

## **P-056: Robert and Tim Graul Delta Queen Photographs Collection Caption List**

1: "The Delta Queen approaches Lock 26 at Alton, down bound on her last trip before being taken out of overnight passenger service. The Queen made a stately and forlorn appearance as she eased into the locks, heightened by the melancholy mood of a still early morning haze."

2: "Paddlewheel nearly stopped, the Queen eases into the auxiliary chamber at Alton, her early-rising passengers gathering on the forward promenade deck to observe the activity and admire the skill of her master as she glides silently into the chamber."

3: "The master rings for "All Stop" as the Queen is secured against the lock wall and the upper gates swing shut. With the river at a low stage, the Queen was dropped about fifteen feet this morning. The city of Alton was just beginning to waken and no spectators were on hand to watch the Queen during her final lockage at Alton."

4: "Alone of the foredeck, a hand coils lines under the watchful eye of the mate and passengers. The landing stage has been secured since its last use at some small river town where passengers boarded."

5: "WATCHING the lock walls rise beside them, the Delta Queen's passengers are all well aware that they are experiencing the final act in a chapter of American history. How sad to think that future generation may well be deprived of this unique mode of travel and escape from our society's breakneck pace."

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8: "Rivermen know that steamboats have souls, but everyone knows they have a voice. The Queen whistles once heard will never likely be forgotten."

9: "Some say the paddlewheel is the most efficient means of marine propulsion ever devised; no one will argue that it is the most picturesque. No words can describe the symphony of motion as the pitman travels back and forth; the crank and eccentrics turn, and as she gathers speed, the spray irrigates the mint patch."

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13: And now she's gone, as a lock tender watches almost with reverence. Next stop, St. Louis. Then Memphis, Vicksburg, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, . . ."

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16: "Passing towboat traffic leaving Lock 26, the Delta Queen is saluted and returns greetings of the morning. As she had appeared out of the mist just under an hour earlier, she disappeared into it going east. And now she is gone, forever. Why must it be so?"

17: "Hear that Calliope"

18: "Watchman Dave Tcigfree"

19: "Plays a few notes"

20: "Prepare to cast off lines"

21: "Big Red Wheel Churns"

22: "Close fit under bridge"

23: "A backward glance at St. Louis"

24: "Fire drill once a week"

25: "Making sure of lifeboat"

26: "Polish up the rail"

27: "Capt. Wagner oversees mooring"

28: "Deckhands haul away"

29: "Captain VW goes ashore"

30: "Finally secure at Kamponville"

31: "Visitors inspect boat"

32: "Looks longer than life"

33: "Idle time during shore trip"

34: "Above Hardin Bridge"

35: "Landing at Havana, Illinois"

36: "Lightning – No storm"

37: "Captain Ernie with the bones"

38: "Pilot Harry Loudon"

39: "Captain Dennis Trone of the Julia Belle Swain"

40: "Queen starts race – Julia's engines failed to start"

41: "Queen returns to starting line"

- 42: Fr. Marquette Monument. Utica, Ill.”
- 43: “Moored at Starved Rock”
- 44: Picnic at Starved Rock”
- 45: “Flying kites off stern”
- 46: “Refuel at Starved Rock – 15,000 gal. Bunker ‘C’”
- 47 “Visitors come aboard”
- 48: “Gang plank entertainment”
- 49: “Group picture of crew”
- 50: “Queen is awarded Golden Antlers”
- 51: “Capt. Wagner consoles Capt. Trone”
- 52: “Debarkation at Peoria”
- 53: “Departure for homes”
- 54: “No hard feelings”
- 55: “Last Look”