



FACT SHEET

Why the name S. S. Ruby?

- *The Red River of the North was once nicknamed Ruby.*
- *Ruby is a gem just as the Red River is a gem (valuable).*
- *A ruby is red as in "Red" River.*
- *Ruby, Red River, and River Keepers all start with 'R'.*
- *The 'S' in S.S. Ruby meanders like the Red River.*

Boat Specifications:

- *Manufacturer: Custom built by ERCOA to meet special Coast Guard specifications. The boat is inspected during manufacturing and after delivery by Coast Guard personnel. It was purchased through Don's Sportland in Breckenridge.*
- *Length: 29 feet, 8 feet wide*
- *Capacity: 17 passengers + 2 crew*
- *Motor: 50hp 4 stroke*
- *S.S. Ruby is built with three pontoons (logs) instead of two for added safety. Each log has several separate watertight compartments, each containing a bilge pump. There are a total of eight compartments*
- *The boat is equipped with safety equipment, such as flares, lighted ring buoy, cell phone, horn and bell, fire extinguishers, type 1 PFDs, etc. as required by the Coast Guard*
- *Internal fuel tank*

Regulations and Permits

The Red River of the North is a federally designated waterway. Therefore in addition to local and state laws and regulations S.S. Ruby and its operators must meet certain Coast Guard regulations.

Captain's Qualifications:

When S.S. Ruby is carrying "paying" customers there must be a licensed Coast Guard Captain on board. The Captains have either a masters or a limited masters license. In order to receive the license the captain must pass a written and practical test, pass a physical and vision test, have three character references, have 365 days of on-the-water experience, have a certificate in first aid and CPR, exhibit notarized proof of citizenship/social security number, pass a drug screen, pay a fee, provide fingerprints, and sign an oath. In addition River Keepers must make arrangements for random drug testing, continuing education and have an employee assistance program, all of which must meet Coast Guard regulations.

Tours:

S.S. Ruby provides tours of the Red River in the downtown area as weather and river conditions permit. In addition to individual tours, group tours are available anytime during the week with reservations. For more information call 701-793-RUBY.

Docking

S.S. Ruby is based under the First Avenue North bridge in Moorhead adjacent to the Hjemkomst Center.

Contributors:

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*S.S. Ruby is owned and operated by
River Keepers.*

"Promoting a renewed vision for the Red River of the North"

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