

PAINTING
NO. 32

TUG HELEN - 1930's

Length	89.0
Breadth	23.0
Depth	10.0
Official No.	96361
Gross Tonnage	113
Net Tonnage	53
Built	1897 Wilmington, Delaware
Crew	11
Power	550 HP steam engine with coal fired boiler

She was one of about 10 steam tug boats and 30 wooden barges owned and operated by Norfolk Lighterage Company, Inc. in the 1920's - 1930's. The company was owned by W. W. Colonna, Sr. and B. O. Colonna, Sr. of Norfolk, Virginia. This fleet primarily worked in and around the port of Hampton Roads, Virginia but did work up the Chesapeake Bay, James River and the canals, rivers and sounds of North Carolina.

Norfolk Lighterage Company, Inc. sold this tug to Wood Towing Corporation with headquarters at the old Roanoke Docks in downtown Norfolk, Virginia.

Her hull was steel and her deck houses wood.

The Helen had more horse power than most tugs of her day, also a larger crew than most.

She was a handsome boat with good lines making her pleasing to look at.