



### **GREEN BOAT PROJECT** A Worldwide First

Pittsburgh Voyager's mission is to provide exceptional river-based experiential learning and adventure opportunities for students, teachers and the public.

**Voyager** is building one of the first green passenger boats in the world to serve as its flagship vessel for river-based science education and public programming. The 149passenger, 90'x25' boat will serve over 10,000 students a year while reducing emissions to air and water, implementing innovative propulsion technology and alternative fuels. It will also serve as a practical model for sustainable boating technology worldwide. The following objectives have guided the Green Boat project from concept to reality:

- Serve as an educational tool and real world example of sustainable design practices for the students, teachers and the public that Voyager serves.
- Minimize the impact of operations on the natural environment.
- Showcase how green building design and environmentally friendly procedures can be utilized on a passenger vessel while still maintaining operating efficiency and reliability.
- Design and build a passenger vessel that implements the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED<sup>™</sup>) process for all applicable systems.

#### Over 110 onboard systems were investigated and the resulting vessel design



demonstrates a number of technologies that are new to the marine industry. The following are examples of the innovative features of Voyager's Green Boat:

- Hybrid diesel-electric propulsion system and a power plant designed for the future addition of solar, wind or fuel cells.
- Large battery banks for zero emission operations - charged at dock or underway.
- Generator engine waste heat recovery.
- Excellent thermal insulation system.
- Low volatile organic coatings.
- Highly efficient interior and exterior lighting systems.
- Water efficiency and zero wastewater discharge.
- Energy management and control system.

### **Project Team:**

### The Heinz Endowments

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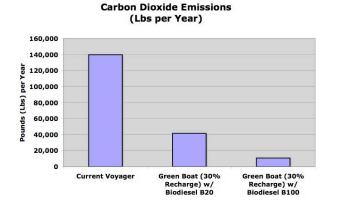


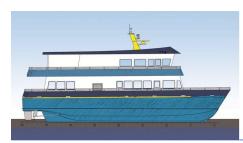
### GREEN BOAT PROJECT Air and Water Quality

**Pittsburgh Voyager** provides riverbased environmental education and public programming to thousands of children and adults every year on the rivers of Western PA and beyond the region. In designing the Green Boat, we sought to significantly reduce our impact to the air and water as compared with our baseline fleet of traditional diesel powered vessels, *Voyager* and *Discovery*. The goals are to improve our environmental performance and demonstrate environmental stewardship to our students and customers.

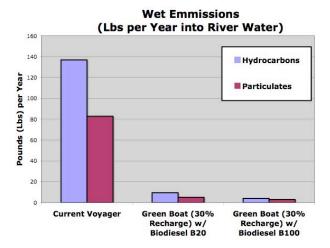
In spite of our environmental mission, the limitations of our current aging fleet have hindered stewardship for the environment. The majority of inland coastal and ocean vessels burns marine diesel fuel which burns hundreds of times dirtier than US highway diesel.

Air emissions modeling in Allegheny County suggests that diesel emissions are amongst





the worst in the US with human health risks over 500 times the US EPA acceptable levels. Marine emissions from river commerce contribute as much as 30% of the overall diesel particulate matter in the region.



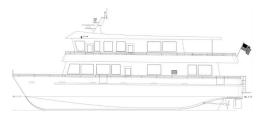
The Green Boat will achieve significant reductions in both air and wet emissions, air emissions that are released underwater and captured by the river water, via:

- Hybrid diesel-electric propulsion system with state-of-the-art diesel engine technology.
- Use of biodiesel blended fuel.
- Use of 100% renewable electric power from the local grid to charge the battery banks while at dock.
- Future fuel cell, photovoltaic and micro wind turbine implementation.

#### Air and Water Quality Team:









### GREEN BOAT PROJECT Green Construction and LEED<sup>™</sup> Processes

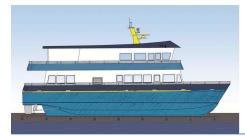
### The Green Boat design team

thoroughly researched US and global standards for designing an environmentally friendly and sustainable vessel, but found none that were comprehensive enough for the goals of this project. One of the most mature and flexible green design standards within industry today is the US Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design or LEED<sup>™</sup> standard.

Pittsburgh, a leader in green buildings for over ten years, has amongst the largest number of square feet of LEED<sup>TM</sup> certified space than any other city in the world, including the first certified convention center, historic building, university residence hall and children's museum. Our team determined that applying the LEED<sup>TM</sup> process to the design of the Green Boat was the best approach to holistically evaluate the boat design using an objective standard.



We also think it appropriate that Pittsburgh continue to set new trends in environmental



thinking and practice in keeping with our history of global

innovation. Voyager's Green



Boat is the first boat to apply the LEED<sup>TM</sup> process to its design and construction. Many boat subsystems such as HVAC, lighting, interior design and materials, plumbing and windows are practically identical to buildings.

The project has required a close team effort with considerable education of our contracted shipyard and contractors about green material selection and construction techniques.

Voyager is following the entire  $LEED^{TM}$  process and we expect that USGBC will provide official recognition of our efforts.

The LEED<sup>TM</sup> process has significantly changed our boat design approach for:

- **Windows** Energy efficient custom architectural windows will replace marine windows for the same price.
- **HVAC** Energy modeling helped reduce chiller size requirements.
- **Insulation** Thermal breaks added to wall construction.
- Materials and Coatings Cabinetry will be made from renewable materials that are new to the contractors building the boat and the industry.

### Green Construction Team:



## **Perkins Eastman**

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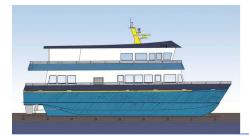
### GREEN BOAT PROJECT Hybrid Propulsion System and Alternative Fuels

**The most innovative** aspect of Voyager's Green Boat is the propulsion system. After a thorough evaluation of existing technology by the industry's leading alternative fuel marine engineers, Alion JJMA, the designers of the yet-to-be-built San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority Fuel Cell Ferry, it was determined that a diesel-electric hybrid system was the best alternative. The flexibility and exceptional environmental performance of this design is coupled with high reliability and proven technology.

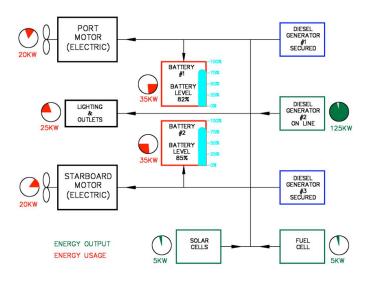
#### The Green Boat will be one of the first vessels in the world constructed with this propulsion system design.

The hybrid propulsion system being provided by Siemens Energy and Automation will combine the use of green power from shore with the world's most advanced diesel-electric power generation technology onboard. The engines will run on a biodiesel fuel blend and the system explicitly provides for the future addition of new power sources such as a fuel cell, solar panels and micro wind turbines. **The organization's reliance on imported oil will be significantly reduced through the use of domestic biodiesel.** 

The Green Boat will reduce the total energy needed by the Voyager fleet to serve 10,000 students by over 35,000 kW-hrs per year or nearly 50%. Emissions of  $CO_2$ ,  $SO_X$  and PM will be significantly reduced.



The design and construction of Voyager's **Green Boat represents a significant national and international step for green boat design** and the successful integration of energy and environmental goals within a defined operational marine context.



Propulsion System Team:

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### GREEN BOAT PROJECT Environmental, Energy & Sustainability Education

### Voyager's core mission and competency is river-based science

**education.** Voyager has been delivering award winning education programming for over 10-years. The Green Boat will provide a revolutionary new platform from which to teach both formal students from grade school through college and the public about the rivers, the environment and now also about energy and sustainability.

The Green Boat will become a powerful teaching tool for all who come on board, whether for educational or tour programs or for after-hours charters and special events, and the special ADA accessible features will make this a vessel truly capable of serving the entire community.

As part of the curriculum development related to the new vessel, Voyager and our partners and expert education consultants will develop energy and sustainability modules to add to both our current core programs:

- Environmental Science on the 3 Rivers
- Boat Bridges and Water

In addition we will be building a whole new series of **programming exclusively around green engineering, sustainability and energy that will complement the boat's interpretive signage** and hands-on learning opportunities. The Green Boat will also provide for significant program expansion due to increased capacity.







### Education and Public Programming Team:











### **GREEN BOAT PROJECT** *Technical Specifications*

#### Dimensions

90'-6"
89'-0"
26'-0"
10'-0"
5'-6"
5'-0"
40' above baseline
Less than 100

#### Passengers and Crew

Passengers: Crew:

#### Certifications

Route: U.S. Coast Guard Classification: Protected Waters Subchapter T

2,000 Gallons

1,800 Gallons

1,400 Gallons

100% recycled steel Anodized aluminum

200 Gallons

Wheat board

ELFA™, Siemens

Hybrid Marine Propulsion System Sherwin Williams

TRACO NX-200

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#### Capacities

Fuel Storage Capacity: Potable Water Capacity: Black Water Capacity: Dirty Lube Oil Capacity:

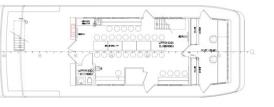
Materials

Hull: Railing system: Custom cabinetry:

#### Major Systems

Propulsion System:

Marine Paint System: Window System:



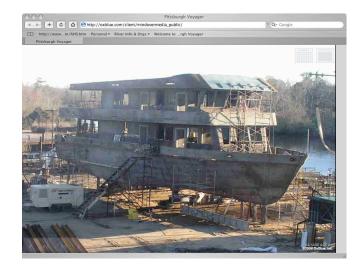
Second Deck Arrangement Plans



Main Deck Arrangement Plans



Below Deck Arrangements Plans



Web cam photograph of the boat under construction in Freeport, FL, February 12, 2006. (http://oxblue.com/client/mindovermedia\_public/)







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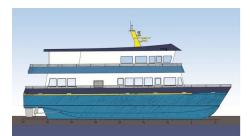
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- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
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As of March 1, 2006, Voyager has raised a total of \$1,500,000 towards a total Green Boat construction budget of \$3,000,000.

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## The Heinz Endowments



### In-Kind:

- Alion JJMA: Propulsion system design and consulting.
- **Carnegie Mellon University:** *Extensive planning, software development and technical consulting.*
- Fiberstars, Inc.: Fiber optic exterior lighting system.
- HILBISH McGEE LIGHTING DESIGN: Interior and Exterior lighting design.
- **Perkins Eastman:** Interior design services.
- Sherwin Williams: Marine paint system.
- **TRACO:** Advanced window system.



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### **Perkins Eastman**





Pittsburgh Voyager New "Green" Boat Floor Plans

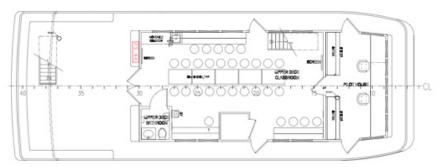
#### **School Programs**

- Up to 90 Students
- Up to 9 School Teachers/Chaperones
- Up to 9 Voyager Education Staff
- 4 Boat Crew
- 9 Laboratory Areas

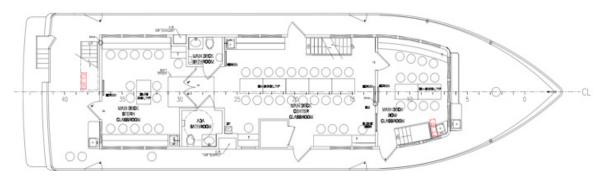
# Public Education Programs & Private Charters

- Up to 149 Passengers
- Up to 20 Education Staff, Boat/Service Crew





Second Deck Arrangement Plans



#### Main Deck Arrangement Plans

