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## Press Release

### **All American Marine delivers an 83' catamaran sistership and signs a contract for another.**

**Bellingham, WA November 7<sup>th</sup> 2008:** All American Marine, Inc. recently delivered a second 83' hydrofoil-assisted aluminum catamaran for Kenai Fjords Tours. The *Orca Voyager* is a new eco-tour vessel that will operate glacier and wildlife tours based in Seward, Alaska. Just after launching the new vessel, All American Marine entered into contract negotiations with the Seldovia Village Tribe to construct a new custom ferry to operate between the village of Seldovia and the city of Homer in Alaska. Upon touring the *Orca Voyager*, representatives of the Seldovia Native Association were convinced that a new vessel like *Orca Voyager* would be suitable for their own ferry operation and signed a contract with AAM to begin construction. Like Kenai Fjord Tours, Seldovia is located on the Kenai Peninsula and the vessel is well suited to operate in the harsh Alaskan environment. All American Marine has already started construction on the new Seldovia Bay Ferry and is expecting to deliver the vessel in the early summer of 2009.

The *Orca Voyager* and contracted Seldovia Bay Ferry are sisterships to the 82.7' x 29.2' *Aialik Voyager* that was completed by All American Marine and delivered to Kenai Fjord Tours in the Spring of 2007. The vessels are hydrofoil-assisted catamarans that are rated to carry 150 passengers and certified under USCG Subchapter T regulations. The semi-displacement catamaran hull for these vessels was developed by Nic de Waal of Teknicraft Design in Auckland, New Zealand. The design integrates the signature Teknicraft symmetrical and asymmetrical combined hull shape, bow wave piercer, and copyrighted hydrofoil system. The vessel's design offers all passengers a smooth ride and extreme comfort as the hull provides a cushioned effect when encountering waves. The catamaran is also highly stable and has outstanding seakeeping ability. For the operator, the most valuable feature of these vessels is the excellent fuel economy, which consumes approximately the same gallons per nautical mile throughout the cruising speed range of 20 knots up to 27 knots.

The *Orca Voyager* is powered by twin C32 Caterpillar ACERT engines, each delivering 1450 bhp at 2300 rpm. The propulsion package includes ZF 3000A transmissions and Osborne 5-blade propellers. Wesmar V2-8HR bow thrusters were integrated to assist with close-quarter maneuvering. Fully loaded, *Orca Voyager* reaches a top speed of 31 knots and cruises efficiently at 27 knots.

Onboard the vessel, passengers are indulged in the spacious comfort of the two deck cabin. Each row of cabin seating faces a dining table and the design of the flip-up style Eknes seats makes it very easy for passengers to access seats inside a row. In addition to dedicated wheel chair spaces, the seats can be quickly removed to accommodate wheelchairs at the tables. The vessel is highly accessible and offers wide aisle ways, low clearance door sills, and an exterior ramp that gradually sweeps up to the fore deck so that all passengers can easily access the same viewing areas. The cruise experience is complemented by plenty of LCD video monitors, a high grade Bose sound system, and large viewing windows located throughout the cabins. A fully equipped galley is onboard, complete with multiple refrigerators, freezers, sinks, and ovens. The exterior decks are accessible from either cabin, with an observation area and outdoor seating available on the upper deck and a wrap around exterior walkway with rain shelter on the main deck. In addition to these features, the new Seldovia Bay ferry will also feature a cargo crane on the upper aft deck to facilitate the transportation of freight and supplies to the remote village of Seldovia.

All American Marine Inc., located on the shores of Bellingham Bay, was founded in 1987 and specializes in the construction of custom tailored aluminum boats. Today, the company has become a leading builder of high speed passenger catamarans, excursion boats, and research vessels. All American Marine is the exclusive builder for Teknicraft Design Ltd. catamarans in North America.