Gary Sparks

Gary Sparks of Nyssa, Oregon needed a boat to access his property on the Upper Salmon River which would handle the technical water and as a recreational boat for both the Snake and Salmon Rivers.

Gary’s boat is powered by Marine Power 5.7 Liter EFI’s and coupled to Hamilton 212’s with a 3.4 turbo impeller. Standard features include pilot spring ride seat with a passenger jump seat and a vanguard seat on either side, bench seats with backrests, top trays, fish box, heater, pilot pantograph wiper, full dash instrumentation with vacuum gauges, removable rear rails, dome lights and Coast Guard approved running and navigation lights. Extra’s include passenger pantograph wipers for the doors, slider side windows, fish finder, rocket launcher rod holder, removable pedestal seats on the high deck, watertight cross storage box, trim tabs, hydraulic shift, locking motor compartment and fuel fill and a hardtop.

Bentz pioneered features include the sled shaped bow, forward and center pilot seat, the short stroke mechanical stick steering and delta pad bottom. These innovations contribute to the boats superior handling, quick planing and shallow running capabilities.

POSSIBLE USERS

GUIDES AND OUTFITTERS – high maneuverability and rugged construction allows access to remote fishing, hunting and sight seeing opportunities for a world wide customer base.

EXTREME WHITETWATER ADVENTURES – the shallow draft and twin engines and pumps along with double welded seams and gusseted longitudinal and cross bracing provide the power and hull strength to challenge enthusiasts.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES – law enforcement, fisheries, mail delivery, wildlife management, and the military can use inland waterways more efficiently.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Type of vessel:** Salmon River
- **Owner:** Gary Sparks
- **Operator:** Gary Sparks
- **Home Port:** Nyssa, Oregon
- **Designer:** Darell Bentz
- **Builder:** Bentz Boats, LLC
- **Construction Material:** Aluminum
- **Length:** 26'-0”
- **Waterline Length:** 22'-0”
- **Bottom:** 7’
- **Beam:** 9’
- **Depth:** 3'-9”
- **Draught:** 8”
- **Displacement (Loaded):** Static 20”
- **Engines:** 2-5.7 Marine Power
- **Jet Units:** 2-212 Hamilton Jet
- **Impellers:** 3.4 Turbo Impellers
- **Maximum Speed:** ~ 55 mph
- **Cruising Speed:** ~ 35 mph
- **Seating:** Ruddell (Bench seats)
- **Fuel:** 168 Gal. Diesel
- **Range:** 350 Miles