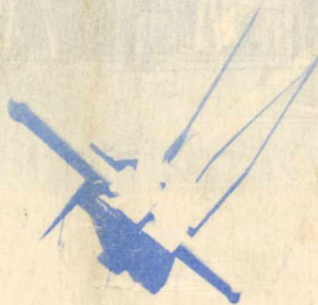
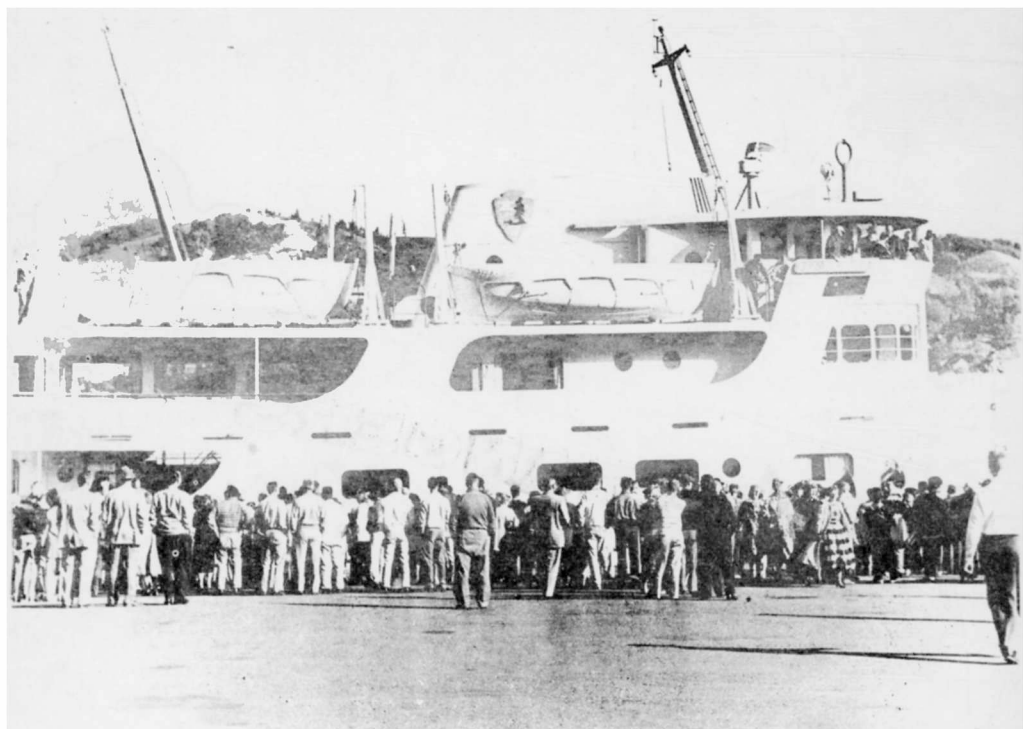


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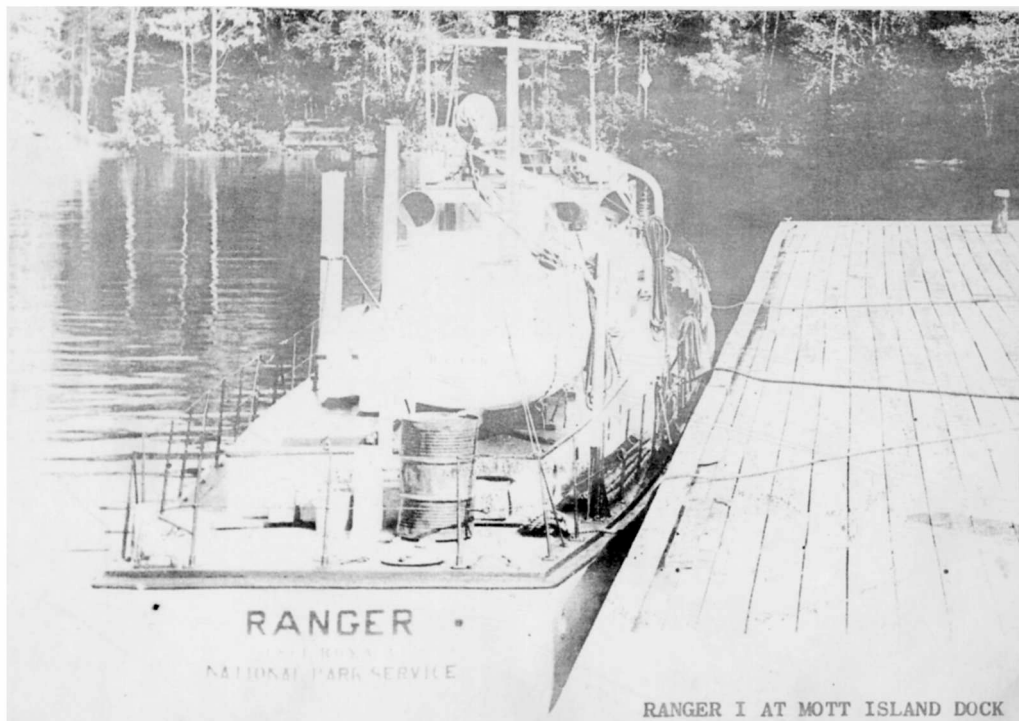
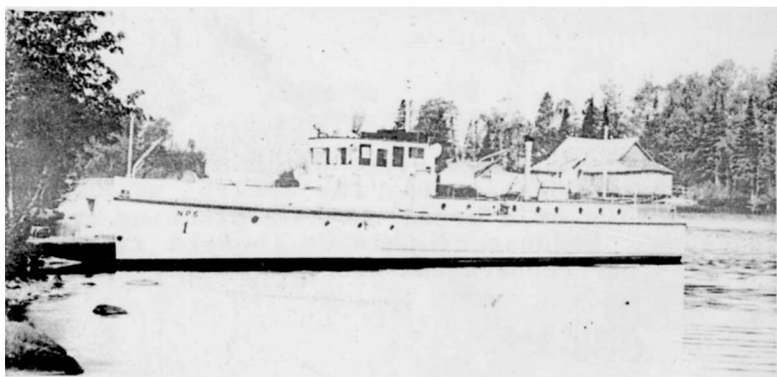
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**T**he biggest single event of 1958 at Isle Royale National Park was unquestionably the arrival of Ranger III....the culmination of a great deal of planning and work by many persons. Because of this we thought it most appropriate to give our readers the story of Ranger III.

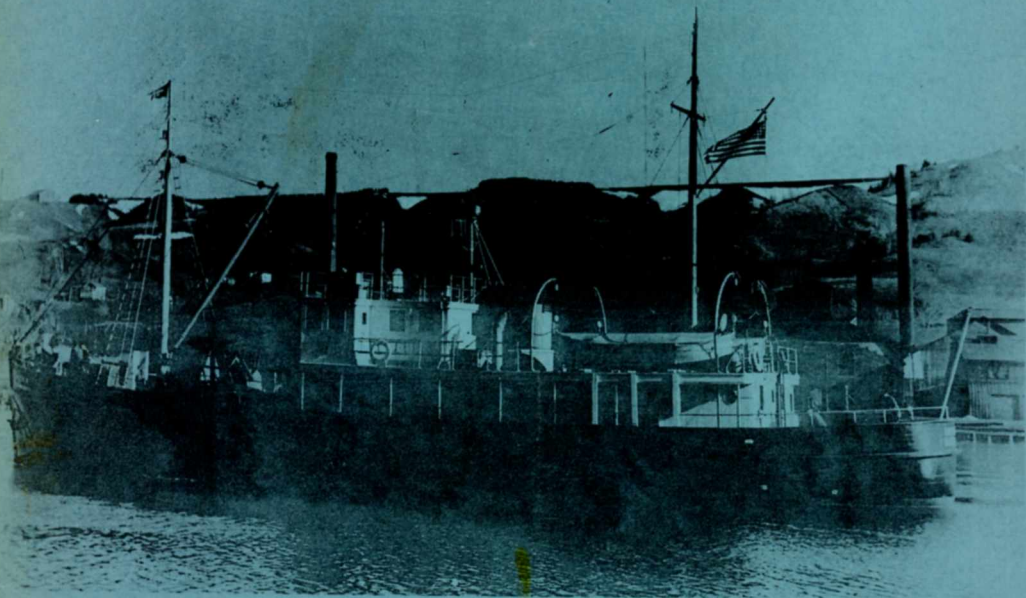
The beginning of the story goes back a few years..... Ranger I (or just "Ranger") came into service at Isle Royale away back in March, 1936. She was 75 feet long, less than half the length of Ranger III. Originally the Ranger I was a Coast Guard patrol boat, bearing the name CG 164. When she became Park Service property, she was called, simply: "NPS 1". At the same time an identical boat (originally CG 197) was obtained to become NPS 2. When NPS 1 was re-named "Ranger", NPS 2 became the "Beaver". The Ranger and the Beaver have been the source of many a story ever since. Captain C. R. Greenleaf was also "skipper" of Ranger I with the exception of the War years of '44 and '45 when Commodore Joe Colombe took over.

RANGER I AT WASHINGTON ISLAND



RANGER I AT MOTT ISLAND DOCK

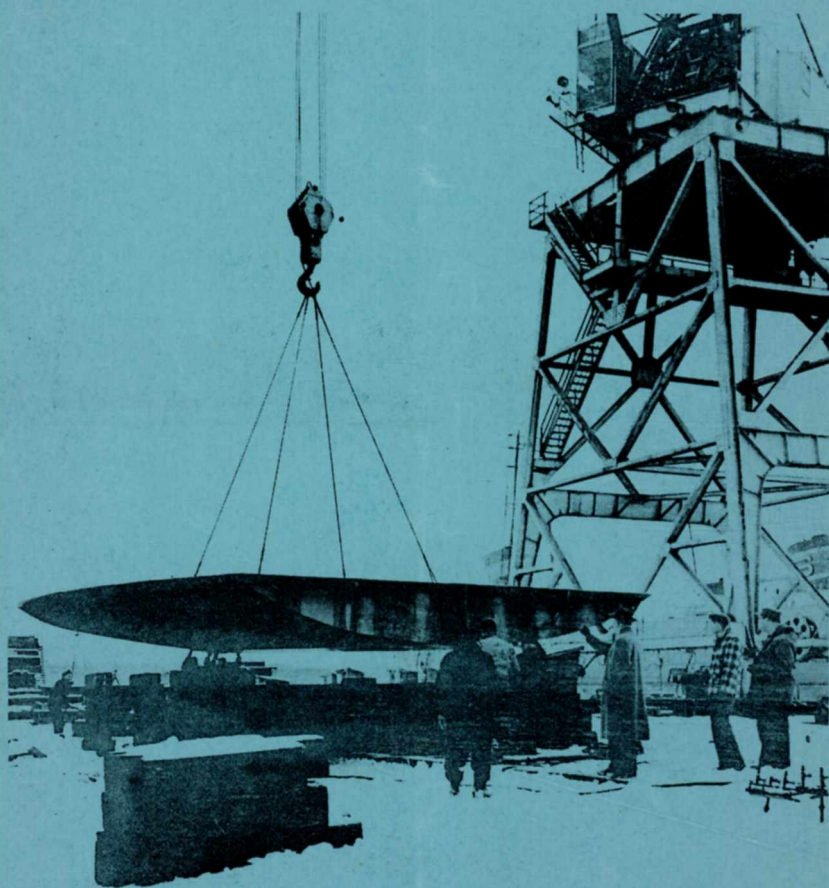
Ranger II was obtained in 1947 -- just after World War II. She was built on the west coast and her original purpose was an Army FS (freight and supply) vessel (US Army FS 63). Her length is 114-feet. On entering duty with the National Park Service she was put to use hauling supplies and personnel from Houghton to Isle Royale. Ranger II was never meant to be a passenger vessel and her limited passenger capacity has prevented many a would-be visitor from seeing Isle Royale. "The II", however, has been a faithful servant -- having moved many tons of equipment and supplies to the Park.



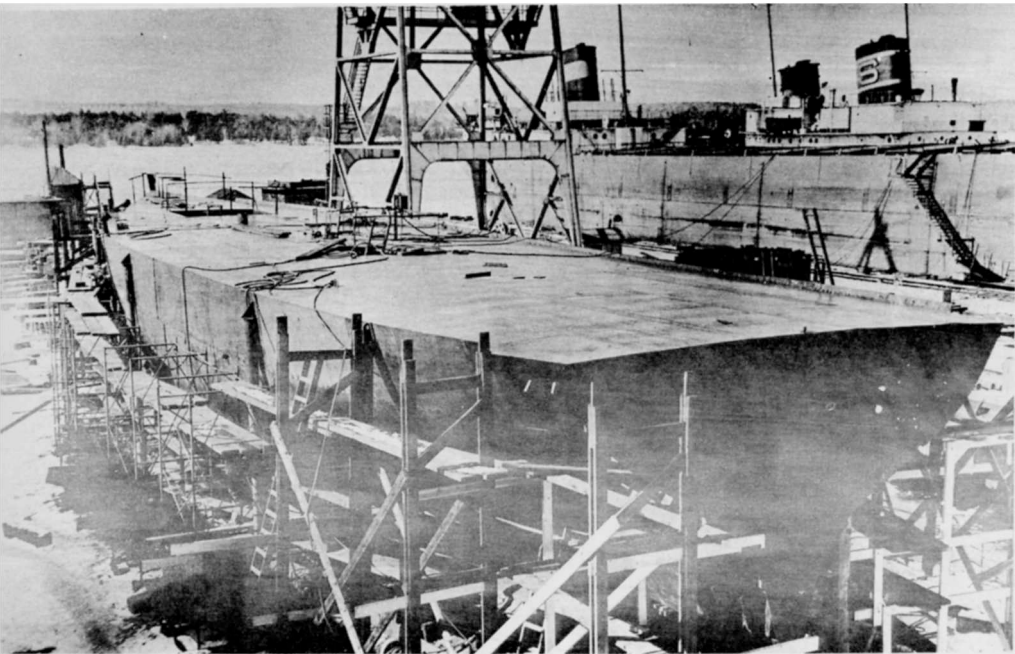
RANGER II IN PORTAGE LAKE AT HOUGHTON

The need for a large boat capable of carrying up to one hundred passengers per trip has long been recognized. Dozens of persons desiring to see Isle Royale National Park have been disappointed because they could not find acceptable transportation to the island.

Finally, in 1957, a meeting took place in Superintendent Lewis' Mott Island office which determined the exact needs for the "Ranger III". The new ship would have to do and act as many things -- freight, supply, passengers, break ice -- someone after the meeting joked: "why it was we didn't also make it submergable for easier crossings on rough days." From this day on many problems arose, most of which were satisfactorily solved. At times, though, we wondered if Ranger III was or wasn't to be. Following is a pictorial history of Ranger III.

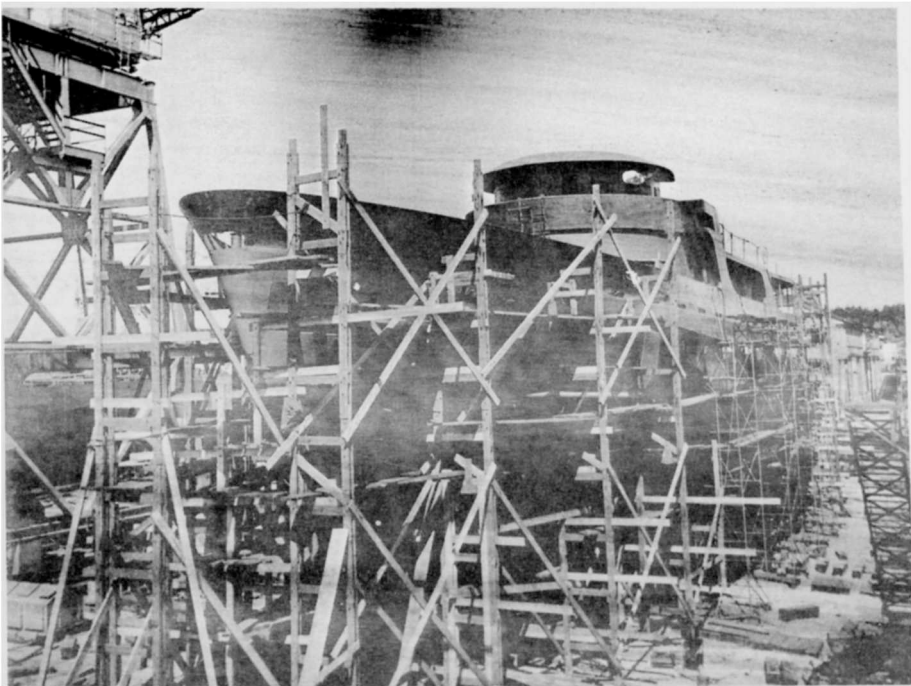


KEEL LAYING OF RANGER III TOOK PLACE AT THE CHRISTY CORPORATION YARDS IN STURGEON BAY, WISCONSIN ON JANUARY 21, 1958. Photo by Herb Reynolds.



**HER HULL TAKES SHAPE**

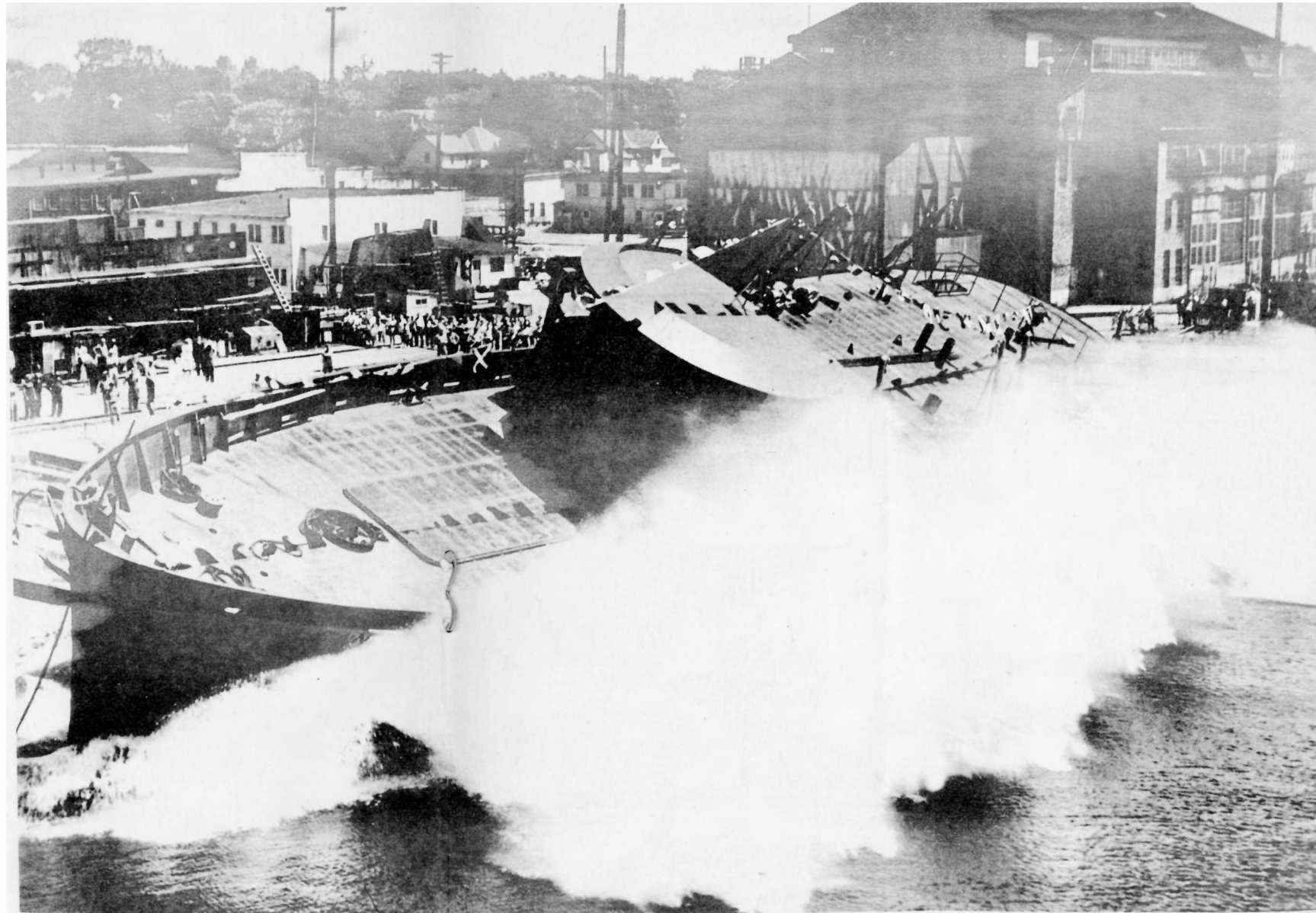
**Photos by Herb Reynolds, Sturgeon Bay.**

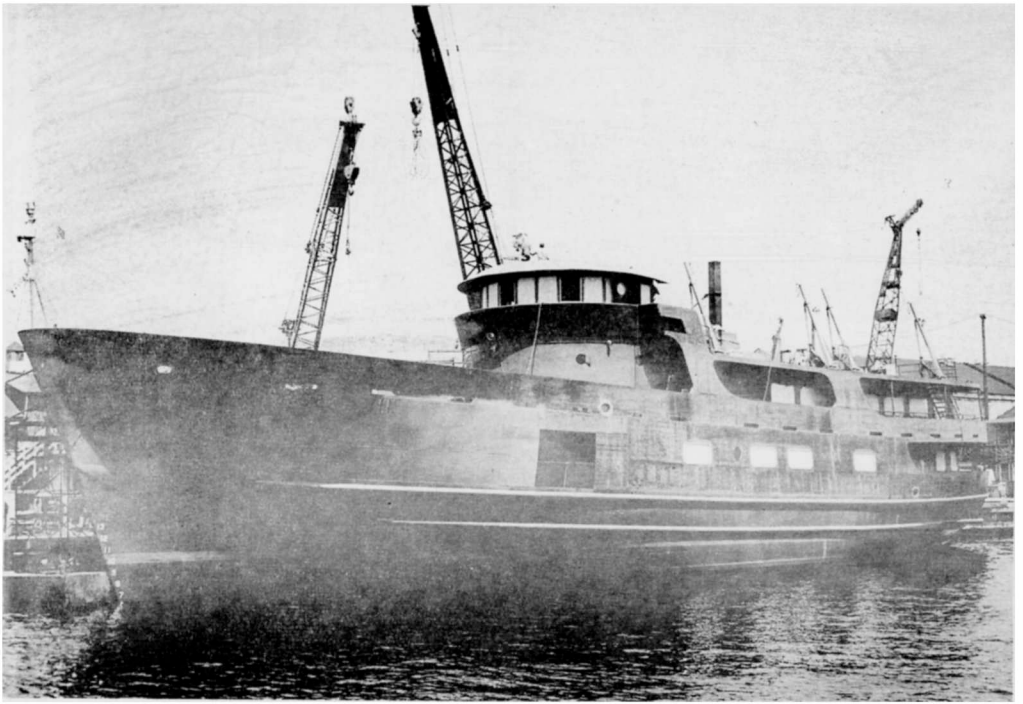




AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY AT STURGEON BAY ON JUNE 21. L-R: J. WARREN OLIVER, JOHN CABOT, EASTERN OFFICE OF DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION, NPS; MRS. R. A. STEARN (WIFE OF THE DESIGNER OF RANGER III); REGIONAL DIRECTOR DANIEL J. TOBIN; C. R. CHRISTIANSON, PRESIDENT OF THE CHRISTY CORP.; CONGRESSMAN JOHN B. BENNETT (R. 12<sup>th</sup> DIST., MICH.); MRS. JOHN BENNETT, SPONSORER AT THE CHRISTENING; SUPERINTENDENT JOHN G. LEWIS; MRS. C. R. CHRISTIANSON; COMMODORE EDWARD LIEBLEIN, U.S.C.G. AUXILLARY FLOTILLA 282 HOUGHTON-HANCOCK; CLARK STRATTON, CHIEF DIVISION OF CONCESSIONS MANAGEMENT, NPS, WASHINGTON OFFICE; STATE SENATOR (MICH.) LEO ROY. Photo by Herb Reynolds.

LAUNCHING OF THE RANGER III ON JUNE 21, 1958. Photo by Herb Reynolds.

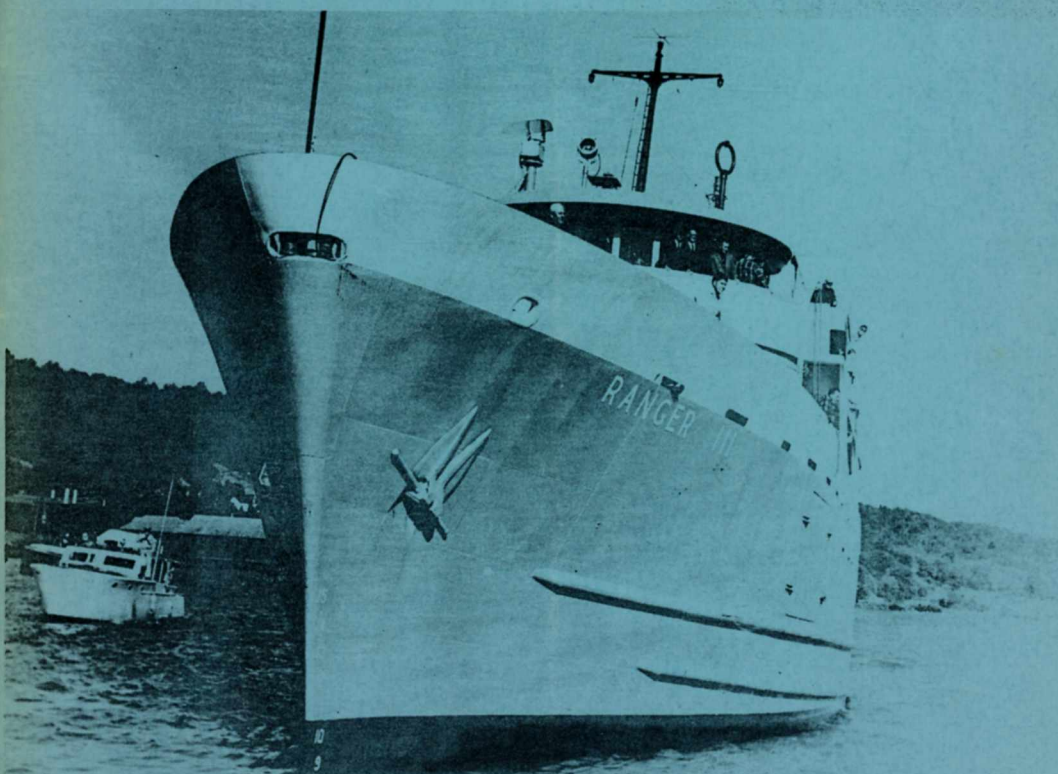




**PROGRESS AT THE OUTFITTING DOCK. JULY 1 (above) and AUGUST 1 (below).  
Photos by Herb Reynolds.**

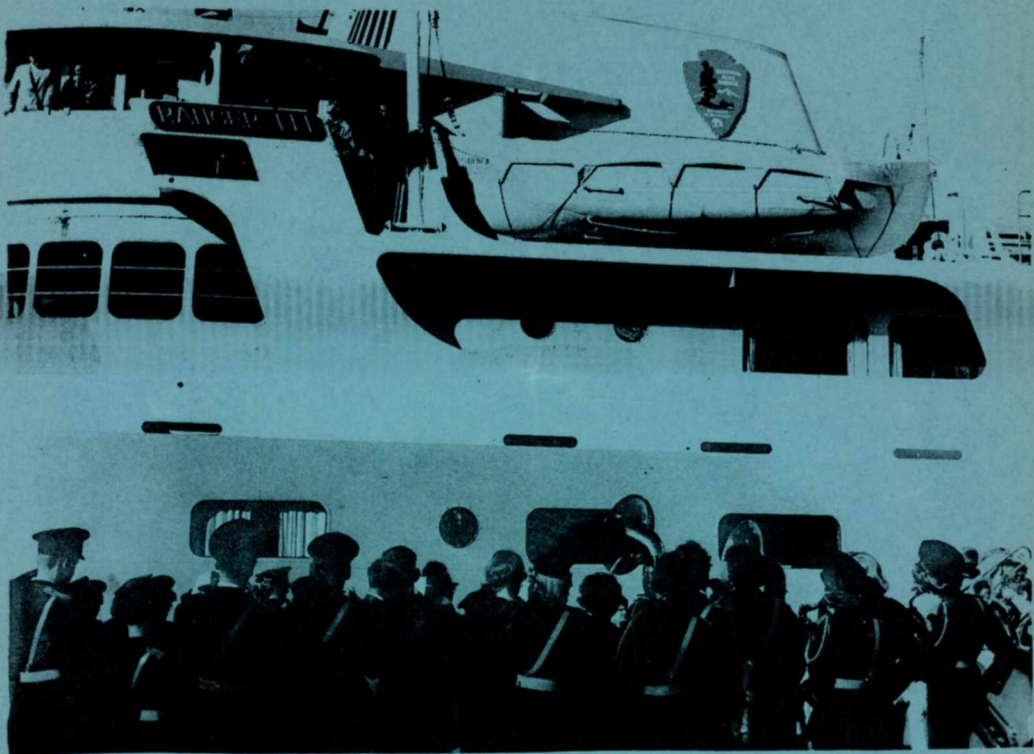


SEA TRIALS TOOK PLACE SEPTEMBER 24, 1958. Photo by Herb Reynolds.



SHE IS ESCORTED INTO HOUGHTON HEADQUARTERS DOCK BY THE HOUGHTON-HANCOCK COAST GUARD AUXILIARY ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1958. NPS photo

THE HOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND PLAYS AT HOUGHTON DOCKING. NPS photo.



.....AND CROWDS GATHER TO SEE THE NEW SHIP



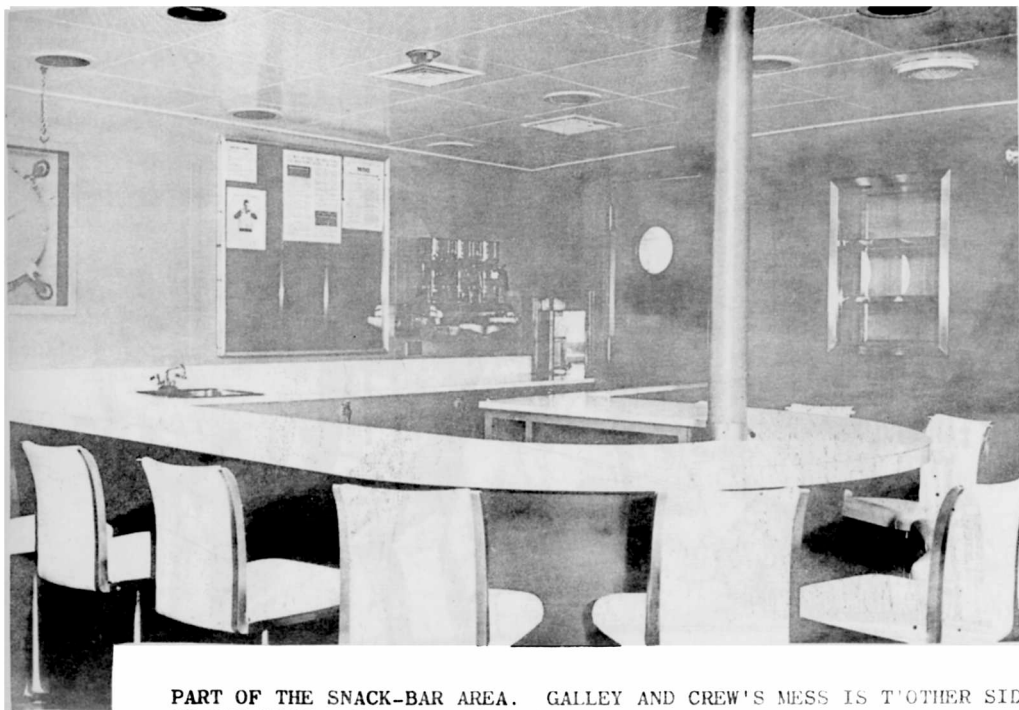
ON HER FIRST TRIP TO ISLE ROYALE, RANGER III ROUNDS BEAVER ISLAND,  
WASHINGTON HARBOR ON OCTOBER 7. NPS photo.



AND ON OCTOBER 8, RANGER III DOCKS AT MOTT ISLAND FOR THE FIRST TIME.



AND DELIGHTFUL INSIDE, TOO !



PART OF THE SNACK-BAR AREA. GALLEY AND CREW'S MESS IS T'OTHER SIDE  
OF THE DOOR. Photo by Herb Reynolds.

PASSENGER AND SMOKING LOUNGES ON THE PASSENGER DECK. Photo by Herb Reynolds.



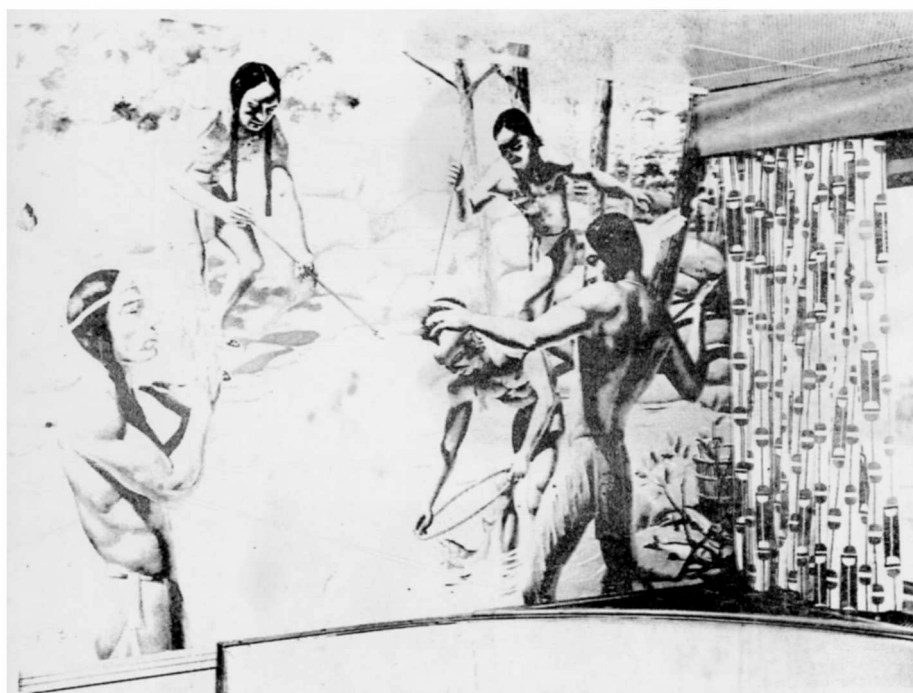
AIDING IN THE PARK'S INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM ARE THESE THREE MURALS BY ROBERT BUSHNELL LOCATED IN THE SMOKING LOUNGE. Photos by Herb Reynolds.



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