

PATROL BOAT

Latest update on PT-658 and its new neighbor

UPDATE

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Motor Torpedo Boat *PT-658* has added a new museum area inside its boathouse at Swan Island in Portland, Oregon. The museum is above the maintenance area and bow of the PT-Boat and visitors can view the 78-foot patrol craft from a picture window inside the museum. There

Aerial view of *PT-658* with all battle stations manned at 35-knots on the Columbia River during October 2014.



Overview of *PT-658* from the museum landing inside the boathouse. Lots of detail work has been completed on the boat, which has been restored back to her original wartime configuration. (Nicholas A. Veronico)



T-658's new boathouse museum was built above the maintenance area and provides direct access from the shore. (Nicholas A. Veronico)

is a small theater and replicas of the living and working conditions of a typical wartime PT-Boat base. Once guests have completed the museum tour, they are able to exit the museum to tour the boat on the water.

The new museum is the first

step in the boat's future Education and Heritage Center, that envisions a \$3.5 million floating facility that will be moored alongside the boathouse. The boat is located at Pier 307, Vigor Shipyard, Swan Island, and is open from 9 am to 4 pm on Mon-

days, Thursdays, and Saturdays by advance arrangement.

For a full report on *PT-658*, see *Sea Classics* June 2015, or visit their website at www.savetheptboatinc.com.

Now moored adjacent to *PT-658's* boathouse is the USS *LCI(L)-713*, the official ship of the