

UNIT NUMBER:**BAYCHIMO**[pronounced Bay chigh mow] ex *ANGERMANALEVEN***AREA OF SERVICE:** EASTERN ARCTIC (1921)
SIBERIA (1922-1923)
WESTERN ARCTIC (1925-1931)**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Construction: Steel Steamer
 Designer and Builder: Lindholmens Verkstad Akliebolg, Gothenburg, Sweden
 Dimensions: Length - 230' Breadth - 36' Depth - 13.8'/15.1'
 Draft: 15.2'
 Number of passengers: 8-10 Number of crew: approximately 30
 Plans: HBCA Map Collection A.109/39, 40 [2 books of plans, includes *Baychimo*];
 Model in ivory by Chukchi native in Hudson's Bay Company Museum Collection (PP 3449, pp. 44-45)
 Power: Triple engines by Lindholmens 155 NHP/600 1HP Coal-fired
 Registered: London
 Speed: 8-9 knots
 Tonnage: Gross - 1078 Net - 594 Deadweight - 1670

**HISTORY:**

1914 Built at Gothenburg and christened *Angermanaleven*
 [1920] Ceded to British Government by Germany as part of war reparations
 1921 Purchased by Hudson's Bay Company for 15,000 pounds
 1921 Served in Eastern Arctic. Establishment of Pond's Inlet
 1922-1923 Served in Siberia with the Company's Kamchatka Venture
 1924 Sailed to Western Arctic by way of Suez Canal. Usually sailed by way of Panama so thus circumnavigated globe in course of career
 1925-1931 Served in Western Arctic
 1931, 10 October Icebound 60 miles from Point Barrow
 1931 26 November Disappeared in heavy blizzard. Began to drift locked in the ice as "ghost ship of the Arctic".
 1969 Most recent sighting noted in Hudson's Bay Company Archives. (PP 3409)
 1987 Wheel reported to be mounted on wall in Vancouver Rowing Club.

MASTERS:

1921 Thomas Smellie (Cardiff-Montreal only)
 1921 Enoch Falk
 1922 B.C. Edmunds
 1923-1931 S.A. Cornwell

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