

# Mississippi Princess II

**Owner:** David & Wendy Pfaffinger

**Home Port:** Sabula, IA

**Hull Type:** 3' x 5' pontoons with shallow V between

**Hull Material:** Steel

**Length:** 70'

**Width:** 20'

**Draft:** 3'

**Wheel Diameter:** 15'

**Wheel Width:** 2 x 64"

**# of Buckets:** 2 x 16

**Engine Type/Size:** 2 x 42 HP Mercedes Diesel

**Drive Train Type:** 2 x hydrostatic

**Built By:** Dallman/Muller Boatworks

**Built at:** Stillwater, Minnesota

**Date:** 1978

**Past Names (oldest to newest):** John Theodore, White Eagle II, Mississippi Princess II

## Description and History:

One-third size replica of an authentic sternwheel river boat. Originally, a crew boat with steel pontoons—4 feet wide and 5 feet deep—that were divided into five separate compartments. It had a farm tractor engine and a single paddlewheel. It had a full hull built between the pontoons in 1978 and constructed the rest as close to authentic as possible. The hull is 55 feet long and measures 70 feet to the back of the paddles. It is 14 and a half feet wide and with the walkways, measures just over 20 feet. It holds 240 gallons of fuel, 40 gallons of water and has three holding tanks that total 120 gallons. It is licensed to hold 45 passengers. Twin 42 hp Mercedes diesels set to run only at idle power the boat's hydraulic system. Top speed is about 8 mph, burning just a gallon and a half an hour.

