



LUCID MSO-458

Foundation

Where the Fleet Goes, We've Been-Wooden Ships, Iron Men



The USS Lucid MSO-458, a vintage US Navy minesweeper museum ship, is in need of a new home. The Lucid, is unique in Naval history because she is a wooden ship, an ocean going wooden ship. These ships were built in the 1950's in response to new threats of magnetic mine warfare. The Lucid is the only ship of it's type that is still afloat in the United States. A new home on the California Delta with access for visitors and volunteers will be mutually beneficial to a host location and the museum ship, a member of the Historic Naval Ships Association.

The Lucid MSO-458 Foundation, a non profit public benefit corporation, is the caretaker of the Lucid. The foundation's goal is to continue the restoration of the ship while keeping her open to the public. There are many lively stories of the ships, crews and minesweeping exercises that will to be documented and presented to the public. The Lucid is much more than a ship on display, the Minesweeping Museum will be telling the story of 101 naval ships and the thousands of men who served on them.

The Lucid is presently located on Bradford Island, CA which is near Oakley. Access to Bradford Island is poor with very limited ferry service. A new location having direct highway access is needed. The ship is 172 feet long ,40 feet wide and requires less than 10 feet of water for floatation. Ultimately, the foundation desires a location where the ship can be brought into a shore based dry land display.

We are searching for a location, willing to partner with us for this project. The ship location we choose would provide a pier / location and other possible facilities to handle the 172 ft long ship. If your organization or city could benefit from having this truly unique MSO, a wooden Naval ship associated with your ship museum or regional area we would like to hear from you. Please contact:

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