



'Dolphin Plus'

Bentz delivers a tour boat to Georgia



Ark Management recently took delivery of 'Dolphin Plus', a US Coast Guard approved 8.53 metre twin hull, certified for 18 passengers. The boat will go into service offering dolphin and whale watching tours as well as cruises out to warm water islands created during low tide.

'Dolphin Plus' was built by Bentz Boats, a boat builder from Lewinon in Idaho, USA, specialising in commercial aluminium waterjet boats for shallow water use.

The boat offers several features that will ensure an enjoyable trip for its customers. Upholstered seating with plenty of legroom allows passengers a comfortable ride. A fresh water wash-down system allows each customer a chance to rinse off the seawater and sand after playing on the islands during cruise stops. An onboard toilet, stereo and PA system, dual heaters and rotary fans round out the boat's comfort features.

Safety features include a 10 man liferaft mounted on top of the boat, ring buoy with throw rope, radar, VHF radio, sounder, compass and dual remote spotlights. The seats have storage underneath for easy access to each passenger's life jacket.

Additional features include a carpeted bow with ladder and rail, swim deck ladder, gated rear rails with fold down seating, ski tow, passenger door wipers and hydraulic

trim tabs. Bentz pioneered features include the delta pad bottom, forward and centre pilot station and the short-stroke mechanical stick steering.

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SPECIFICATIONS

Owner:	Ark Management
Designer:	Darell Bentz
Builder:	Bentz Boats
Length:	8.53 metres
Length, waterline:	7.31 metres
Beam:	3.03 metres
Draught:	0.20 metres
Construction Material:	Aluminium
Main engines:	2 x Yanmar 4LH-STP; 179kW
Waterjets:	2 x Hamilton 213
Maximum speed:	47 knots
Cruising speed:	34 knots
Fuel:	750 litres
Passengers:	18
Crew:	2