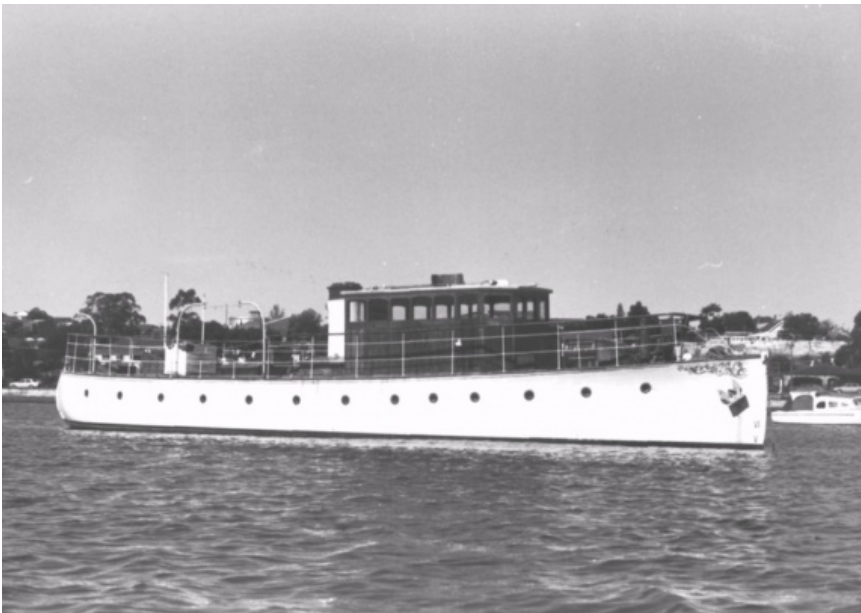


HMAS *Martindale*

Martindale, named after Martindale Hall at Mintaro, South Australia, was a motor yacht originally built for an Adelaide family in 1932 and lent to the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) free of charge on 13 May 1941. She was subsequently commissioned HMAS *Martindale* under the command of Warrant Officer William James, RANR(S), on 27 August 1941 as a tender to HMAS *Torrens* and conducted patrols in the Whyalla area.

She sailed for Sydney in March 1944 to undergo a refit to prepare her for war service in New Guinea. She arrived in Milne Bay on 7 July 1944

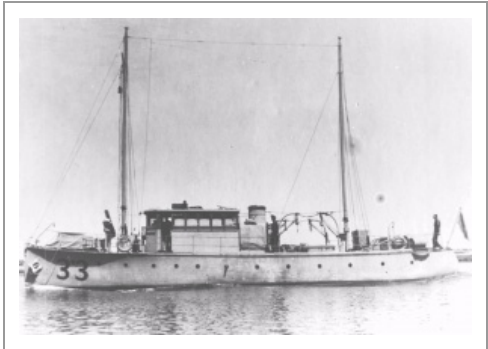


Martindale in her merchant vessel configuration.

Martindale served in an air/sea rescue role working in conjunction with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). She also acted as a pilot ship in Madang and Hollandia, and carried out general duties including carrying stores and personnel to outlying ports.

She returned to Australian waters in October 1945 and decommissioned on 3 June 1946 in Adelaide when she was again refitted before being handed back to her original owner. *Martindale* changed owners several times following the end of the war before falling into disrepair.

In 1984 *Martindale* was restored by a Sydney businessman in time to celebrate the 40th anniversary of her departure for New Guinea. Present at the anniversary celebrations were former crew members: Reg Webb (Skipper), Keith Collison, Paddy Malone, Alistair Knox, George Sangster, Don Deany and Ross Gourlay.



Type	Motor Yacht / Air Sea Rescue Launch
Builder	RT Searles & Sons, Port Adelaide, Australia
Commissioned	11 July 1941
Decommissioned	3 June 1945
Dimensions & Displacement	
Displacement	56 tons
Length	66 feet
Beam	14 feet 2 inches
Draught	8 feet
Performance	
Speed	9.5 knots
Complement	
Crew	8
Propulsion	
Machinery	Single 6 cylinder Gardiner diesel engine
Horsepower	110 hp
Armament	
Guns	Twin .303 Vickers Machine Guns
Other Armament	Depth charges



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