

William D

Owner: John & David Lehew

Home Port: Syracuse, OH, Ohio River Mile Marker 244.5

Hull Type: Raked Bow and Stern

Hull Material: 3/16" Steel

Length: 65'

Width: 18'

Draft: 2'

Wheel Diameter: 13'

Wheel Width: 5' x 2

of Buckets: 12 x 2

Engine Type/Size: Cummings 6BT

Drive Train Type: Closed circuit dual path hydraulic

Built By: David Lehew

Built at: Point Pleasant WV

Date: 2011-2014

Past Names (oldest to newest): William D

Description and History: William D is a Father and Son venture that began around 2011. Skinney Bill was our first Sternwheeler, but it had several deficiencies so we wanted to try to build a new boat that would better suit us. Unfortunately, Skinney Bill sank while William D was under construction; so we knew William D had to work. William D's name sake is William "Skinney" David Lehew. He is the late father of John Lehew. William D was built by David Lehew in Point Pleasant, WV in John's back yard. It took roughly 4 years to get William D running under it's own power. In 2019 a "Party Barge" was constructed from an old steel hulled house boat for William D to push around the river. In the spring of 2020 monkey rudders were added to aid in steering the barge. The Father and Son duo still enjoy running William D to the Fall festivals, and hope to continue running William D for years to come.

