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- There was also a large number of boats which were never completed for the US Navy or named, but transferred while building to the English navy, where they entered service as the "Kil" series

- "YMS" class - Particulars were identical to those of the "PCS" class sub-chasers (listed below), and they were used as sub-chasers as well as minesweepers. Therefore they are covered in the next section

8) Submarine Chasers

- "PC" class - 1 x 3 in guns, 2 x DC projectors; 414 T, 170 ft, 19 kt; launched 1940-45: PC.451, 452, 461-496, 542-578, 582-627, 776-825, 1077-1091; (# 1092 to 1118 were cancelled); PC.1119-1265 1546-1569; (# 1570 to 1585 were cancelled); PC.1586-1603
War losses were - # 496 (mined June 1943), 558 (sunk by "U.230" in the Mediterranean, May 1944), 1129 (sunk by surface ships off Luzon, Jan 1945), 1261 (sunk by shore guns during Normandy landing, June 1944), 1603 (sunk by planes in May 1945)

- "SC" class - 1 x 40 mm gun, 2 x DC projectors; 121 T, 107 ft, 21 kt. Three experimental boats (# 449, 450 and 453) existed before the war; mass production began in 1942, and most of the class entered service in 1943-44. Details are lacking, but about 200 boats were transferred to allied navies and 37 others were cancelled in Aug 1943. Therefore, not all of the numbers shown were actually commissioned in the American navy: SC.449, 497-504, 507, 508, 511-522, 524-531, 536-541, 628-669, 672, 673, 676-721, 734-775, 977-1012, 1023-1076, 1266-1320, 1325-1354, 1358-1375, 1474-1506, 1510-1520

War losses were - # 521 (foundered July 1945), 694 (sunk by planes off Palermo Aug 1943), 696 (ditto), 700 (lost in a fire in the Solomons March 1944), 740 (wrecked June 1943), 744 (sunk by planes in the Philippines Nov 1944), 751 (wrecked in New Hebrides April 1944), 1019 (wrecked April 1945), 1024 (wrecked by accident March 1943), 1059 (wrecked in Bahamas Dec 1944), 1067 (foundered off Aleutians Nov 1943)

- "PCS"/"YMS" class - The classes were identical: "PCS" boats were supposed to be sub-chasers, "YMS" to be minesweepers; in reality, the roles were interchangeable. They were launched between 1942-45, at which time minesweepers were needed more than sub-chasers, so the "YMS" were a much larger group. All had 1 x 3 in gun, 4 x DC projectors; 251 T, 130 ft, 14.1 kt:

- PCS.1376 to 1465 (of which 31 boats were cancelled)

- YMS.1 to 481