

INDIAN PRINCESS



In Fort Myers, Florida

On June 13th, 2015 the paddle wheeler call the "INDIAN PRINCESS" was launched in Webster, MA on

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and had its' first shakedown cruise on June 18th. The vessel is now available for excursions and other events from [INDIAN RANCH](#)

The boat is a replica of an 1800s steam-powered paddle-driven riverboat. In place of steam, a modern diesel propulsion system is used. The boat is safe (Coast Guard Approved), quiet, and environmentally friendly. The boat has the capacity to carry up to 125 passengers and can be used for excursions, functions, and tours on the Lake.

The Indian Princess was built by Skipperliner in 2000 and traveled down the Mississippi to a lake in Tennessee until 2012 when it was purchased by Indian Ranch. From Tennessee, the Princess traveled the Mississippi and Alabama river systems to the Gulf of Mexico and to Fort Myers, FL. On April 28, 2013, it left Ft. Myers and crossed Florida using the canal system, and traveled up the Intracoastal Waterway.

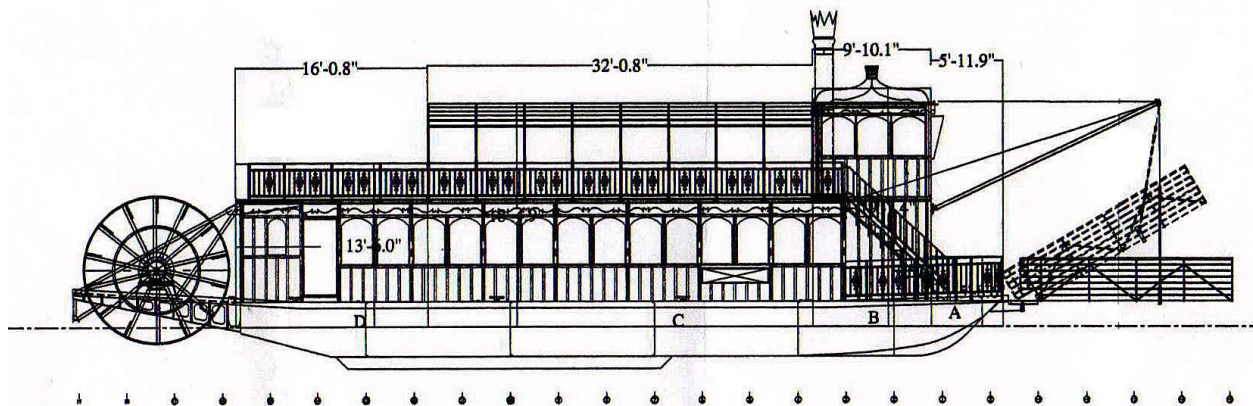
[The Princess arrived at Noank, Connecticut](#) on June 9, 2013. Notice the missing stacks and the gangway. The next day she arrived at Barrington, Rhode Island, and was prepared for shipment overland to Webster. She had to be converted into a trailer to make the trip over the roads of RI, CT, and MA. Due to some regulatory problems, the Princess did not leave Rhode Island until the summer of 2014. Finally on September 16, 2014, [she arrived at Indian Ranch](#) and was [backed into place next to the Lake](#) for assembly.

The Lake, which is world famous for its name, is an underutilized natural resource, with limited public access, unless you own a boat or are a lakefront property owner. The Indian Princess allows access to the public and be accessible to the handicapped.

One hundred years ago there were up to 5 excursion boats, carrying up to 300 people, offering public access to Webster Lake. Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester had at least one tour boat. Today, there are none in Worcester County. One hundred years ago, times and the economy were different. Southern Worcester County had a thriving textile, shoe, metalworking, and ice industry. The other main economic factor was tourism, because of the Lake. Webster had three major hotels; today there are none.

Over the years there were a series of famous boats that traveled on the Lake. Unfortunately, none are left.

The Indian Princess will carry on this tradition into the 21st Century..



ZONE	v-height		l-width		V (ft)	L (ft)	A (sqft)	1/2V (ft)	Moment (ft-sqft)
	feet	inches	feet	inches					
A	5	8.6	5	11.9	57	60	34.3	29	97.9
B	19	7.4	9	10.1	196	9.8	193.1	9.8	1893.6
C	18	4.9	32	0.1	18.4	32.0	599.2	9.2	5423.0
D	13	6.0	16	2.3	13.5	162	218.6	6.8	1475.5
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On the Lake in South Pond in Webster, Massachusetts in June of 2015
(Photo by Richard Cazeault from his deck)