BELLINGHAM WATER TAXI



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David Danner, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Attention: License services and Penny Ingram
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Re: 6 Month Progress report for Bellingham Water Taxi BC-64619

Dear Mr. Danner,

The commission granted Commercial Ferry Certificate BC-64619 on June 4, 2012. Upon granting the certificate, Bellingham Water Taxi has 20 months to initiate service. The following 6 month report will show significant progress with; vessel leasing/purchase, docking and parking, financing options, and public support.

Buying or building the correct vessel is very important for our company. Several options are available at this time. Presently, we are leaning toward a lease or purchase of an existing vessel. Attached is information on the vessels we are considering. We have contacted the owners and spoken detail on fuel consumption, condition, and possible terms. All the vessels considered are high speed aluminum catamarans which are more stable and more fuel efficient than a mono hull. We expect to be successful and, long term, hope to build a larger vessel with local company All American Marine.

Docking options in Bellingham are limited to three locations. Bellingham cruise terminal, Bellwether Hotel dock, and Squalicum Harbor. All of these locations offer all the services for the vessel, as well as either free or paid parking for passengers. Presently, Bellingham Water Taxi is examaning all options as there are pros and cons to each location. Operating a year round service we need to be sure the docking situation is safe in all weather. Docking at our locations in the San Juan Island vary. Eliza, Sinclair, Lopez, and Blakely offer free docking. Locations on Orcas Island charge passenger fees. All of the docking locations have welcomed our inquiries and look forward to our service.

Bellingham Water Taxi is fit, willing, and able to lease/purchase a vessel, and operate within the next 6 months. Our business plan considers private investors, grants, and federal funding to provide the very best ferry service possible from the beginning. As indicated above we will start up with an existing vessel. This will give us a couple years to gauge passenger ridership and running costs. We believe the public will find this service vital and to keep up with demand, we will build a custom vessel. A 50+ passenger vessel built locally will cost between \$1.2-\$1.8 million.

Public support has been key in pursuing this endeavor. From our first Application with the WUTC, to our present Application for an extension of service, we have many support statements filed. Public transportation in the future is very important. As gas prices rise and roads become more and more crowded, the public demands better and more efficient ways to travel. Residents that live in the San Juan Islands need access to vital services like hospitals, airports, and groceries. Tourist who can access the island without a car will cut down on traffic and pollution. I have spoken with these groups and have seen overwhelming support for our services.

Presently Bellingham Water Taxi has an Application to extend its service to 3 more stops. If accepted this will complete a full loop in the Islands and service about 90% of the islands population. Mainland and Island residents are patiently waiting for a viable year round ferry system from Bellingham, and we hope to fulfill that need as soon as possible. We have just over 14 months to initiate service; however, we plan to be up and running Spring 2013. Please feel free to contact with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sean McNamara

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SPECIFICATIONS VESSEL ID: CATS052001



DIMENSIONS/GENERAL

LOA: 52 Const: Alu Net Tons: 18

Beam: 15.00 Builder: Maxweld Gross Tons: 23

Draft: 2

CAPACITIES

Fish Hold: RSW: Fuel: 600 gal

Main: Type: Fresh Water: 300

Comments:

PROPULSION

Main Engine: Twn C-9 Cats Speed: 20 Knots at 1800 RPMs on 24 GPH

H.P. (Tot): 1000 Reduction Gear: Twin Disc ~ Arneson Drive Ratio:

Model Year: 2008 Yr Rebuilt: Hrs Since Rebuild:

Propellor: Arneson Drives Shaft: Strut: &

AUXILIARY MACHINERY

Aux Engine: Northern Lights Hotel Gen-set: P.T.O.:

H.P.: HOTEL KW: P.T.O. GPM:

Gen Set KW: 6

DECK MACHINERY/SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Anchor Winch: Pumps: yes Cable:

Anchor: Bilge: yes

Other: Chain:

DECK MACHINERY: Hydraulic Crane for lifting skiffs, etc.

SAFETY: 30mn lift raft

ACCOMODATIONS/GALLEY

Total Berths: 9 Stove: Dickinson Diesel: y Elect: n

Hot Water: yes Other: Enclsd head/shwr, Refer & Frzr

NAVIGATION/COMMUNICATION

Radar: Furuno 48mi Loran: 2 GPs SSB:

VHS: Auto: CB:

Helms: 2sta Wagner Control: 2sta Hynautic Crow's Nest:

Other Navigational Gear: Depth sounder, Complete Furuno redundant Electronic outfit

ADDITIONAL GEAR

COMMENTS

WFO: 30kts, Boat has Arneson Surface Piercing props, the boat is in like New Condition, Very Limited use. Boat comes with a 5 axle \$28,000 custom built trailer.

PERMITS

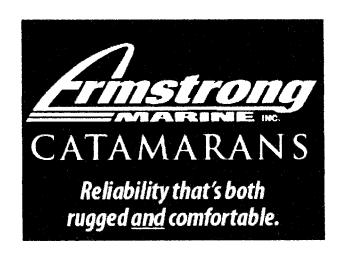
COI; 26+ crew

ASKING PRICE \$649,000 Would entertain trade related to Seine, Gillnet or fisheries Permits

LOCATION CODE WA

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Rochelle B

46' Armstrong Catamaran

• Year: 2012

Current Price: US\$ 698,000 (10/12)

Located in Juneau, AK
Hull Material: Aluminum
Engine/Fuel Type: Gas
YW# 78678-2529100

• 1W# 70070"2323100

All aluminum whale watching boat. Boat has certificate of documentation and approved for 49 passengers. Padded bench seating on the lower deck with carpeted interior and covered roof top seating. The high visiability roof top pilot house provides an excellent look out for spotting whales along with docking the boat.

The large forward deck provides an excellent viewing platform for 12-15 passengers. The aft deck has plenty of viewing space as well as a on deck concesion booth for food, drinks, or souviners. The roof top seating for 9 is covered and provides an additional viewing area.

Roof top pilot house is complete with electronic Yamaha controls, Garmin 4212 electronics and navigation, twin Icom 604 VHF radios with hailer, camera system for aft view, and Bentley's helm chair, Wallace 22DT heater and defrost.

Main cabin is carpeted and has raised and angled bench seating with cup holders, balistic nylon seat covers and below seat storage. That large viewing windows are sliding and provide good viewing from each row of seating.

Head entrance is located on aft deck outside of rear cabin sliding door. Head includes 35 gallon holding tank and 35 gallon fresh water tank. Head flooring is rubber coined tiles for

easy maintenance.

Propulsion is 4 300 HP Yamaha 4 Stroke Engines, with power steering and heavy duty steering rams. Extra outboard engine and extra lower unit included with boat.

Boat complete with all related safety equipment to meet meet USCG regulations and inspections for a 49 passenger boat.

Please contact Sales Staff at 360-457-5752

Additional Specs, Equipment and Information:

Builder/Designer

Builder: Armstrong Marine Designer: Armstrong Marine

Dimensions

LOA: 45.5 feet Beam: 16.5 feet

Engines

Engine Brand: Yamaha Engine(s) Total Power: Engine Model: 4 Stroke

1200 HP

Tankage

Fuel: 400 gallon

Disclaimer

The Company offers the details of this vessel in good faith but cannot guarantee or warrant the accuracy of this information nor warrant the condition of the vessel. A buyer should instruct his agents, or his surveyors, to investigate such details as the buyer desires validated. This vessel is offered subject to prior sale, price change, or withdrawal without notice.

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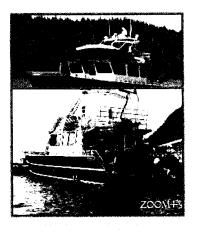




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