

= Italian cruiser Euridice =

Euridice was a torpedo cruiser of the Partenope class built for the Italian Regia Marina (Royal Navy) in the 1880s . She was built by the Regio Cantiere di Castellammare di Stabia shipyard , with her keel laying in February 1889 , her launching in September 1890 , and her commissioning in May 1891 . Her main armament were her six torpedo tubes , which were supported by a battery of ten small 47 mm caliber guns . Euridice spent most of her career in the main Italian fleet , where she was primarily occupied with training exercises . She was withdrawn from service in 1907 and sold for scrapping .

= = Design = =

Euridice was 73 meters (239 ft 10 in) long overall and had a beam of 8 meters (27 ft 0 in) and an average draft of 3 meters (11 ft 5 in) . She displaced 904 metric tons (890 long tons ; 996 short tons) normally . Her propulsion system consisted of a pair of horizontal triple expansion steam engines , each driving a single screw propeller , with steam supplied by four coal fired locomotive boilers . Specific figures for Euridice 's engine performance have not survived , but the ships of her class had top speeds of 18 to 20 knots (33 to 38 km / h ; 20 to 23 mph) at 3 , 884 to 4 , 422 indicated horsepower (2 , 896 to 3 , 297 kW) . The ship had a cruising radius of about 1 , 800 nautical miles (3 , 300 km ; 2 , 100 mi) at a speed of 10 knots (19 km / h ; 12 mph) . She had a crew of between 96 ? 121 .

Euridice was armed with a main battery of one 120 mm (4 .7 in) / 40 gun and six 57 mm (2 .2 in) / 43 guns mounted singly. She was also equipped with three 37 mm (1 .5 in) / 20 guns in single mounts . Her primary offensive weapon was her six 450 mm (17 .7 in) torpedo tubes . The ship was protected by an armored deck that was up to 1 .6 in (41 mm) thick ; her conning tower was armored with the same thickness of steel plate .

= = Service history = =

The keel for Euridice was laid down on 14 February 1889 at the Regio Cantiere di Castellammare di Stabia (Royal Dockyard in Castellammare di Stabia) . The completed hull was launched on 22 September 1890 . After fitting out work was completed , the ship was commissioned into the fleet on 1 May 1891 . Euridice took part in the annual fleet exercises in 1893 in the " attacking squadron " , which also included six ironclads , her sister ship Iride and the torpedo cruisers Goito and Monzambano . During the maneuvers , which lasted from 6 August to 5 September , the ships of the Active Squadron simulated a French attack on the Italian fleet .

In 1895 , she was assigned to the 2nd Division of the Permanent Squadron , which included her sister ship Calatafimi , the ironclad battleship Francesco Morosini , and the protected cruiser Etruria . The Squadron was based at La Spezia at the time , though Euridice was stationed primarily in Taranto and Naples , along with most of the other torpedo cruisers of the Italian fleet . In 1896 , she took part in the annual summer maneuvers in July as part of the Second Division of the Reserve Squadron , which also included the ironclads Italia and Ruggiero di Lauria and the protected cruiser Stromboli .

Euridice took part in an international naval demonstration in 1897 off Crete during a period of tension between Greece and the Ottoman Empire that culminated in the Greco - Turkish War . At the time , she was assigned to the 1st Division , which included the three Re Umberto class ironclads and the protected cruisers Giovanni Bausan and Vesuvio . In 1903 , Euridice was assigned to the 1st Squadron , along with her sister Minerva . The unit also included eight battleships , six other cruisers , and six destroyers . The 1st Squadron was kept in active service for seven months of the year for training , and had reduced crews for the remainder of the year . The ship was sold for scrap in March 1907 and subsequently broken up .