

The Portland Spirit cruising near downtown Portland



The *Portland Spirit* is a 150' yacht with three public decks, two of which are enclosed and climate controlled. We have seating for 350 guests on the two interior decks for a plated meal cruise and capacity for 540 guests for a reception. *Portland Spirit* features delicious Northwest cuisine prepared to order in our on-board galley, several full service bars with a vast wine selection, grand pianos with live performers (don't forget our singing wait staff), a ship-wide sound system, and a marble dance floor. *Menus available by request.*

History



Launched in 1987 by Chesapeake Shipbuilding, the ship operated on the Connecticut River during its first year. The vessel was then sold and, after a long trip, including passage through the Panama Canal, operated out of Maui for four years. In 1992 the operation was purchased by Pacific Marine and moved to Honolulu. The ship's name was changed to *Stardancer* and operated in Hawaii until March 1994. At that time, American Waterways, Inc. acquired *Stardancer* for cruise service on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers and was sailed across the Pacific Ocean.



The journey from Hawaii is a story in itself. The crew of five left Hawaii on April 1, 1994 after spending 10 days undergoing safety preparations which included outfitting the vessel with special radios, radar and survival equipment. The boat's lower level, the Willamette deck, was filled with over one hundred 55 gallon drums of fuel and every window was covered with steel plates. One hundred miles into the trip, the captain had a medical emergency and a helicopter was required to lift him off the vessel. The ship and remaining four crew

members arrived in Portland nine days later. After a full refit, *Portland Spirit* began cruises in May 1994.

On January 4 1998, *Portland Spirit* staff members completely offloaded the ship and prepared her for a full remodel. After sailing to Sundial Shipyard in Troutdale, the ship was completely gutted. Ceilings, walls, fixtures; everything came out. Thirty days and \$750,000 dollars later, the ship returned to Portland with new ceilings, walls, bars, offices, paint, phones, and much more. The *Portland Spirit* returned to service February 7, 1998.

After nearly a year of planning, the *Portland Spirit* entered Sundial Shipyard of Troutdale, Oregon in early 2004 for major refitting. During a five-week overhaul, the *Portland Spirit* was outfitted with four new fuel-efficient Caterpillar diesel engines for propulsion and power generation.

Also replaced were her transmissions, galley flooring, and about 15% of the hull plating. A glycol-refrigerated centrally-located beverage distribution system, two large walk-in coolers and a gift shop were installed. This \$500,000 overhaul has prepared the *Portland Spirit* for the next 20 years of service.

For a detailed list of operating times and dates please call our office at **503-720-9033** or email us at **kim@abproguides.com**

If you have more questions or would like to reserve your seats now please call **503-720-9033**. We accept Visa, Master Card and PayPal. A 10 percent deposit is required to reserve seats.

After booking, a confirmation along with more information on the trip, including a map and driving directions to the boat, will be e-mailed to you. Deposits are 100 percent refundable up to 14 days prior to scheduled trip.

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