

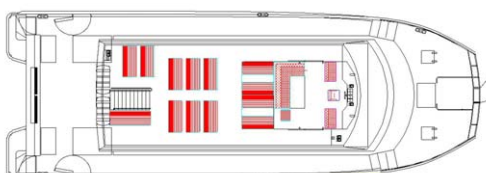
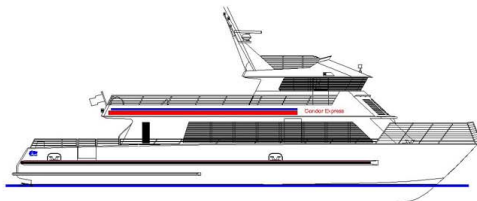


Condor Express

The Next Generation in Catamaran Design



The Condor Express operates in the Channel Islands Marine Sanctuary, CA.



SPECIFICATIONS

Length	72'
Beam	26.5'
Draft	3.3'
Passengers	149
Engines	Detroit Series 60 14-It (4)
Rating	740 hp/2300 rpm
Fuel Capacity	2,000 gal
Propulsion	Hamilton Jet 362
Speed	35 kn
Construction	Aluminum - Marine Grade
Builder	All American Marine
Designer	Teknicraft Design Ltd.
Launched	February 2002
Classification	USCG Subchapter T

The Condor Express is not only owner Fred Benko's first quad-jet-powered catamaran, it is Santa Barbara's first as well.

In addition to serving both tourists and scientists interested in whale watching, the Teknicraft catamaran will also be used for dinner cruises, weddings and other celebrations, as well as marine education for school children. Its advanced audio/visual system, with high-definition plasma screens mounted in the main cabin, are designed to display live footage being recorded by divers underwater.

A unique hull shape and foil-assisted design cushions the ride even through the Santa Barbara Channel's waves that sometimes swell to 6-8 feet. The boat's four 740-horsepower Detroit Series 60 14-It diesel engines and quad Hamilton 362 waterjets are also safer around the marine mammals, and a nontoxic no-foul paint on the hull adds to its eco-friendliness.

During its very first sea trial the boat reached 43.7 knots (over 50 mph) at 100% power. With its 2,000-gallon fuel capacity,

cruising range at average load is over 800 nm. And at just 67% power, the CONDOR Express is able to cruise at 28 knots fully laden.



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