

# Seaplane Tender Listings

## Seaplane Tenders (AV)

## Classes:

Five single ships	AV 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8.
<i>Curtiss</i> Class	2 ships, AV 4 and 5.
<i>Currituck</i> Class	4 ships, AV 7, 11-13.
<i>Pocomoke</i> Class	2 ships, AV 9 and 10.
<i>Kenneth Whiting</i> Class	4 ships, AV 14 to 17.

Hull Number	Name	Date of Commission and Decommission	New Designation or Change of Designation	Date of Designation Change	Disposition & Status
1	<i>Wright*</i> <i>San Clemente*</i>	16 Dec 1921 21 Jun 1946	AZ 1	17 Jul 1920	Stricken 1 Jul 1946.
			AV 1	1 Nov 1923	
			AG 79	1 Oct 1944	
			AG 79	1 Feb 1945	
2	<i>Jason</i>	23 Jun 1913 30 Jun 1932	AC 12	21 Jan 1930	Stricken 19 May 1936.
			AV 2		
3	<i>Langley**</i>	7 Apr 1913	AC 3	7 Apr 1913	Lost to enemy action 27 Feb 1942.
			CV 1	20 Mar 1922	
			AV 3	21 Apr 1937	
4	<i>Curtiss</i>	15 Nov 1940 24 Sep 1957			Stricken 1 Jul 1963.
5	<i>Albemarle***</i>	20 Dec 1940 21 Oct 1960	T-ARVH 1	11 Jan 1966	Stricken 31 Dec 1974.
6	<i>Patoka</i>	13 Oct 1919 1 Jul 1946	AO 9	13 Oct 1919	Stricken 31 Jul 1946.
			AV 6****	11 Oct 1939	
			AO 9	19 Jun 1940	
			AG 125	15 Aug 1945	
7	<i>Currituck</i>	26 Jun 1944 31 Oct 1967			Stricken 1 Apr 1971.
8	<i>Tangier</i>	8 Jul 1940			Decommissioned sometime between May 1946 and Jan 1947. Stricken 1 Jun 1961.
9	<i>Pocomoke</i>	18 Jul 1941 10 Jul 1946			Stricken 1 Jun 1961.
10	<i>Chandeleur</i>	19 Nov 1942			Placed in reserve 12 Feb 1947. Stricken 1 Apr 1971.
11	<i>Norton Sound</i>	8 Jan 1945 11 Dec 1986	AVM 1	8 Aug 1951	
12	<i>Pine Island</i>	26 Apr 1945 16 Jun 1967			Stricken 1 Feb 1971.

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13	<i>Salisbury Sound</i>	26 Nov 1945 31 Mar 1967			Stricken 1 Feb 1971.
14	<i>Kenneth Whiting</i>	8 May 1944 30 Sep 1958			Stricken 1 Jul 1961.
15	<i>Hamlin</i>	26 Jun 1944 15 Jan 1947			Stricken 1 Jul 1963.
16	<i>St. George</i>	24 Jul 1944 1 Aug 1946			Stricken 1 Jul 1963.
17	<i>Cumberland Sound</i>	21 Aug 1944 27 May 1947			Stricken 1 Jul 1961.

\* *Wright* was renamed *San Clemente* on 1 Feb 1945 to permit the use of the name *Wright* for a carrier under construction.

\*\* *Jupiter* was commissioned as a collier on 7 Apr 1913 and decommissioned on 24 Mar 1920 for conversion to an aircraft carrier. She was re-named *Langley* on 21 Apr 1920 and recommissioned as *Langley* (CV 1) on 20 Mar 1922.

\*\*\* *Albemarle* was decommissioned on 21 Oct 1960 and stricken from the Naval Vessel Register on 1 Sep 1962 and placed in the custody of the Maritime Administration James River Fleet. However, she was transferred back to the Navy on 7 Aug 1964 for conversion to a floating aeronautical maintenance facility for helicopters. On 27 March 1965 *Albemarle* was renamed *Corpus Christi Bay* and redesignated T-ARVH 1. On 11 Jan 1966 she was transferred to the Military Sealift Command (MSC). She was eventually taken out of service by MSC and stricken.

\*\*\*\* *Patoka* was authorized for conversion to AV on 25 Feb 1924 and operated as such, but was not reclassified an AV until 11 Oct 1939.

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## *Small Seaplane Tenders (AVP)*

Classes:

<i>Lapwing</i> Class	Converted minesweepers assigned to aviation duty in the 1920s; first given aviation designation 22 Jan 1936; 9 ships, AVP 1 to 9.
<i>Barnegat</i> Class	32 ships, AVP 10 to 13, 21-26, 28-41 and 48-55.
<i>Childs</i> Class	7 ships, AVP 14 to 20.

Hull numbers omitted may be accounted for as follows: 27, 56, and 57 were commissioned as AGPs; 42-47 and 58-67 were cancelled.

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1	<i>Lapwing</i>	12 Jun 1918 29 Nov 1945	AM 1 AVP 1	22 Jan 1936	Transferred to Maritime Commission 19 Aug 1946.
2	<i>Heron</i>	30 Oct 1918 12 Feb 1946	AM 10 AVP 2	22 Jan 1936	Transferred to Force Logistics Command 25 Jul 1947.
3	<i>Thrush</i>	25 Apr 1919 13 Dec 1945	AM 18 AVP 3	17 Jul 1920 22 Jan 1936	Stricken 8 Jan 1946 Transferred to Maritime Commission 19 Aug 1946.

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4	<i>Avocet</i>	17 Sep 1918 10 Dec 1945	AM 19 AVP 4	22 Jan 1936	Stricken 3 Jan 1946.
5	<i>Teal</i>	20 Aug 1918 23 Nov 1945	AM 23 AVP 5	30 Apr 1931 22 Jan 1936	Stricken 5 Dec 1945. Transferred to Maritime Commission 19 Jan 1948.
6	<i>Pelican</i>	10 Oct 1918 30 Nov 1945	AM 27 AVP 6	22 Jan 1936	Stricken 19 Dec 1945. Transferred to Maritime Commission 22 Nov 1946.
7	<i>Swan</i>	31 Jan 1919 13 Dec 1945	AM 34 AVP 7	30 Apr 1931 22 Jan 1936	Stricken 8 Jan 1946. Transferred to Maritime Commission 12 Oct 1946.
8	<i>Gannet</i>	10 Jul 1919	AM 41 AVP 8	22 Jan 1936	Lost to enemy action 7 Jun 1942.
9	<i>Sandpiper</i>	9 Oct 1919 10 Dec 1945	AM 51 AVP 9	Jul 1920 22 Jan 1936	Stricken 17 Apr 1946. Transferred to Maritime Commission 12 Oct 1946.
10	<i>Barnegat</i>	3 Jul 1941 17 May 1946			Stricken 23 May 1958.
11	<i>Biscayne</i>	3 Jul 1941 29 Jun 1946	AGC 18	10 Oct 1944	Transferred to USCG 19 Jul 1946; returned to USN as target, 9 Jul 1968.
12	<i>Casco</i>	27 Dec 1941 10 Apr 1947			Transferred to USCG 19 Apr 1949.
13	<i>Mackinac</i>	24 Jan 1942 Jan 1947			Transferred to USCG 19 Apr 1949; returned 15 Apr 1968, expended as target.
14	<i>Childs</i>	22 Oct 1920 10 Dec 1945	DD 241 AVP 14 AVD 1	1 Jul 1938 1 Oct 1940	Stricken 8 Jan 1946.
15	<i>Williamson</i>	29 Oct 1920 8 Nov 1945	DD 244 AVP 15 AVD 2 DD 244	1 Jul 1938 2 Aug 1940 1 Dec 1943	Stricken 19 Dec 1945.
16	<i>George E. Badger</i>	28 Jul 1920 3 Oct 1945	DD 196 AVP 16 AVD 3 APD 33 DD 196	1 Oct 1939 2 Aug 1940 19 May 1944 20 Jul 1945	Transferred to Treasury Dept. in 1930 and returned 1934. Stricken 25 Oct 1945.
17	<i>Clemson</i>	29 Dec 1919 12 Oct 1945	DD 186 AVP 17 AVD 4 DD 186 APD 31 DD 186	15 Nov 1939 6 Aug 1940 1 Dec 1943 7 Mar 1944 17 Jul 1945	Stricken 24 Oct 1945.
18	<i>Goldsborough</i>	26 Jan 1920 11 Oct 1945	DD 188 AVP 18 AVD 3 DD 188 APD 32 DD 188	15 Nov 1939 2 Aug 1940 1 Dec 1943 7 Mar 1944 10 Jul 1945	Stricken 24 Oct 1945.

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19	<i>Hulbert</i>	27 Oct 1920 2 Nov 1945	DD 342 AVP 6 DD 342	2 Aug 1940 1 Dec 1943	Stricken 28 Nov 1945.
20	<i>William B. Preston</i>	23 Aug 1920 6 Dec 1945	DD 344 AVP 20 AVD 7	18 Nov 1939 2 Aug 1940	Stricken 3 Jan 1946.
21	<i>Humboldt</i>	7 Oct 1941 19 Mar 1947	AG 121 AVP 21	30 Jul 1945 10 Sep 1945	Transferred to USCG 24 Jan 1949.
22	<i>Matagorda</i>	16 Dec 1941 20 Feb 1946	AG 122 AVP 22	30 Jul 1945 10 Sep 1945	Transferred to USCG 7 Mar 1949; returned to USN in 1968 used as target in 1969.
23	<i>Absecon</i>	28 Jan 1943 19 Mar 1947			Transferred to USCG 5 Jan 1949 and then to South Vietnamese Navy on 15 Jul 1972.
24	<i>Chincoteague</i>	12 Apr 1943 12 Dec 1946			Transferred to USCG 7 Mar 1949.
25	<i>Coos Bay</i>	15 May 1943 30 Apr 1946			Transferred to USCG 5 Jan 1949; returned 16 Aug 1967 expended as target.
26	<i>Half Moon</i>	15 Jun 1943 4 Sep 1946			Transferred to USCG 14 Sep 1948.
28	<i>Oyster Bay</i>	17 Nov 1943 26 Mar 1946	AVP 28 AGP 6 AVP 28	1 May 1943 16 Mar 1949	The ship never operated as an AVP for the U.S. Navy. Transferred to Italy 23 Oct 1957.
29	<i>Rockaway</i>	6 Jan 1943 21 Mar 1946	AG 123 AVP 29	30 Jul 1945 26 Oct 1945	Transferred to USCG 24 Dec 1948. Stricken Sep 1966.
30	<i>San Pablo</i>	15 Mar 1943 29 May 1969	AGS 30	25 Aug 1949	Decommissioned as AVP 30 on 13 Jan 1947. Stricken 1 Jun 1969.
31	<i>Unimak</i>	31 Dec 1943 26 Jul 1946			Transferred to USCG 14 Sep 1948.
32	<i>Yakutat</i>	31 Mar 1944 29 Jul 1946			Transferred to USCG 31 Aug 1948, returned to USN 1970. Transferred to Navy of South Vietnam on 10 Jan 1971 until its fall in 1975, then transferred to Philippine government on 5 Apr 1976.
33	<i>Barataria</i>	13 Aug 1944 24 Jul 1946			Transferred to USCG 17 Sep 1948.
34	<i>Bering Strait</i>	19 Jul 1944 21 Jun 1946			Transferred to USCG 14 Sep 1948.
35	<i>Castle Rock</i>	8 Oct 1944 6 Aug 1946			Transferred to USCG 16 Sep 1948.
36	<i>Cook Inlet</i>	5 Nov 1944 31 Mar 1946			Transferred to USCG 20 Sep 1948. Transferred to South Vietnam as HQ-05, 21 Dec 1971.

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37	<i>Corson</i>	3 Dec 1944 9 Mar 1956			Stricken 1 Apr 1966.
38	<i>Duxbury Bay</i>	31 Dec 1944 29 Apr 1966			Stricken 1 May 1966.
39	<i>Gardiners Bay</i>	11 Feb 1945 1 Feb 1958			Transferred to Norway under Military Assistance Program. Stricken 1 Jul 1966. Stricken 1 Mar 1960.
40	<i>Floyds Bay</i>	25 Mar 1945 26 Feb 1960			Stricken 1 Jul 1966.
41	<i>Greenwich Bay</i>	20 May 1945			Stricken 1 Jun 1960.
48	<i>Onslow</i>	22 Dec 1943 22 Apr 1960			Transferred to Ethiopia 31 Jan 1962.
49	<i>Orca</i>	23 Jan 1944 Mar 1960			Decommissioned as AVP 50 on 30 Jun 1947. Stricken 15 Apr 1970.
50	<i>Rehoboth</i>	23 Feb 1944 15 Apr 1970	AGS 50	2 Sep 1948	Transferred to MSTs 11 Jul 1958, renamed <i>Josiah Willard Gibbs</i> on 15 Dec 1958. Transferred to Greece 15 Dec 1971.
51	<i>San Carlos</i>	21 Mar 1944 30 Jun 1947	AGOR 1	15 Dec 1958	Stricken 1 May 1960.
52	<i>Shelikof</i>	17 Sep 1944 30 Jun 1947			Stricken 1 Apr 1966.
53	<i>Suisun</i>	13 Sep 1944 5 Aug 1955			Stricken 1 May 1960.
54	<i>Timbalier</i>	24 May 1946 15 Nov 1954			Stricken 15 Jan 1973.
55	<i>Valcour</i>	5 Jul 1946 15 Jan 1973	AGF 1	15 Dec 1965	

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### *Destroyer Seaplane Tenders (AVD)*

Class: *Clemson* Class DD 14 ships, ex flush deck 1190 ton DDs converted for seaplane tending duties from 1938 to 1940.

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1	<i>Childs</i>	22 Oct 1920 10 Dec 1945	DD 241 AVP 14 AVD 1	1 Jul 1938 1 Oct 1940	Stricken 8 Jan 1946.
2	<i>Williamson</i>	29 Oct 1920 8 Nov 1945	DD 244 AVP 15 AVD 2 DD 244	1 Jul 1938 2 Aug 1940 1 Dec 1943	Stricken 19 Dec 1945.

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4	<i>Clemson</i>	29 Dec 1919 12 Oct 1945	DD 186 AVP 17 AVD 4 DD 186 APD 31 DD 186	15 Nov 1939 6 Aug 1940 1 Dec 1943 7 Mar 1944 17 Jul 1945	Stricken 24 Oct 1945.
5	<i>Goldsborough</i>	26 Jan 1920 11 Oct 1945	DD 188 AVP 18 AVD 3 DD 188 APD 32 DD 188	15 Nov 1939 2 Aug 1940 1 Dec 1943 7 Mar 1944 10 Jul 1945	Stricken 24 Oct 1945.
6	<i>Hulbert</i>	27 Oct 1920 2 Nov 1945	DD 342 AVP 6 DD 342	2 Aug 1940 1 Dec 1943	Stricken 28 Nov 1945.
7	<i>William B. Preston</i>	23 Aug 1920 6 Dec 1945	DD 344 AVP 20 AVD 7	18 Nov 1939 2 Aug 1940	Stricken 3 Jan 1946.
8	<i>Belknap</i>	28 Apr 1919 4 Aug 1945	DD 251 AVD 8 DD 251 APD 38	2 Aug 1940 14 Nov 1943 22 Jun 1944	Sold for scrap 30 Nov 1945.
9	<i>Osmond Ingram</i>	28 Jun 1919 8 Jan 1946	DD 255 AVD 9 DD 255 APD 35	2 Aug 1940 4 Nov 1943 22 Jun 1944	Stricken 21 Jan 1946.
10	<i>Ballard</i>	5 Jun 1919 5 Dec 1945	DD 267 AVD 10	2 Aug 1940	Stricken 3 Jan 1946.
11	<i>Thornton</i>	15 Jul 1919 2 May 1945	DD 270 AVD 11	2 Aug 1940	Stricken 13 Aug 1945.
12	<i>Gillis</i>	3 Sep 1919 15 Oct 1945	DD 260 AVD 12	2 Aug 1940	Stricken 1 Nov 1945.
13	<i>Greene</i>	9 May 1919 23 Nov 1945	DD 266 AVD 13 APD 36	6 Apr 1941 1 Feb 1944	Stricken 5 Dec 1945.
14	<i>McFarland</i>	30 Sep 1920 8 Nov 1945	DD 237 AVD 14 DD 237	2 Aug 1940 1 Dec 1943	Stricken 19 Dec 1945.

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