

UNIT NUMBER: T 43

FORT CHARLES

AREA OF SERVICE: HUDSON BAY

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Two-masted wooden ketch, similar to *Fort Severn*

Construction:

Designer: W.J. Roue, Halifax
Builder: John A. Weingart, Shelburne, Nova Scotia
Power: 120 hp, 4-cycle Vivian engine
Dimensions: Length - 88.4' Beam amidships - 22'/22.4' Depth amidships - 8.7'
Draft: Light, Fore - 5'6" Aft - 6'3" Loaded, Fore - 5'6" Aft - 7'6"
Number of passengers: 7 Number of crew: 8 & Officer
Plans: RG3/51/14 - sheets 1 - 10
Registered: Winnipeg, Official number 171642
Speed: Light - 8 1/2 knots Loaded - 7 1/2 knots
Tonnage: Gross - 115.39 Net - 95.27 Deadweight - 91.82

HISTORY:

1940 Built & launched. Voyage from Shelburne to Moosonee.
1941-1957 In service Hudson Bay & James Bay.
1958-1959 Out of commission at Churchill.
1959, September While in use as "dumb barge" under tow by *Fort Severn* was driven ashore by gale at Eskimo Point.
1960 Reported that she was being broken up locally; Anglican missionary was using for firewood.

MASTERS:

1940 - 1947 J.O. Neilsen
1948 - 1956 Samuel Barbour
1957 Charles Kelloway

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MICROFILM REELS:

Filename : Fort Charles AM/am/July 1991 ; mhd/April/99

