. A submarine chaser is in the center foreground, and *Machigonne* is at left, wearing a large welcoming sign.

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Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships History:

Machigonne

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

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

Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships History:

League Island

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

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

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

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ADIRONDACK FERRY

Homeport: BURLINGTON, VT
Current Use: FERRY
Original Use: FERRY
Contact: LAKE CHAMPLAIN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY
KING STREET DOCK
BURLINGTON, VT 05401-5293
802-864-9804

Built: 1913, MERRILL-STEVEN'S SHIPYARD, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, Length: 130, Beam: 40, Depth of Hold: 11.6, Gross/Net Tons: 333/150. Hull: STEEL. Preservation Status: GOOD CONDITION, 70% ORIGINAL FABRIC.

**BADGER** GREAT LAKES CAR FERRY

Homeport: LUDINGTON, MI
Current Use: FERRY
Original Use: FERRY
Contact: LAKE MICHIGAN CARFERRY SERVICE
701 MARITIME DRIVE
LUDINGTON, MI 49431
231-843-1498

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

**BERKELEY** PASSENGER FERRY

Homeport: SAN DIEGO, CA
Current Use: MUSEUM VESSEL (FLOATING EXHIBIT)
Original Use: FERRY
Contact: MARITIME MUSEUM ASSOCIATION OF SAN DIEGO
1306 NORTH HARBOR DRIVE
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101
619-234-9153

Built: 1898, UNION IRON WORKS, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. Length: 261.4, Beam: 40.2, Depth of Hold: 14.1, Gross/Net Tons: 1883/1168. Hull: STEEL. Preservation Status: GOOD CONDITION, 95% ORIGINAL FABRIC, LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, REF. NO. 90002220, DESIGNATED A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK, 12/14/90.

**BINGHAMTON** FERRY

Homeport: EDGEWATER, NJ
Current Use: ADAPTIVE USE (RESTAURANT)
Original Use: FERRY
Contact: HUDSON LANDING, INC.
725 RIVER ROAD
EDGEWATER, NJ 07020
201-941-2300

Built: 1905, NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING AND DRYDOCK COMPANY, NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA. Length: 231, Beam: 43.3, Depth of Hold: 18, Gross/Net Tons: 1462/676. Hull: STEEL. Preservation Status: GOOD CONDITION, 95% ORIGINAL FABRIC, LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, REF. NO. 82003262.

**CITY OF MILWAUKEE** GREAT LAKES CAR FERRY

Homeport: MANISTEE, MI
Current Use: MUSEUM VESSEL (FLOATING EXHIBIT)
Original Use: FERRY
Contact: S.S. CITY OF MILWAUKEE - NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK
111 ARTHUR STREET (U.S. 31 NORTH)
MANISTEE, MI 49660
231-723-3587

Built: 1931, MANITOWOC SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN. Length: 347.9, Beam: 56.2, Draft/Depth of Hold: 12/19.2, Gross/Net Tons: 2942/1488. Hull: STEEL. Preservation Status: GOOD CONDITION, 100% ORIGINAL FABRIC, LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, REF. NO. 90002221, DESIGNATED A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK, 12/14/90.

**EUREKA** DOUBLE-ENDED PASSENGER/RAILROAD CAR FERRY

Homeport: SAN FRANCISCO, CA
Current Use: MUSEUM VESSEL (FLOATING EXHIBIT)
Original Use: FERRY
Contact: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
BUILDING E, FORT MASON
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94123
415-561-7100

Built: 1890, PATRICK TIERNAN, TIBURON, CALIFORNIA. Length: 291, Beam: 42, Draft/Depth of Hold: 7.5/14.2, Gross/Net Tons: 2420/1500. Hull: WOOD. Preservation Status: GOOD CONDITION, 85% ORIGINAL FABRIC, LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, REF. NO. 73000229, DESIGNATED A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK, 2/4/85.

**M.V. PLOVER** FERRY

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Homeport: BLAINE, WA
Current Use: FERRY
Original Use: FERRY
Contact: WHATCOM COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
1218 FOURTH STREET
BLAINE, WA 98230
360-332-5742

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

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MADAKET LAUNCH

Homeport: EUREKA, CA
Current Use: MUSEUM VESSEL
Original Use: LIGHTER/LAUNCH
Contact: HUMBOLDT BAY MARITIME MUSEUM
1410 SECOND STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
707-444-9440

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

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OSPREY STEAM LAUNCH

Homeport: BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE, NY
Current Use: MUSEUM VESSEL (DRY BERTH EXHIBIT)
Original Use: LIGHTER/LAUNCH
Contact: ADIRONDACK MUSEUM
P.O. BOX 99, ROUTE 28N & 30
BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE, NY 12812-0099
518-352-7311

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

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YANKEE FERRY

Homeport: NEW YORK, NY
Current Use: MUSEUM VESSEL (OPERATIONAL)
Original Use: PASSENGER FERRY
Contact: JIM GALLAGHER
P.O. BOX 2077 - CANAL STREET STATION
NEW YORK, NY 10003
212-267-7236

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Built: 1907, NEARIE & LEVY, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA. Length: 136.5, Beam: 29, Depth of Hold: 9.5, Gross/Net Tons: 425/289. Hull: STEEL. Preservation Status: GOOD CONDITION, 95% ORIGINAL FABRIC. LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, REF. NO. 92001610.

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