

Kanawha

Owner: Duke and Christy Grant

Home Port: Nitro, WV, Kanawha River Mile Marker 47.1

Hull Type: Scow Bow

Hull Material: Steel

Length: 84'

Width: 16.5'

Draft: 30"

Wheel Diameter: 12'

Wheel Width: 9'

of Buckets: 14

Engine Type/Size: 671 Detroit

Drive Train Type: Twin Disc Marine 1.51:1, #160 chain to wheel, sprocket reduction 4.15:1

Built By: Eddie Erlbacker

Built at: Girardeau, MO

Date: 1937

Past Names (oldest to newest): Shawnee, Delane Waxler, Carolyn Sue, Shiela D, Pamela D, Miss Lona, Kanawha

Description and History: Built as a single screw towboat in 1937 by Eddie Erlbacker of Girardeau, MO. Her original name was Shawnee. She was sold in 1961 to Waxler towing company of Memphis and renamed Delane Waxler. She was sold to Scioto Docking Inc. of Portsmouth, OH and renamed the Carolyn Sue. She was bought by R.C. Heckert of Parkersburg, WV in 1985, converted to a sternwheeler and named Sheila D. In 1998, she was sold to Frank and Pam Fink of Charleston, WV and renamed the Pamela D. She was then sold to Jeremy Tardy in 2008 and renamed Miss Lona. Her current owners are Duke and Christy Grant.

