

MENHADEN F/V B. O. COLONNA - 1956

OFFICIAL NO.	150754	LENGTH	146.6 FT.
GROSS TONNAGE	288	BREADTH	30.2 FT.
NET TONNAGE	121	DEPTH	10.4 FT.

Her original hull was built 1897 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania of steel but purse boats were wood.

Named after Benjamin O. Colonna, Sr. 1887 - 1972.
3rd President - Colonna's Shipyard, Inc. - Norfolk, Virginia

Had one Fairbanks Morse five cylinder main engine 450 h.p. Engine weighed 21 tons. She would hold about 700,00 menhaden fish in the hold to top of hatch coaming. Her cruising speed was about 13 knots and full speed about 14 knots. Converted from fishing vessel Big Chief which was bought from the estate of W. S. Sanders.

Had a total crew of 28 men consisting of:

Captain	Assistant Cook
Mate	Rigger
Pilot	Tom Man - Lead Tom
Chief Engineer	Ringman (Brass rings on net)
2nd Engineer	Bunt Men or Net Men
Cook	Striker Boatman

Converted to menhaden fishing vessel at Colonna's Shipyard, Norfolk, Virginia.

Owned by Atlantic Fishing Company - Norfolk, Virginia
(B. O. & W. W. Colonna, Sr.)

Her only Captain under this ownership was Captain John Dize from Ditchly, Virginia. Sold to Haynie Products, Inc., - Reedville, Va. 1969.

She was the 3rd and the last F/V Conversion in Atlantic Fishing Company's fleet.

Her only Chief Engineer was Carl Anderson from Wicomico Church, Virginia who remained a good friend of the Colonna's family all of his life.

Her merchant vessels or the United States listing showed the following:

Big Chief, Homeport - Wilmington, North Carolina
Owner: Sanders Products Co., Inc., Southport, N. C.

Ex. a. Plymouth
b. Iris (USLHS)
c. Plymouth