**UNIT NUMBER:**

BAYCHIMO

[pronounced Bay chigh mow] ex ANGERMANALEVEN

**AREA OF SERVICE:**

EASTERN ARCTIC (1921)
SIBERIA (1922-1923)
WESTERN ARCTIC (1925-1931)

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Construction: Steel Steamer

Designer and Builder: Lindholmens Verkstad Akliebolg, Gothenburg, Sweden

Dimensions: Length - 230' Breadth - 36' Depth - 13.8'/15.1'

Draft: 15.2'

Number of passengers: 8-10

Number of crew: approximately 30

Plans: HBCA Map Collection A.109/39, 40 [2 books of plans, includes Baychimo]; Model in ivory by Chukchi native in Hudson’s Bay Company Museum Collection (PP 3449, pp. 44-45)

Power: Triple engines by Lindholmens 155 NHP/600 1HP Coal-fired

Registered: London

Speed: 8-9 knots

Tonnage: Gross - 1078 Net - 594 Deadweight - 1670

**HISTORY:**

1914 Built at Gothenburg and christened Angermanaleven

1920 Ceded to British Government by Germany as part of war reparations

1921 Purchased by Hudson’s Bay Company for 15,000 pounds

1921 Served in Eastern Arctic. Establishment of Pond’s Inlet

1922-1923 Served in Siberia with the Company’s Kamchatka Venture

1924 Sailed to Western Arctic by way of Suez Canal. Usually sailed by way of Panama so thus circumnavigated globe in course of career

1925-1931 Served in Western Arctic

1931, 10 October Icebound 60 miles from Point Barrow

1931 26 November Disappeared in heavy blizzard. Began to drift locked in the ice as "ghost ship of the Arctic".

1969 Most recent sighting noted in Hudson’s Bay Company Archives. (PP 3409)

1987 Wheel reported to be mounted on wall in Vancouver Rowing Club.

**MASTERS:**

1921 Thomas Smellie (Cardiff-Montreal only)

1921 Enoch Falk

1922 B.C. Edmunds

1923-1931 S.A. Cornwall

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