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Just got off the phone with Ted Neal.

The airplane does not have main wing fuel tanks, but rather two tanks in the belly. (There are two very small tip tanks that were not used.)

The ferry system consisted of three turtle tanks in the main cabin, and two fuel pumps that transfer fuel to the belly tanks via the vent lines. The turtle tanks are 400, 400, 200 gallons respectively. They added about 390, 390, 110 gallons, and didn't top off due to WB concerns.

Weight was 17,500 lbs, so it was over max takeoff weight (13,000 lbs). There was apparently a ferry permit, but this was organized by Southern Cross, the operator who supplied the pilots.

Once it arrived in HNL, they planned to fly it to Fiji via the Martial Islands. Once in Fiji, the floats were to be fitted, and it would have stayed down there for the summer transporting the owner from his yacht.

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