

# M/V Chugach

U.S. Forest Service / Nolan Center Interpretive Panels

Interpretive Panel Design (60%) Project Phase: DD 23 May 2022



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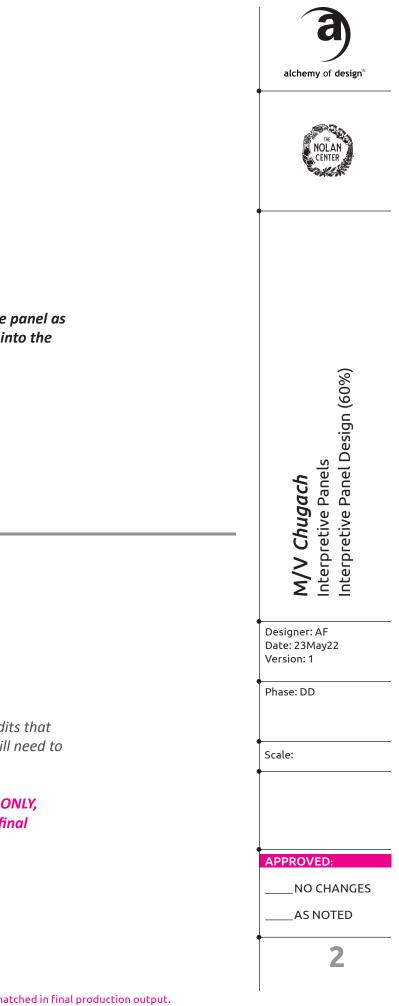
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## ALASKAN RANGERS & THE RANGER FLEET Taking the office to the resource

Since 1908, Forest Service ranger boats have plied the waters along the coastlines of national forests in southcentral and southeast Alaska. This unique management method took rangers to the resources, while rangers in the rest of the United States relied on horses and motor vehicles. By becoming mobile offices, the ranger boat fleet provided efficient and reliable transportation where the dense coastal forest made horse or vehicle travel inaccessible.

In 2016, the Forest Service decommissioned the last of the ranger boats-the M/V *Chugach*. You can tour the M/V *Chugach* just outside the Nolan Center!

> Becoming National Forests 1867: Secretary of State William Seward acquires Alaska from Russia. 1889: Alaska canneries produce over one million cases of canned salmon. 1891: Congress passes a bill allowing the President to

"set apart and reserve" public lands bearing timb 1896: Gold is discovered in Alaska and Canada's Yukon Territory, fueling interest in the region's natural resources

1897: The Forest Management Act gives the Secretary of the Interior authorization to effect rules and regulations to protect the resources of forest reserve 1905: The Bureau of Forestry becomes the U.S. Forest

Service. W.A. Langille becomes the Forest Supervis 1907: President Theodore Roosevelt establishes Tongass National Forest on September 10.

1907: President Theodore Roosevelt establishes Tongass National Forest on July 23.



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The ranger boat fleet operated in Tongass and Chugach National Forests. It was known unoffici as the "Green Serge Navy" for the Forest Service uniforms. At its peak in the 1390s, the Forest Ser



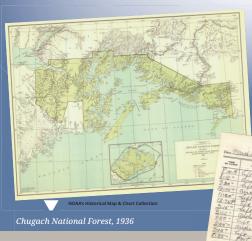


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# The Busiest Boat **IN THE FLEET**

The M/V Chugach operated as part of the Forest Service Ranger Boat Fleet for 90 years. She launched in 1925 and operated out of Cordova until 1953 when she moved to Petersburg. The M/V *Chugach* became the last wooden Forest Service boat in commission until she went into dry dock in 2016.



*The M/V* Chugach



account of the movements of the M/V Chugach on March 25, 1935it looks like a long day!

# Written

Forest rangers operated the robust M/V *Chugach* year-round to conduct management duties, visit far-flung communities, respond The to emergencies, and transport people, mail, supplies, and medicine. The captains kept detailed log books that recorded their travels, destinations, maintenance, and the passengers traveling on the **Record** boat. All sorts of activities can be found in the logs: search and rescue missions, mail delivery duties, re-lighting lighthouses and navigation buoys, transporting troops during World War II, and carrying game wardens and hay to feed starving deer in winter.

## **The Civilian Conservation Corps**

In the 1930s, the Forest Service administered the work of the Civilian Conservation Corps in Alaska. Most CCC crews worked in Tongass National Forest. In Chugach National Forest, the M/V *Chugach* transported about 50 CCC workers throughout the many islands in Prince William Sound.





"In wintertime Chugach was the only boat of any consequence out on Prince Wiliam Sound. Everyone else holed up for the winter." -One of the later captains



de Laguna prepares her equipments on the dock before traveling on the M/V Chugach to her

research sites.





**M/V Chugach** Interpretive Panels Interpretive Panel Design (60%) Designer: AF Date: 23May22 Version: 1 Phase: DD Loc: M/V Chugach Type: Phenolic Scale: 1/3

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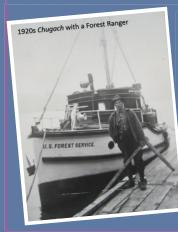
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# M/V CHUGACH: A Purpose-Built Ranger Boat

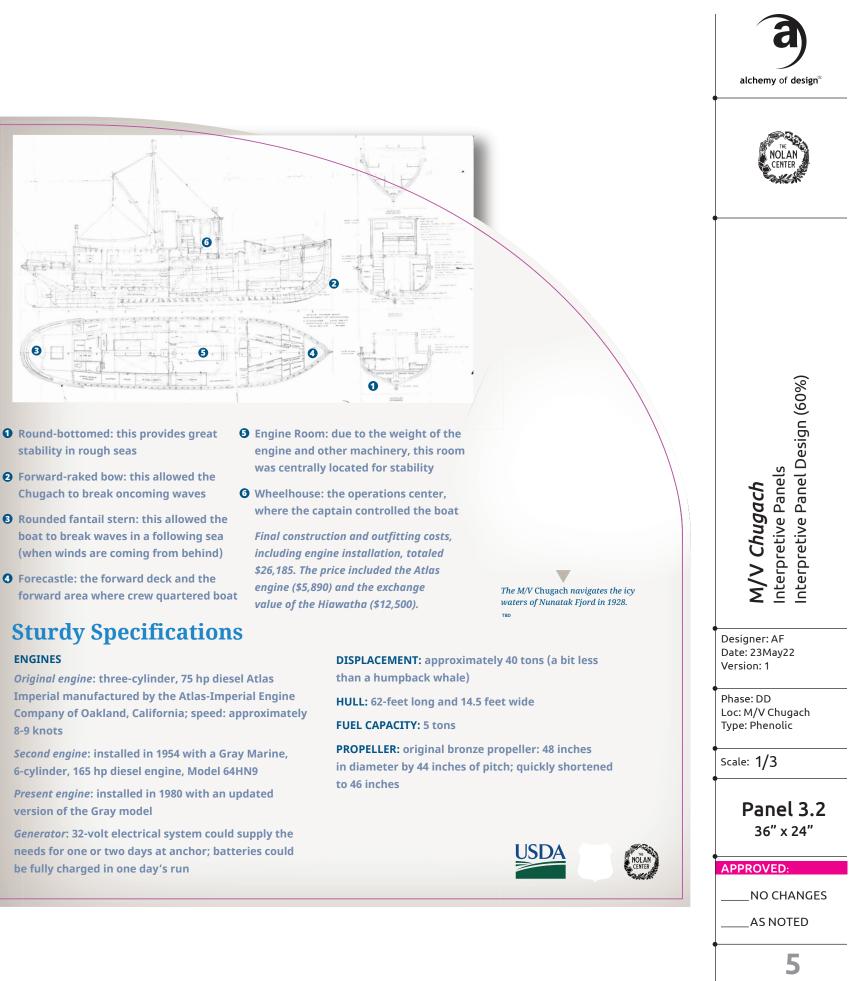
Renowned Seattle naval architect L.H. Coolidge designed the M/V *Chugach* to specifications provided by the Forest Service for the purpose of patrolling thousands of miles of shoreline. **Olathe Enterprises constructed the** boat in 1925. Many considered the 62-foot, wooden-hulled crew vessel to be the top of the line-the best handling and most seaworthy of the entire ranger boat fleet.





Forest Ranger stands n the pier in the 1920s.





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- **3** Rounded fantail stern: this allowed the
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# WORKHORSES On the Water

In Ala a, Forest Service Ranger Boats: rved as "workhorses" for management. Rangers in the rest of the United States relied on horses and motor vehicles. This unique ment method took rangers sources in Alaska. Rangers boats to manage Tongass gach National Forests—the est national forests in the 14,500 miles of coastline.

## **Assisting Alaskan Peoples**

Beyond their official management purpose, the ranger boat fleet allowed the Forest Service to provide vital assistance throughout southcentral and southeast Alaska. Rangers responded to emergencies, delivered supplies of food and medicine, transported doctors and nurses, and aided in the welfare and safety of isolated communities.

## The Mobile Office

The fleet transported Forest Rangers and other personnel to conduct agency work such as surveying homesteads, establishing river gauge stations, marking timber lots, scaling log rafts, and investigating trespass cases. In addition, the boats ferried scientists, resource specialists, and recreational staff.



R. Baker takes the skiff ashore from the M/V Chugach in 1965. The Chugach is anchored near Killisnoo Island west of <u>Admiralty Island</u>.



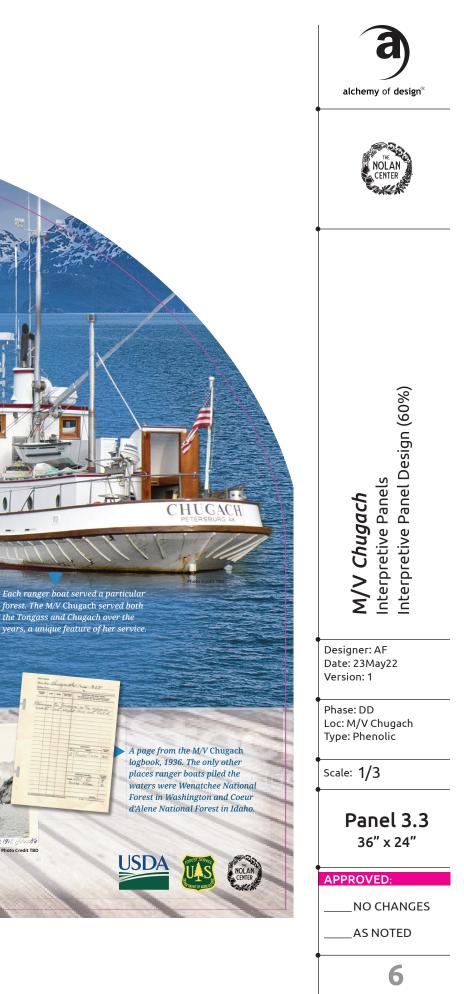
The first ranger boat, the Than (left), with the Wanigan at the dock around 1915. Both served the Tongass National Forest.



Captains and rangers often brought their spouses and families along. Donna Standerwick, Vickie Stevenson, and Ruth Ann Davis travel by ranger boat in 1962.



Forest Ranger Walter Hellen rides aboard Ranger 3 in 1919.



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# **A NEW ERA** of Service

In the late 1940s, the fleet workload fell off in Chugach National Forest as timber needed for railroad construction waned. In 1953, the Forest Service transferred the M/V Chugach to the Tongass National Forest to replace M/V Ranger 6.



In 1972, Skipper Art Rosevold stands on the pier by the M/V Chugach with Keene Kohrt, Jim Russell, and Darryl Trac.

> The M/V Chugach and a tug accompany the tribal canoes in 2013. The support vessels accompanied the canoes in case of emergency or a anoe in distres



#### **Major Timber Contracts**

In the 1950s, the Forest Service began offering 50-year timber contracts to meet the demand in post-war Japan and other industrial nations. Large-scale logging took hold in Tongass National Forest to support mills in Ketchikan and Sitka. Rangers shifted from personalized contact with many timber operators to a bureaucraticstyle relationship with large companies. A ranger could fly in for a few hours to manage a large operation rather than spend weeks on the water visiting multiple sites.



The crew and passengers relax on the bow of the Chugach near Kuiu Island in Washington Bay in 1972.

-Captain Robert Kinville (served 1995 - 2010)

## **The Last Voyage**

The M/V Chugach served as a support vessel for tribal canoes journeying from villages across southeast Alaska to participate in the dedication of the recently restored Chief Shakes Tribal House. Although the boat went out a few more times, this trip was " the last big voyage for the M/V Chugach."



A crowd gathers to await the arrival of the canoes at the rededication of the Chief Shakes Tribal House.



"We towed wannegans for the Wrangell District to the Bradfield Canal area and brought them back in fall. I discovered many crab traps near the Back Channel Narrows, I had to station a look-out on the Chugach's bow to help me dodge them."

> A wanigan (often spelled wannegan) is a temporary shelter towed by boat or truck. The Forest Service towed this wanigan to Kuiu Island in Tongass National Forest in 1971 to serve as crew living quarters.



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# In the WHEELHOUSE

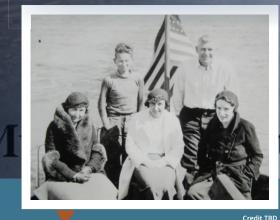
The captain operated the boat from the wheelhouse, which also contained the captain's sleeping berth. Responsible for the ship, the crew, and the passengers, captains piloted the ranger boat and escorted forest rangers to and from field outposts.

The captain maintained and repaired the boat himself on the fly—sometimes it required an ingenious sense of "make do" with materials at hand.

# A Day in the Life Aboard the Chugach

"We have fond memories of the boat. Dad drilled safety into us. When we went to the boat's 'head,' situated in the engine room, we had to pass the large flywheel. Dad warned us that the flywheel could tear your arm off...'

> -Nancy Jacobsen Lindholdt daughter of Captain Jacobson



*Captain Erland Jacobsen aboard the M/V* Chugach with his wife and a few Cordova residents.

"You trusted the skipper; the skipper had extraordinary responsibilities for the boat; you trusted you could work and know you were in good care that you would find safe harbor; there was no uncertainty, a feeling of confidence."

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# Making Good USE OF SPACE

**Everything-gear, linens,** utensils, food, and more-had a secure and designated space on the M/V *Chugach*. As you explore, imagine what might be stored throughout the boat.

## At Home on the Water

The M/V Chugach became a home away from home for the many crew members and passengers who would spend up to a month on the water. Eighteen-hour days could be extremely arduous and days off quite rare. How would you fare if you needed to spend a month at sea?

P1 - Photo of gear loading or people in the Chugach interior, to be sourced

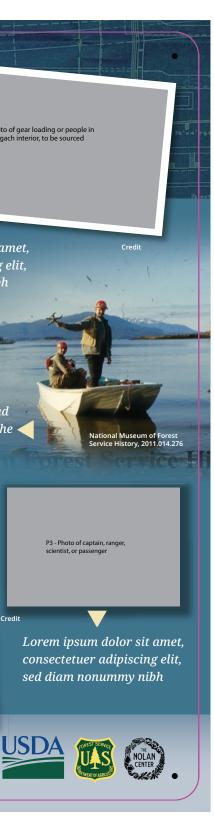
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R. Baker and G. Chelstad leave the Chugach for the < *shore in 1965.* 

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P3 - Photo of captain, range

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# Mealtime in THE GALLEY

The captain of the M/V *Chugach* stayed with the boat while rangers and other passengers went ashore to conduct their work. The crew made sandwiches for their lunches while the captain cooked breakfast and dinner. The boat left the dock with a supply of staples, and seafood caught along the way also appeared on dinner plates.



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> -Roy Mitchell, Forest Service Supervisory Fleet Manager





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# Shut-eye in the **COFFIN BUNKS**

The M/V *Chugach* provided seven sleeping berths scattered throughout the boat's lower deck. Due to their small size, these berths are commonly called "coffin bunks" or "coffin lockers."

> P1 - Photo of people in Chugach interior, to be sourced

"It was warm and cozy before and after braving the elements. It was home in the middle of the remote wilderness. It could be loud-the boat creaking at anchor, the feel of small swells and rocking, cabinet doors clicking, whales breathing, rain on the deck above. You can hear the anchor chain going up and down."

—Gina Esposito, Forest Service Archaeologist

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## "We have fond memories of the boat.

*R. Baker takes the skiff ashore from the M/V Chugach in 1965.* 

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