

## Paddle avisos (1st class, acquired)

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Displacement:	600t (as mercantile)
Dimensions:	149ft 1in wl x 27ft 3in x 11ft 5in mean
Same, meters:	<u>45.45 x 8.30 x 3.47m</u>
Machinery:	150nhp (Seaward & Capel)
Hull material:	Wood
Armament:	2-18p carronades
Complement:	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Builder</u>	<u>Laid down</u>	<u>Launched</u>	<u>Commiss.</u>	<u>Fate</u>
ECLAIREUR	Bordeaux	(?)	(1832)	25.2.34	Lost 12.2.35
RAMIER	Bordeaux	(?)	(1832)	13.2.34	Stk. 17.11.47

**Class.** These ships were built as Gironde and Garonne for a Bordeaux-Havre steam packet line being established by Inigo Expeleta & Cie. Gironde made the first sailing on the new line on 6.2.33 and Garonne followed on 21.3.33. The enterprise evidently failed almost immediately, for on 21.8.33 the Minister of Marine approved a contract for the purchase of the two ships, which were commissioned 2.34.

**Disposals.** Eclairer was lost on the Algerian coast. The engines of Ramier were condemned in 1847. Her hull became a service craft which was renamed Rameur before 1865, then Lighter No.3, and BU 1878 at Cherbourg.