

Naval Vessel Historical Evaluation
FINAL DETERMINATION



This evaluation is unclassified

Name	Hull Number
SAFEGUARD	T-ARS 50
Vessel Class	Previous Vessel Designation (if any)
SAFEGUARD (ARS 50) – class auxiliary rescue and salvage class of vessels	ARS 50
Vessel Location	Current Status
Pearl Harbor, HI	Out of Service In Reserve (OSIR)

Initial Evaluation Date	Initial Finding
21 June 2017	Ineligible
Final Evaluation Date	Eligibility for Listing to the National Register of Historic Places
18 September 2017	Ineligible

Vessel Snapshot

Lineage	Second U.S. ship to be named SAFEGUARD
Displacement	3,181 tons
Length	255 ft
Beam	50 ft
Draft	17 ft (maximum navigational)
Speed	18 kts

Propulsion	4 Caterpillar 399 diesel engines; 4,200 hp (3MW); 2 shafts and controllable pitch propellers
Armament	2 MK 38 25 mm chain guns; 2 .50 cal machine guns
Laid Down	8 November 1982
Launched	12 November 1983
Built By	Peterson Builders, Sturgeon bay, WI
Sponsor	Mrs. Dornell Kilcline, wife of Vice Adm. Thomas J. Kilcline Sr., Commander Naval Air Force, Atlantic Fleet
Delivered	2 August 1985
Commissioned	17 August 1985
Inactivated	n/a
Decommissioned	26 September 2007; transferred to the Military Sealift Command (MSC) as USNS SAFEGUARD (T-ARS 50); placed out of service by MSC on 1 October 2016.
Stricken	n/a

Vessel History

Deployment Summary	Rescue and salvage ships render assistance to disabled ships and provide towing, salvage, diving, firefighting and heavy lift capabilities.
Awards	None Identified
Noteworthy Events	None Identified
DANFS* Entry	Yes (partial)

Criteria Evaluation¹

i. Was the vessel awarded an individual Presidential Unit Citation?	No
ii. Did an individual act of heroism take place aboard the vessel such that an individual was subsequently awarded the Medal of Honor or the Navy Cross?	No
iii. Was a President of the United States assigned to the vessel during his or her naval service?	No
iv. Was the vessel the first to incorporate engineering, weapons systems, or other upgrades that represent a revolutionary change in naval design or warfighting capabilities?	No
v. Did some other historic or socially significant event occur on board the vessel?	No
Historic Evaluation Conclusion	Ineligible

Sources	Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships
	Naval Vessel Register

Historic Preservation Stakeholder Comment

Historic preservation stakeholder comments received are considered when preparing final determinations. The initial determination for this vessel was made available for comment by historic preservation stakeholders for 60 days. During that time, the Navy received no written comments.

Comments Received	Comment Disposition

¹ Evaluation conducted using triggers established for naval vessels in *Program Comment for the Department of Navy for the Disposition of Historic Vessels*, issued by the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation on 15 March 2010.