

River Lady

Owner: Harold Harasko & Wendy Richards

Home Port: Contoocook River, Concord NH

Hull Type: Bow

Hull Material: Plywood

Length: 30'

Width: 9'10"

Draft: 24"

Wheel Diameter: 7'

Wheel Width: 6'

of Buckets: 10

Engine Type/Size: Subaru 1.8 4 gallon

Drive Train Type: A/T Transmission

Built By: Harold and Wendy

Built at: Concord, NH

Date: August 2009

Past Names (oldest to newest): River Lady

Description and History:

The River Lady was built in 2003-2009 on the banks of the Contoocook River, Concord, New Hampshire.

The plans we bought were for a 1943 sternwheeler. We changed some of the plans to our liking. Her name came from a song that Roger Whittaker did about a schooner named the River Lady. She is framed with white oak. Sheathed over with a 7 ply 1/2"marine plywood (marantie)(Lords of London approved) waterproof plywood. Paint and fiberglass cloth and resin finished her outside. Inside she has notty pine walls. Kitchen, stove and the countertops made from leftover oak. Sink in the bathroom is a porthole window.

You can steer her from inside the cabin and also from the top of the boat. Seven years in the making. Many of our family and friends would stop by to see our progress and want to help. It was very special for anyone to put a screw in the boat. They felt they were a part of it. There were about 3,000 screws in it. She was launched on Sunday, September 6, 2009 @ 7:32 am. Her big voyage was doing the Erie Canal in 2016. It took us 831 miles on the canal. Every lock knew we were coming. They knew our name and was waiting for us. It was a great trip for a homemade boat. Her summer days are spent on the Contoocook River giving rides to family and friends!

