

Dresden Belle

Owner: Carl Deaton

Home Port: St. Albans, WV, Kanawha River Mile Marker 46.2

Hull Type: Scow Bow

Hull Material: Steel

Length: 83'

Width: 16'

Draft: 2'

Wheel Diameter: 11'

Wheel Width: 12'

of Buckets: 12

Engine Type/Size: 5.9 Cummins Diesel 210 HP

Drive Train Type: Marine Transmission, V belt reduction, 160 chain final drive

Built By: David Comisford

Built at: Gaysport, OH

Date: 1988

Past Names (oldest to newest): Melanie Ann, Dresden Belle

Description and History: The original owner and builder, David and Melanie Comisford, sold the boat to Omer and Suzanne Jenkins and Dale and Doris Fowler in 1996. The partnership changed the boat's name and operated the boat on the Muskingum River for about 2 years out of Lent's Landing above Lock 3 in Lowell, OH. I purchased the boat in 1998 and have replaced the engine, drive train, wheel, and installed a new Type II MSD over the years.

My crew consisting of First Mate, Connie Hines, mascot Cuddles, and myself operate the boat on the Ohio River and its' tributaries about 1,000 miles a Season.

The boat burns approximately 3 gallons per hour of fuel at 1500 RPM doing about 7 miles per hour with a range of around 1000 miles. The boat carries 500 gallons of fuel and 600 gallons of water.

