

# Basic Detail Report

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## Sydport

**Vessel number**

HV000244

**Date**

1960

**Primary Maker**

Ballina Slipway and Engineering

**Description**

Built in 1960 at Ballina Slipway and Engineering under its proprietor SG White, SYDPORT was launched late that

year. In 1961 it was taken south to begin work on Sydney Harbour. The owner was Sydney Harbour Lighterage, one of the big lighterage firms working the harbour in that period. Based at Glebe, west of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the company provided tugs and barges for all types of general duties; towing barges, berthing ships and supporting maintenance crews on what was then a busy working harbour. SYDPORT was one of their small fleet of tugs. The 13.72 m (45 ft) carvel planked vessel had a single 188 kW (250 hp) General Motors diesel. Its design and construction are typical of the small tugs operating on Sydney Harbour at the time. It remained in service with Harbour Lighterage until it was retired in 1986. It was eventually sold in the early 1990s. SYDPORT then became a recreational vessel and appeared as a prop in the 1997 film 'Dogwatch'. In 1999 the owner arranged a loan from the Heritage Council (repaid at current interest rates) to assist in some work on the vessel. In 2008 SYDPORT remained in good original condition and configuration.

**Dimensions**

Vessel Dimensions: 13.72 m x 4.57 m x 2.13 m, 29.53 tonnes (45 ft x 15 ft x 7 ft, 30 tons)