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Service: Survey Boat

Location: United States of America

Quadruple 321 Jets for High Speed Survey Boat



"The Surveyor" is to be used for underwater exploration and recovery work. Quadruple Hamilton 32 I produce thrust for a top speed of 44.5 knots so work sites can be accessed quickly. With one propulsion system shut down, speeds over 30 knots can be maintained. A Hamilton HSRC jet control system gives precise manoeuvrability at all speeds and shallow

draft capability allows shoal waters to be worked safely. The aluminium vessel is equipped with a wide array of electronic equipment including side scan sonar and a Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) with dual video cameras.

The vessel has been described as "a 55,000lb jet-ski", such is the G-Force effect on the flybridge during high speed manoeuvres.

Brief Specifications

NAME:

The Surveyor

SERVICE:

Survey/Underwater Recovery

LENGTH:

15.85 metres [LOA]

BEAM:

5.03 metres

DRAUGHT:

0.84 metres

CONSTRUCTION:

Aluminium

WEIGHT:

25 tonnes [55,000lb]

SPEED:

44.5 knots

WATERJETS:

Quad Hamilton Jet Model 321

ENGINES:

Quad Caterpillar diesels Model 3176, each 448bkW (600bhp) @ 2300rpm

DESIGNER/BUILDER:

Kvichak Marine, Seattle WA, USA

OPERATOR:

Underwater Atmospheric Systems Inc. (UAS), Oayallup WA, USA

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