

Martin PBM-3/5 *Mariner*



No caption/date [circa 1944?]/photo number; photographer unknown. On tarmac with beaching gear in place, with flight & maintenance crews and staff of unknown air station posed on the tarmac in front of the PBM; note the SPARs, tractors, depth charges, and open weapon bay under port nacelle.

History:

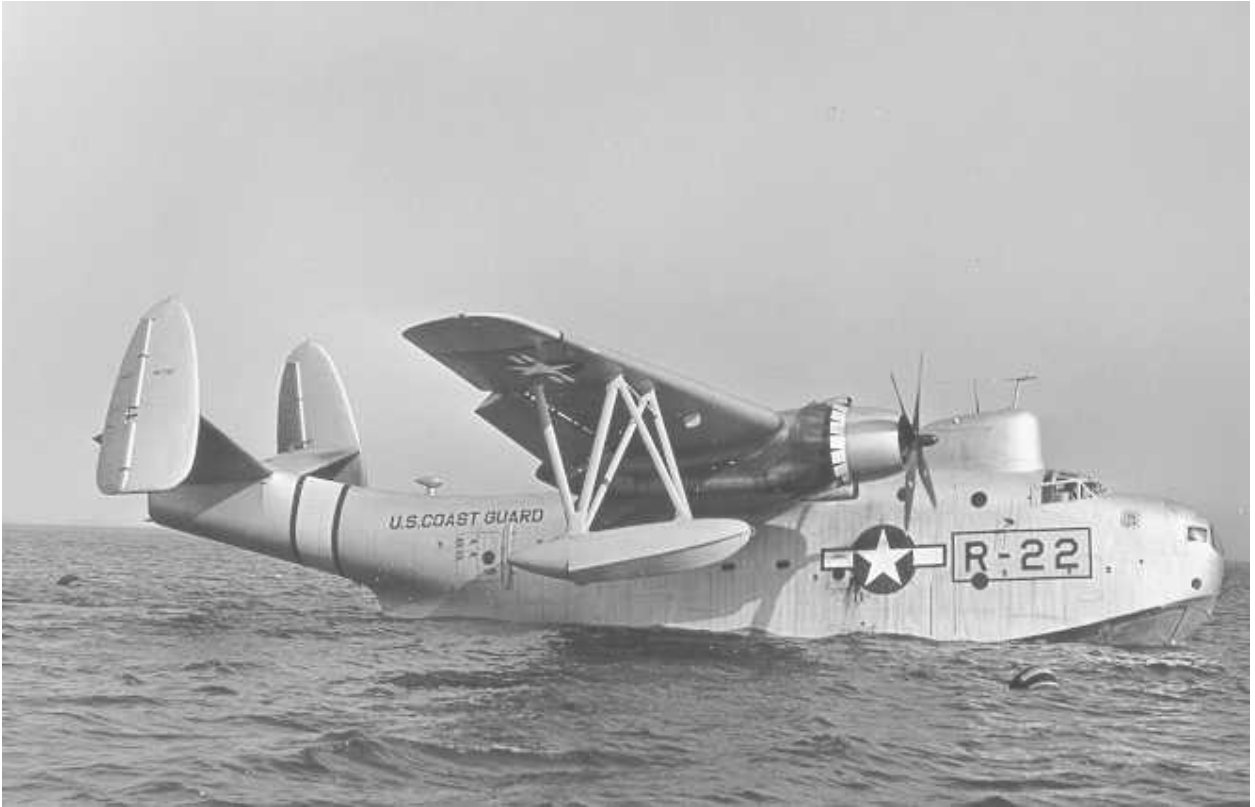
The Coast Guard acquired 27 Martin PBM-3 during the first half of 1943. In late 1944, the service acquired 41 PBM-5 models and more were delivered in the latter half of 1945. Ten were still in service in 1955 although all were gone from the inventory by 1956. These flying boats became the backbone of the long-range aerial search and rescue efforts of the Coast Guard in the early post-war years.

As of 31 October 1944 the Coast Guard's PBM's were stationed at the following Coast Guard Air Stations: five PBM-3's at Elizabeth City; one PBM-3C at Miami; two PBM-3S's at Port Angeles; two PBM-3S's at St. Petersburg; two PBM-3S's at Salem; one PBM-3C and three PBM-3S's at San Diego; and two PBM-3S's at San Francisco.

USCG Service Number	Type:	Date acquired:	Disposition:	Notes, stations assigned, general information, etc.
1284	P5M-1G	20 Nov 1953	Transferred to USN	
1285	P5M-1G	Jun 1954	Transferred to USN	
1286	P5M-1G	Jul 1954	Transferred to USN	
1287	P5M-1G	Sep 1954	Transferred to USN	AIRSTA San Francisco (July 1955)
1295	P5M-1G	Sep 1954	Transferred to USN	
1296	P5M-1G	Jul 1954	Transferred to USN	AIRSTA San Francisco (August 1955)
1297	P5M-1G	Aug 1954	Transferred to USN	
1312	P5M-2G		Transferred to USN	Stationed at AIRSTA St. Petersburg; Stationed at AIRSTA San Francisco
1318	P5M-2G		Transferred to USN	AIRSTA San Diego (1958)
1319	P5M-2G		Transferred to USN	
1320	P5M-2G		Transferred to USN	



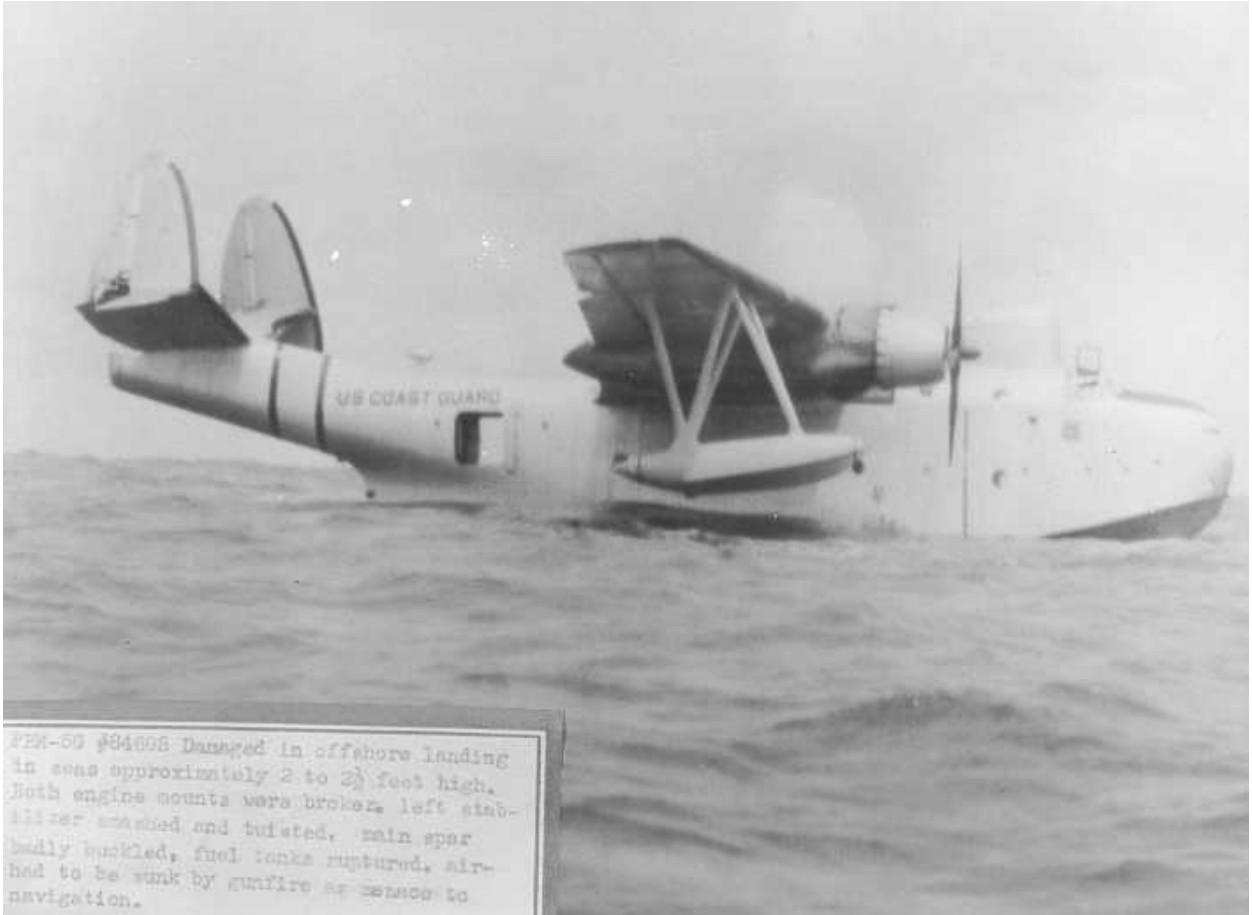
No caption/date/photo number; photographer unknown. On ramp in preparation for launch, crew is running to the PBM; view is forward quarter, port side. Note beaching gear and anchor with hoist.



Original caption: "Coast Guard Air Station PBM 94732 taxiing for take-off. This is the type plane used for off shore landings."; Photo No. A-136; 10 July 1947; photographer unknown.







"PBM-5G #84698, Damaged in offshore landing in seas approximately 2 to 2 1/2 feet high. Both engine mounts were broken, left stabilizer smashed and twisted, main spar badly buckled, fuel tanks ruptured, air-[craft] had to be sunk by gunfire as menace to navigation."; no date/photo number; photographer unknown. View from starboard, photo is slightly out of focus and faded.

AIRCRAFT TYPE/SERIES: **PBM-3 Martin Mariner Model 162**

Total Units Operated: 37

Entered Service : 12/05/43

Exited Service : 07/01/46

Months Operated : 31

USCG No.	Date Comm	Rec'd From	Date Decom	Type	Station	MSN	Disp
6513	03/02/45	USN	05/18/46	PBM-3S	SFO	2966	To USN

6515	12/05/43	USN	03/10/46	PBM-3S	SAN	2968	To USN
6518	02/29/44	USN	04/23/46	PBM-3S	NOW	2971	To USN
6519	02/17/45	USN	04/23/46	PBM-3S	PIE	2972	To USN
6524	02/10/45	USN	01/18/46	PBM-3S	DKY	2977	To USN
6535	12/20/43	USN	04/30/46	PBM-3S	PIE	2988	To USN
6542	05/15/44	USN	05/15/46	PBM-3S	ECG	2995	To USN
6559	12/05/43	USN	11/29/45	PBM-3S	DKY	3012	To USN
6573	12/20/43	USN	08/11/44	PBM-3S	NOW	3026	To USN
6574	02/29/44	USN	05/15/46	PBM-3S	PIE	3027	To USN
6576	08/04/44	USN	04/19/45	PBM-3S	ECG	3029	To SLM
	04/19/45	USN	06/07/46	PBM-3S	SLM		To USN
6581	12/21/43	USN	05/17/46	PBM-3S	SLM	3034	To USN

6582	12/20/43	USN	05/23/46	PBM-3S	SAN	3035	To USN
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6586	08/07/44	USN	05/19/45	PBM-3S	SAN	3039	To USN
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6589	01/01/44	USN	04/24/46	PBM-3S	ECG	3042	To USN
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6590	12/21/43	USN	05/21/45	PBM-3S	NOW	3043	To USN
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6593	01/26/44	USN	08/23/44	PBM-3S	NOW	3046	To USN
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6596	12/26/43	USN	05/17/46	PBM-3S	DKY	3049	To USN
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6601	12/21/43	USN	07/31/44	PBM-3S	SFO	3054	To USN
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6602	03/08/44	USN	08/02/44	PBM-3S	ECG	3055	To USN
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6613	01/01/44	USN	07/01/46	PBM-3S	SAN	3066	To USN
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6615	12/05/43	USN	05/13/45	PBM-3S	SFO	3068	To USN
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6620	05/05/45	USN	06/07/46	PBM-3S	SFO	3073	To USN
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6656	03/31/44	USN	08/10/44	PBM-3S	SFO	3109	To USN
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6663	02/29/44	USN	08/02/44	PBM-3S	ECG	3116	To USN
6665	12/20/43	USN	04/19/46	PBM-3S	SAN	3118	To USN
6666	02/29/44	USN	06/28/45	PBM-3S	SFO	3119	To USN
6678	12/20/43	USN	10/19/44	PBM-3S	SLM	3131	To USN
6694	01/01/44	USN	05/10/46	PBM-3S	SLM	3147	To USN
6707	12/21/43	USN	08/19/44	PBM-3S	SLM	3160	To USN
6710	12/27/43	USN	03/25/46	PBM-3S	ECG	3163	To USN
6746	12/20/43	USN	08/19/44	PBM-3S	PIE	3199	To USN
6747	12/20/43	USN	09/21/44	PBM-3S	PIE	3200	To USN
01658	05/02/45	USN	05/15/46	PBM-3S	NOW	3216	To USN
01663 DBR	05/02/45	USN	01/11/46	PBM-3S	SFO	3221	Crash
01680	05/02/45	USN	06/17/46	PBM-3S	NOW	3238	To USN

48214	10/12/45	USN	06/21/46	PBM-3D	DKY	7968	To USN
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