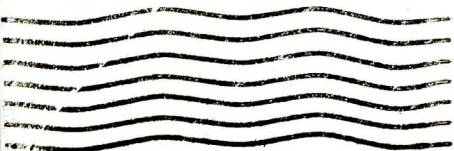


M/V COLUMBIA - MAIDEN VOYAGE - ALASKA MARINE-HIGHWAY
SEATTLE - KETCHIKAN - WRANGELL - PETERSBURG - SITKA
JUNEAU (AUKE BAY) - HAINES - SKAGWAY - SEATTLE



M/V COLUMBIA

General Information

OWNER: State of Alaska, Department of Public Works
Division of Marine Transportation

DESIGNER: Philip F. Spaulding & Associates, Seattle

CONSTRUCTED BY: Lockheed Shipbuilding & Construction Company, Seattle

CONTRACT DATA: Contract Price..... \$20.5 Million
Keel Laid..... Oct. 7, 1972
Launched..... May 3, 1973
Christened..... May 3, 1973
Delivered..... June , 1974

DIMENSIONS: Length Overall..... 418'
Beam..... 85'
Draft - Designed Loan 16'
Vertical Clearance - Car Deck.... 14'

PROPULSION: Two 9,200 B.H.P. 4-cycle, turbocharged Enterprise diesels, nonreversing, Type DMRV 16-4, 16 cylinders. Engines are suitable for burning residual fuel of specification PS 300.
Shaft RPM Maximum..... 200
Horsepower Maximum..... 18,400 HP
Bowthruster..... 600 HP
Rudders..... 2
Propellers, Controllable
Pitch (4 blades each)..... 2
Service Speed at Designed
Load Draft..... 21 Knots

CAPACITIES: Fuel Oil, Heavy..... 223,000 Gallons
Fuel Oil, Diesel..... 50,000 Gallons
Clean Lube Oil..... 10,800 Gallons
Fresh Water..... 44,200 Gallons

ACCOMMODATIONS: This ferryliner was designed to carry 1,000 passengers and 184 standard automobiles. There are 20 2-berth cabins, 71 4-berth cabins and 5 4-berth deluxe cabin units with sitting rooms. A restaurant, snack bar and cocktail lounge are provided.

The cachet for this official souvenir cover was designed by a distinguished Alaska artist, Mrs. Diana Tillion, of Halibut Cove (across Kachemak Bay from Homer on the Kenai Peninsula). The cover was carried on the M/V COLUMBIA the entire length of her maiden voyage and was prepared and sponsored by the

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