





# Diver-class rescue and salvage ship

The ***Diver*** class of rescue and salvage ship were operated by the United States Navy.

## Ships



USS Diver (ARS-5)

Class overview	
Builders:	<u>Basalt Rock Company</u> , <u>Napa, California</u>
Operators:	<div><div> <u>United States Navy</u> (formerly)</div><div> <u>United States Coast Guard</u> (formerly)</div><div> <u>Republic of China Navy</u></div><div> <u>Republic of Korea Navy</u></div></div>
Preceded by:	<u>Lapwing-class</u>
Succeeded by:	<u>Bolster-class</u>
Built:	1942–1943
In commission:	1943–present
Completed:	19
Active:	2
Retired:	16
Preserved:	1 (Sale pending as of 2019)
General characteristics	
Type:	<u>Rescue and salvage ship</u>
Tonnage:	1,441 <u>long tons</u> (1,464 <u>t</u> )
Displacement:	1,630 <u>long tons</u> (1,656 <u>t</u> )
Length:	213 ft 6 in (65.07 m)
Beam:	39 ft (12 m)
Draft:	14 ft 4 in (4.37 m)
Propulsion:	<u>Diesel-electric</u> , 2,780 hp (2,073 kW) twin screws
Complement:	120

Armament: 4 × 40 mm guns  
4 × .50 cal machine guns

Ship name	Hull number	Commissioned	Decommissioned	Fate
<u>Diver</u>	ARS-5	23 October 1943	27 July 1946	Sold to a commercial interest, 12 April 1949; fate unknown
<u>Escape</u>	ARS-6	20 November 1943	29 June 1995	Sold for scrap, 24 August 2009
<u>Grapple</u>	ARS-7	16 December 1943	Unknown	Transferred to <u>Taiwan</u> , 1 December 1977; currently active
<u>Preserver</u>	ARS-8	11 January 1944	7 August 1992	Sold for scrap, 30 November 2005
<u>Shackle</u>	ARS-9	5 February 1944	29 June 1946	Transferred to the coast guard, 29 June 1946. (see <u>Acushnet</u> for subsequent history)
<u>Protector</u>	ARS-14	28 December 1943	15 May 1946	Sold to commercial interest, 16 December 1946; fate unknown
<u>Cable</u>	ARS-19	6 March 1944	15 September 1947	Sunk as a target, 7 August 1978
<u>Chain</u>	ARS-20	31 March 1944	9 November 1946	Sold for scrap, June 1979
<u>Curb</u>	ARS-21	12 May 1944	20 December 1946	Sunk as an <u>artificial reef</u> , 23 November 1983
<u>Current</u>	ARS-22	14 June 1944	9 February 1948	Sold for scrap, 27 June 1975
<u>Deliver</u>	ARS-23	14 July 1944	1 August 1979	Transferred to <u>South Korea</u> , 15 August 1979; currently active
<u>Grasp</u>	ARS-24	22 August 1944	12 December 1946	Transferred to <u>South Korea</u> , 31 March 1978; fate unknown
<u>Safeguard</u>	ARS-25	30 September 1944	25 September 1979	Transferred to <u>Turkey</u> and renamed <b>TCG Isin (A-589)</b> ; decommissioned, 30 March 2017
<u>Seize</u>	ARS-26	3 November 1944	14 June 1996	Sunk as a target, 20 June 2006
<u>Snatch</u>	ARS-27	11 December 1944	23 December 1946	Sold for scrap, 8 November 1971
<u>Valve</u>	ARS-28	24 February 1944	26 August 1946	Sold to a commercial interest, 26 July 1948; fate unknown
<u>Vent</u>	ARS-29	7 April 1944	30 August 1946	Sold to a commercial interest, 30 June 1948; fate unknown
<u>Clamp</u>	ARS-33	23 August 1943	6 May 1947	Sold for scrap, 12 April 2011
<u>Gear</u>	ARS-34	24 September 1943	13 December 1946	Sold to a commercial interest, 12 April 1949; fate unknown

## References

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