

Dixie

Owner: Sheila Diane Heckert

Home Port: Parkersburg, WV; Little Kanawha River Mile Marker 5

Hull Type:

Hull Material: Steel

Length: 95'

Width: 20'

Draft:

Wheel Diameter:

Wheel Width:

of Buckets:

Engine Type/Size: G.M. 6-71, 165 HP

Drive Train Type:

Built By: Nashville Bridge Company

Built at: Nashville, TN

Date: 1937

Past Names (oldest to newest): Dixie

Description and History:

The Dixie was built in 1937 by Nashville Bridge Co. in Nashville, TN for Capt. Frank W. Paden of Sardis, OH. She was sold shortly after being built to Standard Sand & Gravel of Wheeling, WV, and regularly handled barges of sand and gravel along the Ohio River and tributaries. She was sold in 1966 to W.L. Johnson Towing Company of Shippingport, PA, and subsequently in 1971 to Sidney E. Johnson of Beaver Falls, PA, and in 1975 to Primo & Jan DiCarlo of East Liverpool, OH. Under ownership of the DiCarlo family, Capt. John Beatty of Warsaw, KY rehailed the vessel and additionally rebuilt the cabin to mimic the style of the Str. Delta Queen. The Dixie was sold again in 1998 to Capt. "Heck" Heckert and Sheila Diane Heckert of Parkersburg, WV. The vessel sank in 2000, and subsequently suffered a devastating fire in 2001, but the Heckert family rebuilt the vessel and restored it to a modern-day version of how the vessel appeared in 1937.

