

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

(Tugboat) "Edna G."

AND/OR COMMON

Tugboat "Edna G."

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Home port at S end of Poplar St. in

Agate Bay

CITY, TOWN

(ore docks)

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Two Harbors

VICINITY OF

Eighth

STATE

Minnesota

CODE
27

COUNTY
Lake

CODE
075

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company

STREET & NUMBER

210 Missabe Building

CITY, TOWN

Duluth

VICINITY OF

STATE

Minnesota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

St. Louis County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

5th Avenue West at First Street

CITY, TOWN

Duluth

STATE

Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Statewide Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1974

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Minnesota Historical Society -- Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY, TOWN

St. Paul

STATE

Minnesota

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Tugboat, "Edna G.", operates out of Agate Bay at Two Harbors, Minnesota during the ore-shipping season; the vessel's home port is listed as Duluth, Minnesota.

The "Edna G.", despite her age, is in excellent condition and has changed very little through the years. The tugboat is maintained by the Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company. The Steel hulled tug has an overall length of 102 feet, a beam of 23 feet, a maximum draft of 15.5 feet and a gross tonnage of 154 tons. The coal-powered, steam-driven engine is original. A new boiler was refitted in 1948, but it is still hand fired. In addition to the engine room, there is a small galley, crews quarters, and captains office. During its seventy-nine year existence minor improvements have been made on the tug, although not affecting the outward appearance. The "Edna G." also carries firefighting and radio communication equipment on board. The vessel is painted a two-tone yellow and maroon, colors of the D, M and I R line.

For the present, the Tugboat "Edna G." will continue to operate at Two Harbors as it has in the past.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- present	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Built 1896 and still in service BUILDER/ARCHITECT Cleveland Ship Building Company

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The "Edna G." is significant as an historic Great Lakes vessel that is still operating within its intended environment.

In 1896, the Cleveland Ship Building Company at Cleveland, Ohio constructed the steel hulled Tugboat "Edna G." specifically for transporting ore carriers to and from the Two Harbors docks. The vessel was named after the daughter of J. L. Greatsinger, President of the Duluth and Iron Range Railroad Company from 1886 to 1896. The tugboat has seen continuous service at Two Harbors since its construction with the exception of two years at Norfolk, Virginia during World War I.

The "Edna G." is owned by the Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company and shuttles the Great Lakes ore carriers at the docks in Agate Bay daily. During the ore-shipping season this tug operates a twenty-four hour day and is manned by three three-man crews, on shifts of eight hours each. "For all its antiquity, the "Edna G.", today [February 28, 1975], brought in seven large ore carriers from 3:30 A.M. until 7:30 P.M. These include the Roger Blough, 858 feet long; the others over 700 feet long."¹

The United States Coast Guard requires vessel inspection every five years; "The inspector said she ["Edna G."] was good for another 78 years"² while under examination in the fall of 1974. The Two Harbors tugboat, "Edna G.", is believed to be the last steam-powered, coal burning tugboat assigned an operating license of the Great Lakes by the U. S. Registry: U. S. 136 545.

1. Historic Sites Survey form prepared by Elfa M. Setterlund, 1975.
2. Newspaper article from the Two Harbors Chronicle and Times (Two Harbors, Minnesota). November 20, 1974.

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Old Lady of Lakes Gets New Heart For Spring". March 10, 1948.

(see continuation sheet)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John J. Hackett, Survey Specialist

ORGANIZATION

Minnesota Historical Society

DATE

11 March 1975

STREET & NUMBER

Building 25, Fort Snelling

TELEPHONE

612 726-1171

CITY OR TOWN

St. Paul,

STATE

Minnesota

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Russell W. Fridley 3/28/75

TITLE Russell W. Fridley
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

[Signature]
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST: *[Signature]*
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 6/5/75
DATE JUN 4 1975

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Newspaper article from the Duluth Sunday News-Tribune, (Duluth, Minnesota),
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