

U.S. COAST GUARD YARD, BUILDING ~~738~~ <sup>No. 38</sup>  
Curtis Bay  
Anne Arundel County  
Maryland

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Location:

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USGS Map Quad: Curtis Bay, MD  
UTM Coordinates: 18.364720.4340070

Significance:

One of the first two storage sheds erected at the YARD in 1920 for the storage of small boats, lumber and supplies.

Description:

Boat House #38 was a gabled one story wood framed structure formed from rough cut lumber and covered with uninsulated light gage corrugated metal. The building framing measured 29' wide x 198' long x 8'-10" high from the concrete floor to the top of the wall plate. The 6:12 sloped roof was braced by wood trusses spaced 18' apart set on 10" high concrete pedestals. The steel roof and wall panels had three 1/2" deep corrugations every 8" and each covered 2' in width. The side facing Spaniol Way had 17' wide x 8' high double swing doors in each bay, mounted on the 6 x 6 truss columns with 8" x 17" tee hinges, with hasp, staple and pad lock. The door leafs were made of 1" x 12" vertical boards nailed to 2 x 6 Z bracing inside. The north end once had a 3' x 4' window, as did the first seven west side bays nearest the north.

History:

The fact that this building was set on 10" pedestals and 10" solid sill plates suggests it was a pre-fab type structure (8' high) which was either new or used when erected here. There is no record of a designer or source for the structure. Material was purchased in 1920 for \$1,598.93 which included building #39. Most likely, the building was erected with YARD personnel. We assume to gain the needed height for the boats that were stored here, the base was raised 10". Prior to 1920, animal stables and feed storage buildings were located in this area. Building #38 was listed on the National Register as a contributing resource - 1981.

Source:

AA-784(A) Cultural Resources Survey of the United States Coast Guard YARD, September 1981  
Coast Guard YARD Maintenance Records 1937

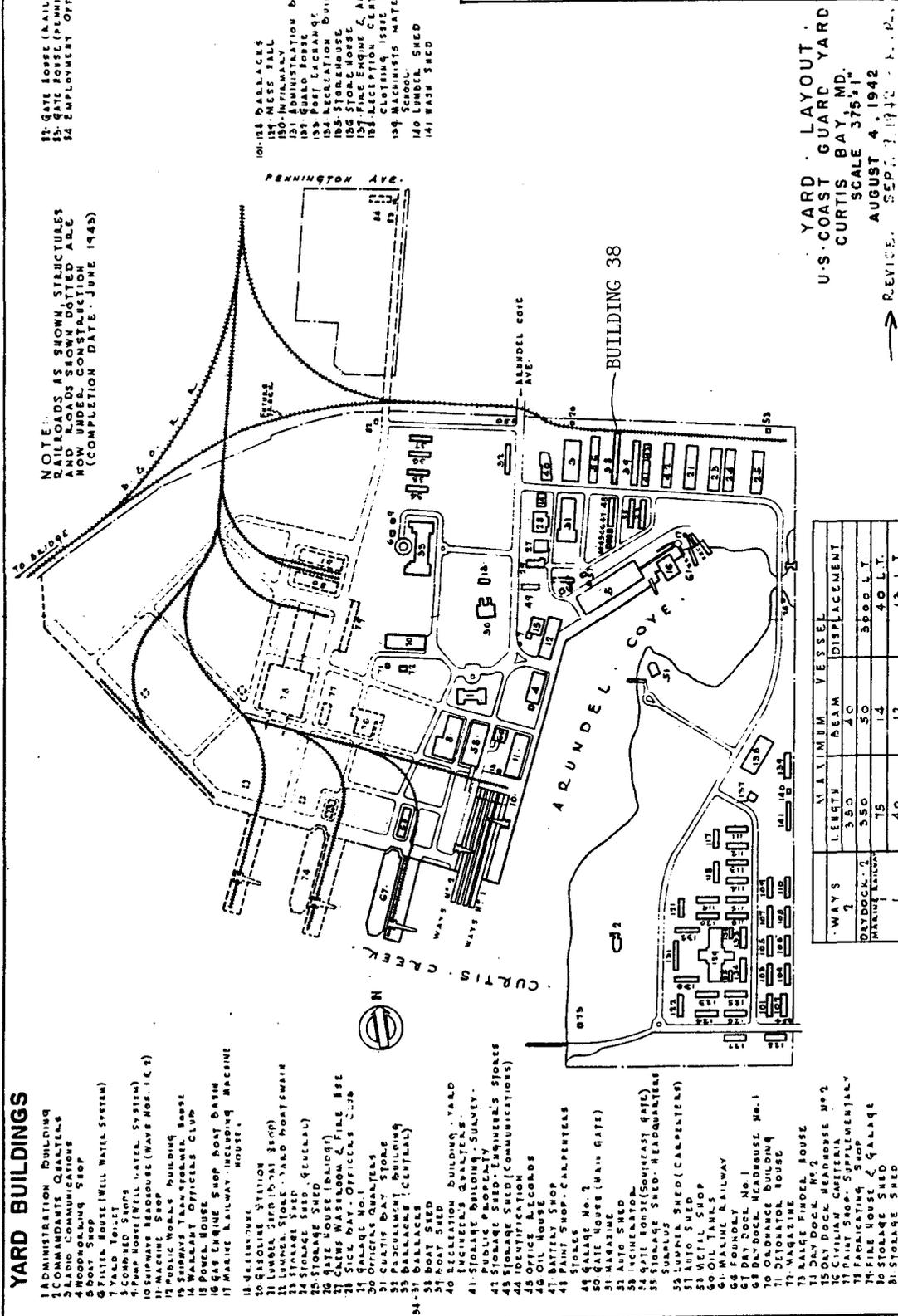
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**YARD BUILDINGS**

- 1 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
- 2 LOW DRAFT QUARTERS
- 3 ENGINEERING SHOP
- 4 WOODWORKING SHOP
- 5 BOAT SHOP
- 6 FILTER HOUSE (WELL WATER SYSTEM)
- 7 YARD TOILET
- 8 COMPRESSOR SHOPS (LATER 57-58)
- 9 WAREHOUSE (MATERIALS)
- 10 SHIPWAY HEADHOUSE (WAYS NO. 1 & 2)
- 11 MACHINE SHOP
- 12 PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING
- 13 SHIPWAYS TRANSPORTER
- 14 WALLART OFFICERS CLUB
- 15 POWER HOUSE
- 16 PAINT SPRAYING SHOP BOAT BASIN
- 17 MARINE RAILWAY-ENGINE MACHINE HOUSE
- 18 GALLEYHOUSE
- 19 GASOLINE STATION
- 20 LUMBER SHED (BOAT SHED)
- 21 LUMBER STORE (YARD HOISTWAY)
- 22 STORAGE SHED (GENERAL)
- 23 STORAGE SHED (GENERAL)
- 24 GATE HOUSE (BARRIERS)
- 25 GATE WAREHOUSE & FILE BSE
- 26 SICK BAY - OFFICERS CLUB
- 27 OFFICE OIL TANKS
- 28 QUARTER BOAT STORE
- 29 RECREATION BUILDING
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- 52 AUTO SHED
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- 57 LUMBER SHED
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- 60 MARINE RAILWAY
- 61 FOUNDRY
- 62 DAY DOCK NO. 1
- 63 OFFICE BUILDING
- 64 DETONATOR HOUSE
- 65 MAGAZINE
- 66 LARGE FINDER HOUSE
- 67 DRY DOCK NO. 2
- 68 DAY DOCK HEADHOUSE NO. 2
- 69 WAREHOUSE
- 70 FABRICATING SHOP (GENERAL)
- 71 FIRE HOUSE & GALLAGE
- 72 STORAGE SHED

WAYS	LENGTH	BEAM	DISPLACEMENT
DAYDOCK-1	550	40	3000 L.T.
DAYDOCK-2	550	30	3000 L.T.
MARKING BUILDING	75	14	40 L.T.
	40	11	13 L.T.

YARD LAYOUT  
U.S. COAST GUARD YARD  
CURTIS BAY, MD.  
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