

UNIT NUMBER: T3

LIARD RIVER II
(M.V. *LIARD RIVER*)

AREA OF SERVICE: MACKENZIE RIVER TRANSPORT -- LOWER ROUTE

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Tunnel sterned motor tug

Construction: Hull of B.C. fir; house work of cedar
Designer and builder: George Askew, Vancouver, B.C.
Dimensions: Length - 60' Beam - 12.6' Depth - 4'4"
Draft: Fore - 1.6' Aft - 22"
Number of passengers: Nil Number of crew: 6
Plans:
Power: 1923 heavy duty gasoline, Vivian Engine Works, Vancouver;
1933 - Ruston Lister; [1942] - 1936 Fairbanks 90 H.P.
Registered: Winnipeg, 150795
Speed: Light - 10 m.p.h; Loaded - 6-8 m.p.h.
Tonnage: Gross - 35.97; Net - 25.4

HISTORY:

1923 Built at Fort Smith
1923-1947 Operated on Lower Route for Mackenzie River Transport. Travelled to a variety of destinations such as Fort Nelson, Fort Liard, Fort Dease. In the early 1930's operated on Great Bear Lake where there was intense mining activity. Farthest North destination was Aklavik. Wintered at Fort Smith.
1948-1974 After Hudson's Bay Company withdrew from common carrier business, was operated by McInnes Products Ltd., Yellowknife Transportation Co., Northern Transportation, Rudy Steiner of Cross Arctic Transport.
1974 After Steiner's death his widow donated vessel to town of Hay River.
1994, May Vessel an eye-sore and a hazard ... deliberately burned.

MASTERS:

1923 J.W. Mills
1941 L.L. Budreau



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