

Major

Owner: Jason Sands

Home Port: Marietta, OH, Muskingum River Mile Marker 1

Hull Type: Raked Bow& Stern

Hull Material: Steel

Length: 64' 7"

Width: 18'

Draft: 3' 6"

Wheel Diameter: 12' 6"

Wheel Width: 10' 6" (split wheel with a common shaft)

of Buckets: 24

Engine Type/Size: Detroit Series 60

Drive Train Type: MG 514

Built By: Charles Ward Engineering

Built at: Charleston, WV

Date: 1928

Past Names (oldest to newest): Major

Description and History: A sternwheel towboat built in 1928 by Charles Ward Engineering Works, Charleston, WV. The boat was originally owned by Kelley's Creek Barge Line, Ward, WV. She was sold to White Brothers, Inc. in Belle, WV and sank at Witcher Creek, WV in 1975. The boat was not raised until November 1982 when Madison Coal & Supply Company in Charleston, WV purchased it. The **Major** is one of the few remaining sternwheel towboats doing commercial work on the inland rivers today.

