

US built 40-foot work boat for Guyana

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Bentz Boats, of Lewiston, Idaho, have completed a 40-ft aluminium work boat for owner Jad Rahaman, of Georgetown, Guyana for rough river work.

After testing in Hell's Canyon in May, the boat was shipped to Guyana, where she is being used to transport both passengers and freight and do some additional exploration work.

The 5086 alloy welded aluminium hull is 40ft long and 9ft in the beam, with a bottom of quarter-inch aluminium, the aftermost eight feet being half an inch thick. Sides (3/16") are 48 inches high.

The boat is powered by two 420hp bobtail turbocharged and intercooled Yanmar Y6CX engines driving Hamilton 291 jet units with hydraulic shift, and delivering a top speed of 50mph.

Forward centre stick steering has hydraulic assistance for quick response.

Fuel capacity is 2,275 gallons (US).

The big cockpit has a top and is equipped with bus type seats for 40 passengers and toilet. All of which are removable when the boat is used for hauling freight.

Further information may be obtained from Bentz Boats, 1120 Bryden, Lewiston ID 83501, USA (PH: 208 746 0249; FX 208 746 4620).

