MV Ben Weston - Survey & Photos

Vessel Description

This vessel is a 50' USCG inspected passenger vessel. The hull is reported ex- US Navy fiberglass hulls, built by Uniflite, which was purchased for the purpose of conversion and underwent extensive renovation and modification into a modern passenger vessel.

The vessel has boarding stations, port and starboard at midship. Steering bridge is located mid-ship between the boarding stations. Very well built fiberglass and stainless steel tops have been built and installed covering the forward and aft passenger sitting areas. Seating is arrange around the perimeter of the vessel with center platform seating. The vessel is USCG inspected and certified for 90 passengers and 2 crew restricted to Lakes, Bays and Sounds plus limited Coastwise on Catalina Island.

The conversion appears to have been done in a very shipyard like manner with extensive use of stainless steel rails and supports.

The vessels have been in storage but has just complete dry docking and re-certification.

The vessel is driven by a single engine, GM 6-71 diesel.

SERVICE HISTORY:

For several years after conversion this vessel along with a sister ship was used to transport cruise ship passengers from the ship to shore at Catalina Island. This service was discontinued and the vessels have been unemployed since.

LOA 50.5' Beam: 14.7' Draft: 3.7'

Converted to Cruise ship tenders mid-1990's and have seen very little use. Hulls are fiberglass FRP molded with seating for 92 persons.

POWER:

Single Detroit 6-71, Fuel 140 gallons. Twin Disc MG5091 marine transmissions. 2" shafts, 3 blade bronze propellers. Hydraulic helm pump for steering; required alarms; fire and bilge pumps.

Description:

Open USCG inspected passenger vessel with limited coastwise certificate not more than one mile from land with plumb stern, round bilge hull, transom stern, open seating with amidships centerline helm stations, fiberglass and stainless steel Bimini tops and covers.

Hull layout includes chain locker in bow, watertight bulkhead, forward open seating area with centerline bench and perimeter bench seating, raised helm station above boarding areas on port and starboard, machinery space next aft followed by aft cockpit with centerline and perimeter bench seating. Both passenger cockpits are recessed well below the level of the shear line and are covered by fiberglass hard tops.

ELECTRONICS:

VHF radio, Ritchie Compass, Rudder Angle Indicator. Kobelt single lever engine controls.

FIRE & SAFETY:

As required by USCG Certificate of inspection. Stability letter 1996. COI valid to June 17, 2007 Information is believed correct but not guaranteed; but subject to buyer inspection.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10th @ 2:00 P.M. (on site)

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INSPECTION DATES

November 2nd & 9th Noon - 3PM

Contact: Mike Vaughn (562) 592-9350

SITE LOCATION

Peter's Landing Marina 16400 Pacific Coast Hwy Huntington Harbor, CA

Photos

