

# Nemacolin

**Owner:** Brian & Sheila Patterson

**Home Port:** Henderson, WV, Kanawha River Mile Marker 1

**Hull Type:** Scow Bow

**Hull Material:** Steel

**Length:** 100'

**Width:** 20'

**Draft:** 3' 6"

**Wheel Diameter:** 12' 6"

**Wheel Width:** 12'

**# of Buckets:** 24

**Engine Type/Size:** Detroit GM 6-71 120 HP

**Drive Train Type:** Twin Disc MG 509, 200 double chain

**Built By:** Dravo Contracting Company

**Built at:** Neville Island, PA

**Date:** 1929

**Past Names (oldest to newest):** Nemacolin, Glenda H, Laura J, Nemacolin

**Description and History:** **Nemacolin** was built as a sternwheel tow boat in 1929 at Neville Island, PA by Dravo Contracting Company for the United States Army Corp of Enginners. Originally the hull was only 16' wide and was proved to be too narrow and was widened in 1947. In April of 1954, she was purchased by the J.F. Hardymon Company, of Maysville, KY and renamed the **Glenda H.**, then in 1970, Capt. Charles T. Jones, Amherst Industries, Charleston, WV purchased the boat and renamed her, the **Laura J** after his daughter. In May of 2010, the vessel ownership was transferred to Red Star Towing Co. of Charleston, WV. In August of 2020, she was purchased by Amherst Madison employee, Brian Patterson who returned the name of the historic vessel to the **Nemacolin**.

