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Cutter Losses

The vessels of the U.S. Coast Guard, Revenue Marine, Revenue Cutter Service, & Light House Service lost in action



The CGC Mesquite aground near Keweenaw Point in Lake Superior, December, 1989. She was declared a total loss, towed off the shoal, and sunk in the lake as an artificial reef.

Cutter/vessel name (in italics); Date of loss; Description of Loss;

1. *Pickering*; September 1800; Lost in a gale (had transferred to USN by this time)
2. *Governor Williams*; September, 1806; Lost "at Ocracoke"
3. *Diligence (III)*; 1806; Lost in a gale
4. *Commodore Barry*; 3 August 1812; Captured by British
5. *Louisiana*; 19 August 1812; Lost in a hurricane at New Orleans
6. *James Madison*; 22 August 1812; Captured by British [*Madison's* officers were paroled in New York on 24 November 1812]
7. *Madison*; 24 November 1812; Captured by British
8. *Gallatin*; 1 April 1813; Lost as a result of an explosion
9. *Surveyor*; 12 June 1813; Captured by British
10. *Eagle*; 13 October 1814; Captured by British



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11. *Crawford*; 16 March 1829; Lost in a gale
12. *Sam Patch*; December 1830; Lost
13. *Dallas (Vigilant)*; 21 September 1836; Wrecked on a bar
14. *Vigilant*; October 1844; Lost in a gale
15. *Morris*; 11 October 1846; Driven ashore by a gale
16. *Jefferson (Crawford II)*; 15 December 1847; Wrecked
17. *C. W. Lawrence*; 25 November 1851; Grounded and lost
18. *Alexander Hamilton*; 9 December 1853; Lost in a gale
19. *Fairy*; September 1854; Ran aground
20. *Eliza*; March 1857; Ran aground
21. *William Aiken*; 27 December 1860; Seized by the Confederacy
22. *Frying Pan Shoals* Lightship; 1861; Seized/Sunk by the Confederacy
23. *Alert*; 18 January 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
24. *Buchanan*; 18 April 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
25. *Helen*; January 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
26. *William R. King (or Knight)*; March 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
27. *Washington*; 31 January 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
28. *Cass*; 31 January 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
29. *Dodge*; 2 March 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
30. *North Wind*; April 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
31. *York Spit* Lightship; April 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
32. *Wolf Trap* Lightship; April 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
33. *Windmill Point* Lightship; April 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
34. *Smith's Point* Lightship; April 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
35. *Lower Cedar Point* Lightship; April 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
36. *Upper Cedar Point* Lightship; April 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
37. *Jasper (or Firefly)*; 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
38. *McClelland*; 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
39. *Bowler's Rock* Lightship; 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
40. *Harbor Island* Lightship; 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
41. *Rattlesnake Shoal* Lightship; 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
42. *Howell Cobb (USLHS)*; 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
43. *Duane* 18 April 1861; Seized by the Confederacy
44. *(Howell) Cobb (USRC)*; 29 December 1861; Driven ashore in storm
45. *Horse Shoe Shoals* Lightship 1862; Captured by the Confederacy
46. *Harriet Lane*; 1 January 1863; Captured by the Confederacy (had transferred to USN by this time)
47. *Combahee Bank*; Lightship 1863; Captured by the Confederacy
48. *Cushing*; 27 June 1863; Captured/Burned by the Confederacy
49. *Martha*; 16 July 1864; Captured/Burned by the Confederacy
50. *Winslow*; 14 October 1864; Wrecked on bar
51. *Vigilant*; 7 February 1866; Wrecked
52. *Chaos*; August 1866; Ran aground



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53. *Flora (Nemaha)*; 7 February 1868; Burned
54. *Bowen*; August 1872; Capsized
55. *Bronx*; 4 April 1873; Foundered
56. *Guthrie*; 17 November 1873; Grounded in hurricane
57. *Pink*; 2 June 1881; Sunk
58. *Narragansett*; 21 September 1887; Lost in a gale
59. *Ivy*; 23 January 1888; Crushed by ice
60. *Gallatin*; 6 January 1892; Sunk
61. *LV-37*; 24 August 1893; Sunk
62. *Bouquet*; 29 August 1893; Wrecked in a storm
63. *LV-58*; 11 December 1905; Foundered during tow
64. *Lily*; 23 November 1911; Hit snag & sunk
65. *Hartley*; 2 April 1914; Sunk
66. *Commodore Perry*; 27 July 1910; Lost
67. *Armeria*; 20 May 1912; Struck/Sunk
68. *LV-82*; Buffalo Station; 13 May 1913; lost during gale; all hands perished (6 crew)
69. *Tahoma*; 20 September 1914; Ran aground
70. *McCulloch*; 13 June 1917; Collided/Sunk
71. *Mohawk*; 1 October 1917; Collided/Sunk
72. *LV-6*; 6 February 1918; Sunk by moving ice
73. *LV-71*; 6 August 1918; Sunk by U-boat gunfire
74. *Tampa*; 26 September 1918; Torpedoed
75. *LV-51*; 24 April 1919; Collided/Sunk
76. *Leader*; 2 April 1920; Burned
77. *Cossack (AB-3)*; 9 May 1925; Burned
78. *CG-114*; 16 November 1925; Lost at sea
79. *Moccasin*; 18 September 1926; Lost in hurricane
80. *CG-247*; 18 September 1926; Lost in hurricane
81. *CG-248*; 18 September 1926; Lost in hurricane
82. *CG-238*; 20 February 1927; Capsized in storm
83. *CG-113*; 25 July 1928; Collided/Sunk
84. *CG-188*; September 1928; Destroyed by hurricane
85. *Poinsettia*; 27 December 1928; Explosion/Fire
86. *CG-111*; 7 March 1931; Burned
87. *CG-243*; 23 October 1931; Destroyed
88. *CG-256*; 12 October 1933; Wrecked
89. *LV-117*; 15 May 1934; Collided/Sunk
90. *Alexander Hamilton*; 29 January 1942; Torpedoed
91. *Acacia*; 12 March 1942; Torpedoed
92. *Muskeget*; 9 September 1942; Torpedoed
93. *Natsek*; 17 December 1942; Lost (Unknown)
94. *CG-85006*; 27 March 1943; Explosion



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95. *Escanaba*; 13 June 1943; Torpedoed / Mined?
 96. *CG-83421*; 29 June 1943; Collision
 97. *LST-167*; [US Coast Guard-manned Navy landing ship]; 24 September 1943; Bombed/Burned
 98. *Bodega*; 30 September 1943; Ran aground
 99. *EM Wilcox*; 30 September 1943; Foundered
 100. *LST-203*; [US Coast Guard-manned Navy landing ship]; September 1943; Stranded on reef
 101. *EM Dow*; 14 October 1943; Ran aground
 102. *USS Leopold*; [US Coast Guard-manned Navy destroyer escort]; 9 March 1944; Torpedoed
 103. *FS-172* [US Coast Guard-manned Army freighter]; 19 May 1944; Sunk
 104. *USS LST-69*; [US Coast Guard-manned Navy landing ship]; 21 May 1944; Burned
 105. *LCI(L)-85*; [US Coast Guard-manned Navy infantry landing ship] 6 June 1944; Mined
 106. *LCI(L)-91*; [US Coast Guard-manned Navy infantry landing ship] 6 June 1944; Mined
 107. *LCI(L)-92*; [US Coast Guard-manned Navy infantry landing ship]; 6 June 1944; Mined
 108. *LCI(L)-93*; [US Coast Guard-manned Navy infantry landing ship]; 6 June 1944; Mined
 109. *CG-83415*; 21 June 1944; Lost in a storm
 110. *CG-83471*; 21 June 1944; Lost in a storm
 111. *LV-105*; 20 July 1944; Collided/Sunk
 112. *Bedloe*; 14 September 1944; Foundered in a storm
 113. *Jackson*; 14 September 1944; Foundered in a storm
 114. *LV-73*; 14 September 1944; Foundered in a storm
 115. *USS Serpens* [US Coast Guard-manned Navy cargo vessel]; 29 January 1945; Explosion
 116. *FS-255* [US Coast Guard-manned Army freighter]; 11 May 1945; Torpedoed
 117. *Sheepscot*; 6 June 1945; [US Coast Guard-manned Navy tanker]; Ran aground
 118. *Magnolia*; 25 August 1945; Collided/Sunk
 119. *USS PC-590*; [US Coast Guard-manned Navy patrol craft]; 9 October 1945; Foundered in a typhoon
 120. *CG-83301*; 9 October 1945; Foundered in typhoon
 121. *FS-406* [US Coast Guard-manned Army freighter]; 9 October Foundered in typhoon
 122. *FS-163* [US Coast Guard-manned Army freighter]; 12 October 1945 Foundered in typhoon
 123. *FS-41* [US Coast Guard-manned Army freighter]; 9 November 1945 Foundered in typhoon
 124. *FS-290* [US Coast Guard-manned Army freighter]; 9 November 1945 Foundered in typhoon
 125. *LV-78*; 24 June 1960 Collided/Sunk
 126. *White Alder*; 7 December 1968 Collided/Sunk
 127. *Cuyahoga*; 20 October 1978 Collided/Sunk
 128. *Blackthorn*; 28 January 1980 Collided/Sunk
 129. *Mesquite*; 4 December 1989 Ran Aground/Stranded
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