

Pattern: HMS Leith & Wellington, Grimsby Class Sloop; Introduced in to NZ Service: 1934; Withdrawn: 1939
Leith Builder: HM Dockyard Devonport; Launched: 9/9/1933; Commissioned 10/7/1934.
Laburnum Builder: HM Dockyard Devonport; Launched 29'5'34; Commissioned 22/1/1935.
Tonnage: 990; Dimensions: 266 x 250 x 34 x 8.7 ft (81.1 x 76.2 x 10.4 x 2.7 m).
Machinery: 2 shaft, oil fired steam turbine, 2000 shp; Speed: 16.5 knots.
Armament: Guns – 2 x 4.7 in, 4 x 3 Pdr, 1 x 3 in AA, MGs; Complement: 102.



HMS Wellington

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These two sloops were attached to the NZ Station and operated as part of the NZ Division. *Leith* arrived in November 1934 replacing *Veronica*, *Wellington* arrived in May 1935 and replaced *Laburnum*. Both ships were recalled to Admiralty service in August 1939, they were stored for war and departed for Singapore, later returning to England.

Leith was sold in November 1946 for commercial use. *Wellington* was sold in 1947 to the Honourable Company of Master mariners as a HQ ship and after being fitted out was moored on the River Thames at Victoria Embankment, London.

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