

Blennerhassett

Owner: Dana Tomes

Home Port: Majestic Landing, Huntington, WV, Ohio River Mile Marker 300.2

Hull Type: Scow Bow

Hull Material: 5/16 "Steel

Length: Overall - 90' 3" (Hull is 64' 9") **Width:** 20' 4"

Draft: 18"

Wheel Diameter: 11'

Wheel Width: 10'

of Buckets: 18

Engine Type/Size: 671 GMC motor

Drive Train Type: Chain

Built By: Everett Ruble

Built at: Belpre, OH

Date: 1980

Past Names (oldest to newest): Blennerhassett

Description and History: The Blennerhassett was originally built as a deck barge in 1980 to haul equipment and materials to Blennerhassett Island during the mansion renovation project, being towed by the sternwheeler Centennial. In 1982, the builder added the superstructure and converted it to a sternwheeler. The Blennerhassett replaced the Centennial as the main transporter to the island state park at that time and served in that capacity for the next 27 years. The boat served as the primary passenger transport vessel between Parkersburg and Blennerhassett Island, running several trips daily to ferry passengers, until 2009. The boat did charter service for then owner Ruble's Sternwheelers until January 2018 when it sank during heavy ice flow in high water at its landing in Belpre, OH. The boat was raised in June 2019 and sold to the current owner who repaired the hull and moved the boat to Huntington, WV where as of early 2020 it was undergoing a complete remodel in an attempt to return to regular passenger service. The boat is USCG certified to carry 119 passengers and crew on its main deck interior and open upper deck.

