

Alaskan Explorer Prefers WESMAR Bow Thrusters

Rugged Alaskan Coastline Requires World's Best Bow Thruster

A Kenai Fjords Tour is a popular way to experience the natural beauty of Alaska. Journeys leave Seward on boats designed to provide every passenger with a maximum view of breathtaking Kenai Fjords National Park.

The newest addition to the Kenai fleet is the Alaskan Explorer, a 95' x 22'8" vessel built by Westport Shipbuilding at the company's sprawling 90,000 square foot facility in Westport, Washington. The 95' cruise vessel has received critical acclaim from everyone in the industry. Designed by Jack W. Sarin Naval Architects Inc., Bainbridge Island, Washington, the Explorer is Coast Guard certified for 149 passengers and is equipped with two Caterpillar 3512 DITA diesels, each producing 1,750 hp at 1,800 rpm. The boat is able to reach a top speed of 28 knots.

To navigate the pristine park's fifty miles of rugged coastline, past and around massive glaciers, view whales, sea otters, and sea lions, the Explorer requires a powerful, efficient, bow thruster. Such precise maneuvers require



The 95' Tour Boat Alaskan Explorer navigates glaciers with a WESMAR 12" DPC Bow Thruster.

a durable, efficient, bow thruster. The operators of the Explorer are always cognizant of passenger safety while navigating Alaska's frigid waters and, narrow waterways. Even moving the 95' vessel away from the dock is a critical operation.

In the mind of Eric Olson, Kenai's Marine Operations Manager, there was only one choice when shopping for a thruster, the 12" WESMAR 25 hp bow thruster. The product has a tremendous reputation. "Westport has used WESMAR thrusters for years," Olson says. "It's a great product, I would recommend it to anyone."

Two sister ships of the Explorer are currently being

built by Westport. Will they have WESMAR Thrusters onboard? "Of course!" says Randy Rust, Co-Owner at Westport. "We are extremely happy with WESMAR Bow Thrusters, we install them on all of our boats."



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