



Silvanus SS (1921~1926) [Papoose SS \(+1942\)](#)

Details

general

nationality: [dutch](#)
 purpose: [transport](#)
 type: [tanker](#)
 propulsion: [steamer](#)
 date built: 1921
 status: unknown

details

weight (tons): 5939 grt
 dimensions: 125,58 x 16,15 x 9,45 m
 engine: [triple expansion](#)
 power: 2800 h.p.
 speed: 11 knots

about the loss

cause lost: [torpedo](#)
 date lost: [19/03/1942](#) [dd/mm/yyyy]
 casualties: † [2](#) rank [428](#)

about people

builder: [South Western Shipbuilding Co., San Pedro, California](#)

next owners [\[1\]](#) [Petroleum Navigation Co., Houston](#)
[SS Papoose](#)
 period: 1926 ~ 1942

last owner: [\[2\]](#) [Nederlandsch-Indische Tankstoomboot Maatschappij, 'S Gravenhage](#)
[SS Silvanus](#)
 period: 1921 ~ 1926

captain:

about the wreck

depth:
 orientation:
 protected:
 war grave:

updates

entered by: [Allen Tony](#)
 entered: 12/10/2007
 last update: [Vleqqeert Nico](#)
 last update: 03/05/2010

Position

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latitude: 34°08.6XX' N
 longitude: 076°39.1XX' W
 system: [NAD83](#)
 division: 1'=1000
 ref. used: [NOAA Office of Coast Survey, nauticalcharts.noaa.](#)

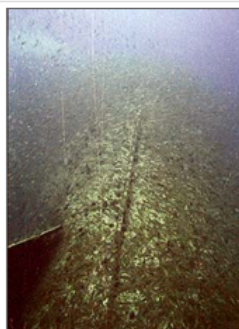
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 The featureless surface of the hull botton



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History

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At 04.31 hours on 19 Mar, 1942, the unescorted and unarmed Papoose (Master Raymond Zalnick) was torpedoed by U-124 about 15 miles southwest of Cape Lookout, while steaming a zigzag course at 11 knots in moderately rough seas. One torpedo struck on the port side at the break of the poop and entered the fuel bunker, causing the flooding of the engine room and fireroom. The engines stopped immediatel y and two crew members on watch below were killed. The first lifeboat was launched after five minutes and was barely missed by a second torpedo at 04.44 hours, which struck on the starboard side just aft of amidships.

The explosion opened a large hole near the waterline that extended eight feet above the water, causing the ship to sink a few hours later. A second lifeboat was launched five minu tes after the second hit. The surviving eight officers and 24 crewmen were picked up by USS Stringham (DD 83) about ten hours after the attack and taken to Norfolk, Virginia.

ref. used: [www.uboot.net](#)

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Papoose SS was 5,939 tons and an Americam Steam Tanker built in 1921 South Western Shipbuilding Co, San Pedro, California and owned by Petroleum Navigation Co, Houston, Texas. Built as Silvanus, 1927 renamed Papoose. On the 19th March 1942 when on route from Providence Rhode Island for Port Arthur Texas in ballast she was torpedoed by U -124 and sunk. 3 crew lost from a complement of 34.

ref. used: [www.ubootwaffe.net](#)

HISTORY:

HISTORY F00052WD/43-44--NO.380; PAPOOSE, POSITION GIVEN IN LAT 34/09/06N, LONG 76/40/30W (NAD27), WRECK IN 110FT OF WATER WITH 62FT OVER IT. CL381/55--USC&GS;REFERENCE NM44/55(4960F)--10/29/55; REFERENCE F00149WD/55-56--NO.457; PAPOOSE, POSITION GIVEN IN LAT 34/08/36N, LONG 76/39/09.6W (NAD27). WRECK HUNG 69FT, CLEARED 59FT, SOUNDED 60FT. H9044/69-- WRECK NOT INVESTIGATED. CARRIED FORWARD IN 109FT DEPTHS. DESCRIPTION 24 NO.457; TANKER; SUNK 3/18/42 BY SUBMARINE; 27 NO.380; TANKER, 5900 NT. SUNK 3/18/42, IDENTITY ESTABLISHED BY 5TH ND 4/10/44; PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS THE ARIO. 177 NO.457; DATA SAME AS DOC. 24 BUT REPORTED AT POS.34-09-06N, 76-40-30W. 195 LORAN-C RATES: 9960 CHAIN; 27074.0-X AND 39431.1-Y; STEVEN PFAFF (919-759-9525) PROVIDED THE VERIFIED LORAN NUMBERS. 223 TANKER IN BALLAST 230 NO.35929 (REVISED 6/98 RWD)

ref. NOAA Office of Coast Survey,
used: nauticalcharts.noaa.



LAT: 42°46,7XXN LON: 61°00,4XXW

