

Hobby III

Owner: JD & Becky Pauley

Home Port: Nitro, WV, Kanawha River Mile Marker 47.2 RDB (Port Of Indecisions)

Hull Type: Scow Bow

Hull Material: Steel

Length: 65'

Width: 16'

Draft: 17"

Wheel Diameter: 10'

Wheel Width: 8'

of Buckets: 12

Engine Type/Size: Cat 3056 150 HP

Drive Train Type: See below

Built By: Originally Harry Wilson rehailed by JD Pauley & Denny Dawson

Built at: Belpre, OH

Date: 1977-1985

Past Names (oldest to newest): Hobby III

Description and History:

Hull: All steel with ¼" bow and stern with ½" overlays. Sides and bottom are 3/16". The hull is scow bow with 5 water tight compartments and a 12" x 20' scag in the center. The old hull was removed and this new one installed in 2000. The Hobby has 4 rudders.

Drive Train: The Hobby has a Velvet Drive 72C, 1.51:1 reduction transmission coupled to a V-belt reduction wheel which is coupled to a 6:1 Western reducing gear box and to the paddlewheel with a #160 chain.

Builder: The late Captain Harry Wilson began building the Hobby in 1977. It was finally launched in 1985.

Superstructure: The Hobby has a wooden superstructure with the lower cabin area measuring 12' W x 44' L. The boat sleeps four down stairs. Two on a pull-out couch and two in the bedroom. The recently renovated 10' W x 23' L Pilothouse/Texas cabin also sleeps four. The Hobby has a full bath and a complete kitchen with propane stove. She also has central air and heat.

Misc: The Hobby has a 6.5 KW Kubota diesel generator and holds 210 gallons of fresh water, 250 gallons of diesel fuel and has a 110 gallon holding tank. The pilothouse is also radar equipped and has a Garmin GPS system. Additionally there is a satellite TV hookup in the lower cabin area and the entire boat is protected with a rather sophisticated security system.

