

Jack B

Owner: Jake Kilburg

Home Port: Pittsburgh, PA, Allegheny River Miler Marker 3

Hull Type: Modified Scow

Hull Material: steel

Length: 37'

Width: 13'

Overall Length: 50ft

Draft: 2' 5"

Wheel Diameter: 11'

Wheel Width: 10'

of Buckets: 12

Engine Type/Size: 1969 GM/Mercruiser 250 straight six

Drive Train Type: Gasoline engine with TH350 transmission connected to multi-stage belt and chain reduction

Built By: Jack Bedeck & Jake Kilburg

Built at: Pittsburgh, PA

Date started: Feb of 2021

Past Names (oldest to newest): N/A

Description and History: I had been planning to build a live aboard/travel boat of some type. After taking a ride with Jack Bedeck and his family on their boat the E.L. Thumper back in 2020, I was bitten by the sternwheel bug. Jack graciously agreed to help me with the project and produced a detailed set of blueprints based on some sketches I made. He has since provided an uncountable amount of help and advice during the construction process.

The hull was welded up on the shore of the Ohio River around mile 2. We set the first piece of hull plate in on April of 2021. The bare hull without cabin or drivetrain went in the water in late November of the same year. The rest of the construction has been done a few miles upriver at our landing in Millvale, PA.

Current tankage configuration is 150 gallons of gasoline and 100 gallons of water.



New: 2023