

**Black Prince**



**Narrowboats**

Discover  
Britain's Waterways  
with  
Black Prince  
Narrowboats



# A few words about ourselves



After many years of enjoyable narrowboat holidays on hire boats on the Canals of England, in January 1976 we set about the formation of Black Prince Narrowboats Ltd. We started with two boats in March of 1976 operating from Cosgrove on the Grand Union Canal, and despite the drought that occurred later in the year, which forced us to move our base, we succeeded in offering all our hirers enjoyable and guaranteed holidays. During 1977 we have operated four boats, thus enabling us to cater for more hirers and to welcome back old clients.

During our 1978 Season we are proud to have opened two new bases. One is at Oddingley on the Worcester and Birmingham Canal which is ideal for the Stratford on Avon Ring, and the other is at Whixall on the much sought after Llangollen Canal, where we have now moved our Head Office and Administrative Centre. Here in the Black Prince Marina we have probably the most beautiful setting for mooring a boat, anywhere on the Canals of England and Wales, and a marvellous starting point for hiring a boat for the Northern Waterways. We have opened these new bases as we believe that we are able to offer our hirers the best hire boats on the canal system, and are now able to offer an almost incomparable selection of routes. As our fleet is standardised into various classes of boats you can book with us with the confidence that your standards of accommodation and comfort will not alter no matter where your route starts from. All Black Prince Services are backed by our personal attention which we hope will ensure that you have your most enjoyable canal holiday ever this year and for many years to come. We look forward to welcoming you at one of our bases.

# About the Waterways

## Relaxation — From the Start

The beauty of the English Canals is their peace and tranquility. Created some 150 - 200 years ago, they now not only provide a tangible link with our industrial past and history, but as they meander through some of Britain's most beautiful countryside they are bringing an enormous source of pleasure to many people. They offer a fascinating variety of designs in bridges, locks, canalside cottages, pubs, farms, villages, and provide the traveller with views of countryside where the only link with the bustle and hustle of the outside world is the odd cart track crisscrossing the canal over old stone bridges, and carrying the farm animals from one field to another.



When one sees some of the marvels of engineering of the canals such as Blisworth Tunnel or the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct one wonders how the engineers of the 18th and 19th Century managed without the mechanical aids that we now take so much for granted. Canal travel offers the opportunity of seeing birds and wildlife rarely viewed, and from a safety point of view is an ideal family holiday for people with young children. The banks of the canal are never far away, and the water is reasonably shallow and has no current.





As far as handling is concerned our boats should cause no problems to those new to the canals, and the operation of the locks, though involving some physical effort is very simple providing one uses basic commonsense. We ensure that you will be given adequate instruction before you start your holiday and even if the skipper won't let you steer the boat, attractive crews are always needed to fill our T-shirts! Weather loses the importance it plays in other types of holidays, and we are certain that like us, you will find a canal holiday more interesting and relaxing than any other you have taken. The enjoyment and excitement of travelling where you want, when you want, taking your home with you on safe waters is unrivalled.



# The Narrowboat



The traditional narrowboat was designed specifically for the canal system being 7' wide and of lengths up to 71' 6".

They were originally built in wood but subsequently superceded by steel boats for strength and length of life. They normally travelled in pairs and consisted mainly of a large open hold over which were fixed tarpaulins to cover the goods such as coal and grain during the journey. The boaters and their family lived in the small back cabin adjoining the engine room and also in the cabin of the butty boat - the engineless second boat towed by the motor boat.

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## Your Narrowboat



The basic design of most of our narrowboats has been based on the traditional narrowboat, being 6' 10" wide and up to 69' in length. However, our boats have been specifically designed to use the space offered to maximum benefit and have been fitted out to include a full sized cooker, a fridge, hot and cold water, a shower unit, and either cabin heating or full gas fired central heating. The electrical supply offers not only general lighting but also reading lamps over many berths and 230v. electric razor points. The boats are powered by reliable Lister diesel engines and free fuel and gas are supplied. The water tanks are full on departure and the hirer will find regular water points to replenish the tanks.

We are also very lucky to have as our flagship a 72' ex working boat newly converted and probably the most luxurious ex working boat on the canal system.



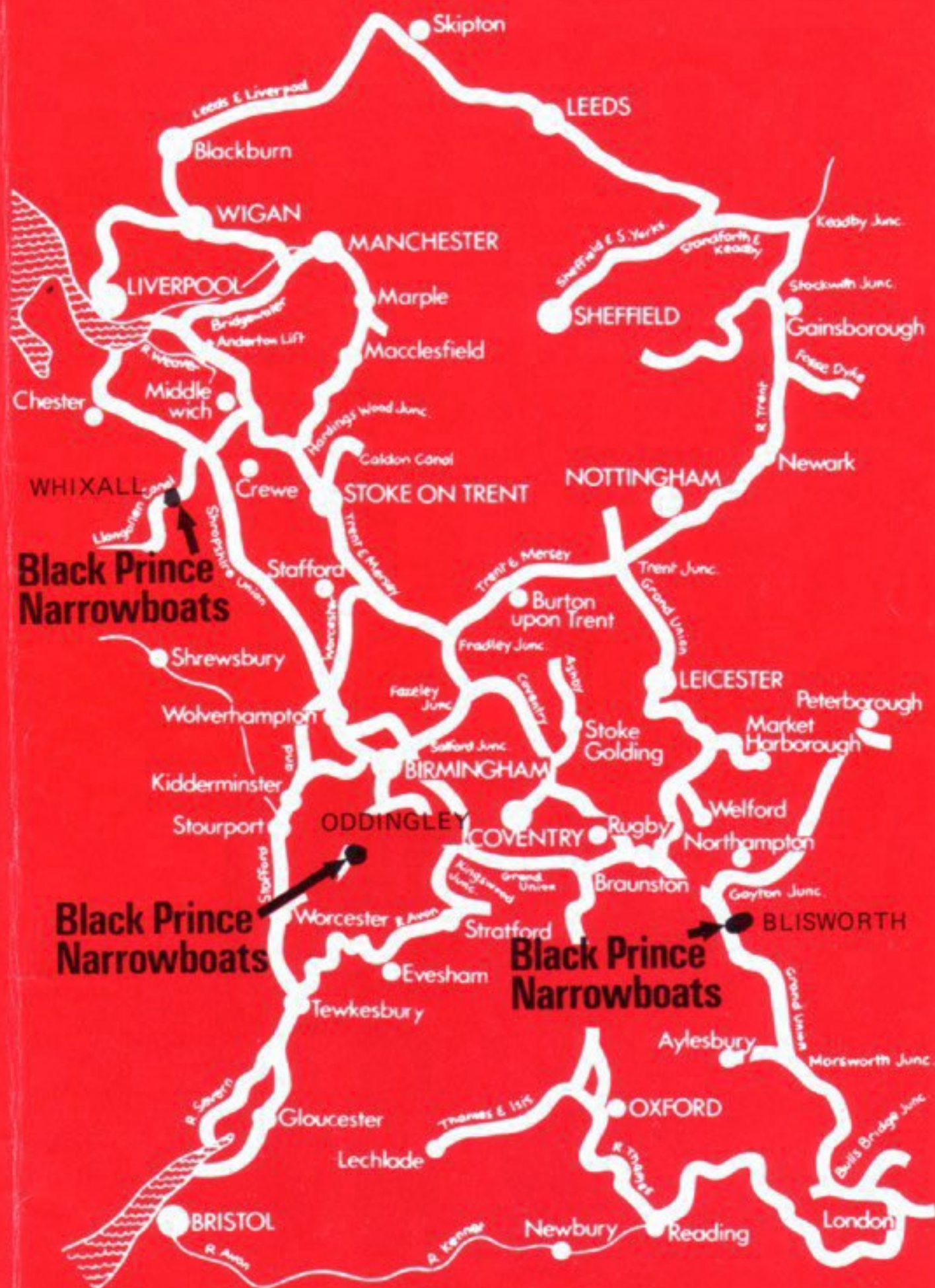
# OUR BASES ON THE CANAL SYSTEM

Head Office and Reservations  
Black Prince Narrowboats  
Black Prince Marina,  
Whixall, near Whitchurch,  
Shropshire.  
Whixall (094 872) 420  
Based on the Llangollen Canal

Black Prince Narrowboats  
Dunhampstead Wharf,  
Near Oddingley, Worcestershire  
Based on the Worcester and  
Birmingham Canal

Black Prince Narrowboats  
The Wharf,  
Clayton Road,  
Blisworth,  
Northamptonshire  
Based on the Grand Union Canal

# Navigable Inland Waterways



# Our Base at Whixall

## Location

Black Prince Marina is situated at the end of the Prees Branch of the Llangollen Canal. It is approximately 1½ days journey from the junction with the Shropshire Union at Hurleston. The marina size covers approximately 6½ acres of which 4 acres are water. The area was once a claypit which supplied clay for "Puddling" or lining the canals against leakage. Set in magnificent Shropshire countryside only ½ mile from the Welsh Border, this is probably the most beautiful marina on any of the canals of England and Wales. Adjacent to the marina is a conservation area where plants and wild life flourish. We welcome visitors and hope that you will visit our head office at Whixall.

## How To Get There

The Marina can be approached from the North off the M6 at exit 17, and then by way of Nantwich and Whitchurch. From the South it can be approached by the A41 or the A5 and then up the A442 to Whitchurch.





## Suggested Routes

### one week duration

1 From Whixall left and along the Llangollen canal to Llangollen. Then back down to Hurleston junction, and from there, is time even after due allowance for the return journey to travel further. Either down the Shropshire Union to Nantwich or along the 10 mile Middlewich Branch to Middlewich at its junction with the Trent and Mersey. Same route for return journey.

### two weeks' duration

2 Llangollen Canal-Whixall to Hurleston Junction-Down the Shropshire Union to Autherley Junction-Great Haywood Junction-up the Trent and Mersey to Middlewich-Barbridge Junction to Hurleston and Llangollen Canal to Whixall.

3 Llangollen Canal-Whixall to Hurleston. Middlewich Branch and South into Trent and Mersey. Macclesfield Canal to Marple and Whaley Bridge. A very beautiful route. Quite suitable for novices. Same route for return journey.

4 Llangollen Canal-Whixall to Hurleston then to Middlewich and North to Preston Brook and Manchester. Not a difficult route and some fine scenery. Opportunity to take the famous Anderton Lift down to the River Weaver. Same route for return journey.

# Our Base at Oddingley

## Location

Oddingley is situated on the beautiful and historic Worcester and Birmingham Canal just below Dunhampstead Tunnel. To the South lies Worcester - to the North the Tardebigge flight beckons the way to the Shakespeare Country.

## How To Get There

Oddingley is approximately 2 miles from Droitwich. Coming from Droitwich take the Tibberton Road, for about 1½ miles, until you have passed under the motorway and then turn left down the road marked Himbleton, right at the bottom, T junction turn right and then along to the Canal Bridge. We shall send you a map prior to the start of your holiday.

## Places of Interest to Visit

South from Dunhampstead, at Worcester, the Cathedral, procelain works and Commandary. Tewkesbury is worth a stay or down river to Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust Up the Avon to Shakespeare country and Stratford. North from Dunhampstead, the famous Tardebigge locks on to Gas Street Basin the centre of Birmingham, continuing to the canal town of Stourport.





## Suggested Routes

### one week duration

1. Oddingley to Kings Norton. Right, down North Stratford to Lapworth. South Stratford to Evesham on the upper Avon. Lower Avon to Tewkesbury then River Severn to Worcester and back up to Worcester/Birmingham Canal.
2. As route 1 to Kings Norton but then right into Birmingham through Gas Street Basin, Farmers Bridge Locks and back via the Grand Union Canal to Kingswood. A good circuit for beginners, with countryside and city.
3. Kingswood Junction to Salford, Fazeley junction and Coventry Canal to Hawkesbury junction. A visit to the centre of Coventry is possible from here by way of the Coventry Arm. Down the North Oxford to Braunston junction. Return to Kingswood junction via Warwick. A very varied and interesting circuit. Experienced hirers only.
4. Oddingley is ideally situated for exploration of the BCN. (Birmingham Canal Navigations). This is perhaps of most appeal to the well converted canal enthusiasts. All hirers should however take the opportunity to see at least something of this fascinating network of canals.

### two weeks duration

5. To Worcester, down the Worcester and Birmingham. Then up the River Severn from Worcester to Stourport. From here either through to B.C.N., back to Kingswood Junction or North to Autherley Junction and Great Haywood, Trent and Mersey to Fazeley and back to Kingswood Junction. There are many variations that can be made to the above circuits by including different sections of the B.C.N. Experienced hirers could make a circuit in one week. There is much variety in this route including the River Severn section.
6. Same basic route as Cruise 1 but with diversions to Gloucester or Stourport or both and return via the B.C.N. or all the way round as in Cruise 4. Suitable for the more experienced hirer.

# Our Base at Blisworth

## Location

Our base is situated by the side of the Grand Union Canal in the picturesque village of Blisworth.

Going south down the Grand Union Canal, a journey of  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile will bring you to Blisworth Tunnel followed by the famous canal village of Stoke Bruerne with its museum. From here our travels take us on through the memorable Buckinghamshire countryside climbing slowly to the Tring Summit, from where the Grand Union slowly descends towards London.

Going north within a few hours of lovely countryside one arrives at Gayton Junction from here you can turn right down the Northampton Arm, or leave the main line to journey through to Market Harborough and Leicester, or just carry straight on until Braunston Tunnel beckons the way to Braunston and the Midlands.

## How to get there

### By Road

From the South come up the A5 turn right in the middle of Towcester onto the main A 43 to Northampton. Follow this road through until you reach the village of Blisworth, and just before crossing the main bridge across the canal turn left into Gayton Road, and in 100 yards our base is on the right hand side.

From the North make for Northampton and follow the A43 to Towcester.

### By Rail

By British Railways to Northampton Station.

If you are coming by train and would like to be met at the station, please let us know well in advance of your arrival time, and we shall be delighted to come and collect you.





## Suggested Routes

### one week duration

#### 1. An Easy Week - Going North

Ashby Canal One Week Cruise, Travel north to Braunston. Take the North Oxford to Hawkesbury Junction. Visit Coventry, then on to Marston Junction. Travel the Ashby Canal to Snarestone at the end of the Canal and return.

#### 2. An Easy Week - Going South

Southwards along the Grand Union Canal across the Chiltern Hills as far as Berkhamstead or Hemel Hempstead, and and return.

#### 3. The Birmingham Cruise - If you are feeling strong.

Up the Grand Union to Gayton and then Braunston, on up to Warwick, then up the energy sapping Hatton Flight to picturesque Lapworth Junction and return.

### two week duration, circular cruise

Travel North, turn right at Norton Junction along the Leicester section of the Grand Union to Foxton, through Leicester and down the River Soar. Turn sharp left up the River Trent, and along the Trent and Mersey Canal to Marston Junction, left along the Ashby Canal to Snareston and back. Travel South again, turning sharp left at Hawkesbury Junction and on to Braunston, through Braunston Tunnel, and so back on down to Blisworth.

# Maps and Books available

The Canals Book

Nicholson's Guide to the Waterways

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5.

N.B. - The principal canals covered by the four volumes of Nicholson's Guides are as follows:

VOL.1 (South East) Grand Union (as far as Leicester and Birmingham), Birmingham and Fazeley, Oxford, Coventry and Ashby.

VOL. 2 (North West) Shropshire Union, Staffs. and Worcs. (as far as Aldesley Junction), Llangollen, Ashton, Peak Forest, Macclesfield, Caldon, Leeds and Liverpool and Trent and Mersey (as far as Fradley Junction).

VOL. 3 (South West) Worcester and Birmingham B.C.N. North Stratford, Staffs. and Worcs. (South of Aldesley Junction) and River Severn.

VOL. 4 (North East) Grand Union (North of Leicester), Trent and Mersey (East of Fradley Junction), Fossdyke and Witham, Erewash, River Trent and all Waterways in the North East.

VOL. 5 The Midlands

Prices on Application.



# Inventory

## Galley Equipment

|                      |                           |                    |
|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Kettle             | 1 Plastic bowl            | 1 Chopping board   |
| 1 Frying pan         | 1 Carving knife           | 1 Pair oven gloves |
| 1 Carving dish       | 1 Carving fork            | 1 Rolling pin      |
| 3 Saucepans and lids | 2 Cooks knives            | 1 Palette knife    |
| 1 Roasting tin       | 1 Wooden spoon            | 1 Toast rack       |
| 1 Pudding basin      | 1 Potato peeler           | 3 Tea towels       |
| 1 Colander           | 1 Fish slice              | Dishcloth          |
| 1 Casserole          | 1 Tea strainer            | Washing up liquid  |
| 1 Mixing bowl        | 1 Tin opener              | Soap pads          |
| 1 1 pint jug         | 1 Bottle opener/corkscrew |                    |
| 1 Water jug          | 1 Washing-up mop          |                    |
| 1 Bread bin          | 1 Grillpan                |                    |
| 1 Bread board        | 1 Enamel plate            |                    |
| 1 Bread knife        | 1 Pedal bin               |                    |
| 1 Grater             | 1 Potato masher           |                    |

## Table Equipment

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Berths               | Berths                 |
| 4 6 8                | 4 6 8                  |
| 4 4 4 Serving Spoons | 4 6 8 Cups and saucers |
| 4 6 8 Dessert knives | 4 6 8 Mugs             |
| 4 6 8 Table knives   | 4 6 8 Egg cups         |
| 4 6 8 Dessert forks  | 4 6 8 Tumblers         |
| 4 6 8 Table forks    | 1 1 1 Butter dish      |
| 4 6 8 Teaspoons      | 1 1 1 Sugar bowl       |
| 4 6 8 Dessert spoons | 1 1 1 Cruet set        |
| 4 6 8 Soup Spoons    | 1 1 1 Teapot           |
| 4 6 8 Tea plates     | 1 1 1 Fruit Bowl       |
| 4 6 8 Dinner Plates  | 4 6 8 Wine glasses     |
| 4 6 8 Soup bowls     | 2 2 2 Ashtrays         |
| 4 6 8 Cereal bowls   |                        |

## Bedding

|                         |
|-------------------------|
| 3 Blankets per bunk     |
| 1 Pillow per bunk       |
| 1 Mattress pad per bunk |
| 1 Pillowcase per bunk   |

## Cleaning Equipment

|                          |                     |
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| 1 Broom                  | 1 Dustpan and brush |
| 1 Floor mop              | 1 Bucket            |
| 1 Toilet brush and stand | 1 Floor cloth       |
| 1 First Aid kit          | 1 Gas spanner       |

## Navigation Equipment

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| 1 Boarding plank   | 2 Mooring spikes    |
| 1 Boat pole        | 1 Club hammer       |
| 1 Boathook         | 2 Double windlasses |
| 1 Water hose       |                     |
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# **Boats Available for 1979**

Boats starting on either Saturday or Sunday  
have the same starting and finishing times  
and the same prices for boats of that class.

## **Whixall - Llangollen Canal**

|                       |                                     |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday Start</b> | 1 Tank Class - 56' - 8 berth        |
|                       | 1 Battle Class - 54' - 8 berth      |
|                       | 1 Commander Class - 52' - 6/8 berth |
|                       | 1 Fighter Class - 50' - 6 berth     |
|                       | 1 Bomber Class - 46' - 5 berth      |
|                       | 2 Missile Class - 42' - 4 berth     |

## **Oddingley - Worcester and Birmingham Canal**

|                       |                                     |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday Start</b> | 1 Battle Class - 54' - 8 berth      |
|                       | 1 Commander Class - 52' - 6/8 berth |
|                       | 2 Missile Class - 42' - 4 berth     |
|                       | 1 Galumph Class - 57' - 4 berth     |

## **Blisworth - Grand Union Canal**

|                       |                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday Start</b> | 1 Carrier Class - 69' - 10 berth  |
|                       | 1 Battle Class - 54' - 8 berth    |
|                       | 3 Lady Class - 54' - 6 berth      |
|                       | 1 Sovereign Class - 46' - 5 berth |
|                       | 1 Nell Gwyn Class - 45' - 4 berth |

The above is our complement at the time of going to press,  
but further boats are due to be added to our fleet throughout  
the year.

# Some of your questions answered

## How Do I Book and When Should I Book

We have found from experience that people are booking earlier each year, particularly for bank holiday, and the Summer Season. We shall be offering a larger number of boats every year in all classes, from an ever widening number of start points but, if you wish to be certain that the boat you want has not already been booked by someone else we suggest you make a provisional booking by telephone. This can be done at any time. Such provisional bookings must be put in writing with the appropriate deposit within 3 days or they will not be held.

You make a booking with us by completing the detachable booking form at the back of the brochure.

## Items Included in Hire Fee

Our boats are hired complete with all equipment and a full inventory of kitchen domestic items. This includes washing up fluid, tea towels, J. cloths brillo pads and Vim. Before you collect your boat it will have been refuelled with diesel oil, new gas bottles connected and the water tanks replenished.

## Items not Included

Table linen, towels, sheets and consumable items such as toilet paper, soap, etc.

## Extra Passengers

In all our boats one extra passenger above the normal complement is allowed but we must point out that we do not encourage it as there is a considerable loss of comfort with people having to sleep on the floor. Where an extra person is required a charge of £10 per extra person per week is made. Extra bedding can be supplied in such a case. The exceptions to this are as follows: Children up to 3 years no charge, from 4 - 13 years inclusive half the extra charge.

## Embarkation and Return

The period of hire at all of our bases begins at 15.00 hours and on the return all boats must be back at our bases by 9 a.m. and completely vacated by 10 a.m. We urgently need the period in between for essential cleaning and maintenance and if you return late you will most probably delay the start of someone else's holiday. An additional charge will be incurred for late return. (See Condition Hire para. 4)

## Groups and Youth Parties

Please see Conditions of Hire para. 6. We will accept bookings on normal terms from responsible groups of adults.

## Pets

We do not mind if you bring your dogs or other pets with you and we do not make an extra charge. However, we would ask you to control them as you would in your own home and keep them away from bedding.

## Lifejackets and Safety Sides

Lifejackets are available for small children and lent during the period of hire free of charge. All top bunks are fitted with safety sides to prevent anyone from falling out in their sleep.

## Bedding

For every berth on our boats we provide a 6' foam mattress, 3 blankets, 1 pillow, 1 pillow case and 1 mattress pad.

## T.V. Sets

Our boats are wired for 12v portable T.V. sets which can be hired at £4.00 per week including VAT. They give very good reception and if you require one please order as an extra on the back of the booking form. The number of sets is limited, so it is a case of first come, first served.

## Cancellation Scheme

We recommend this strongly and you will find full details towards the end of the brochure

## Groceries and Provisions

We have arrangements with a local shop at each of our bases to start you off with initial supply of food, if necessary. Please let us have your requirements in clear detail about four weeks before the date of your hire, and we will see the goods are put on board ready for you. The cost of the goods is payable before you leave but there is no charge for this service.

## Pump-Out Toilets

All our boats have the new pump-out toilets. Full details of facilities and operation will be given to you before you start your cruise.

## Car Parking

All our bases have free car parking space in the open for which no charge is made. No lock up garage facilities are available at any of our bases, and we cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to hirers vehicles.

## Licences and Permits

There are no extra charges payable on any of the canals with the exception of the following : Upper and Lower Avon and South Stratford Canal, the River Nene and River Thames. We shall be pleased to supply further details on request.

## Inspection of Boats

If you would like to inspect our boats before you book you are most welcome to do so. We would advise you however to let us know in advance so that we can ensure that the boat you want to see is available.

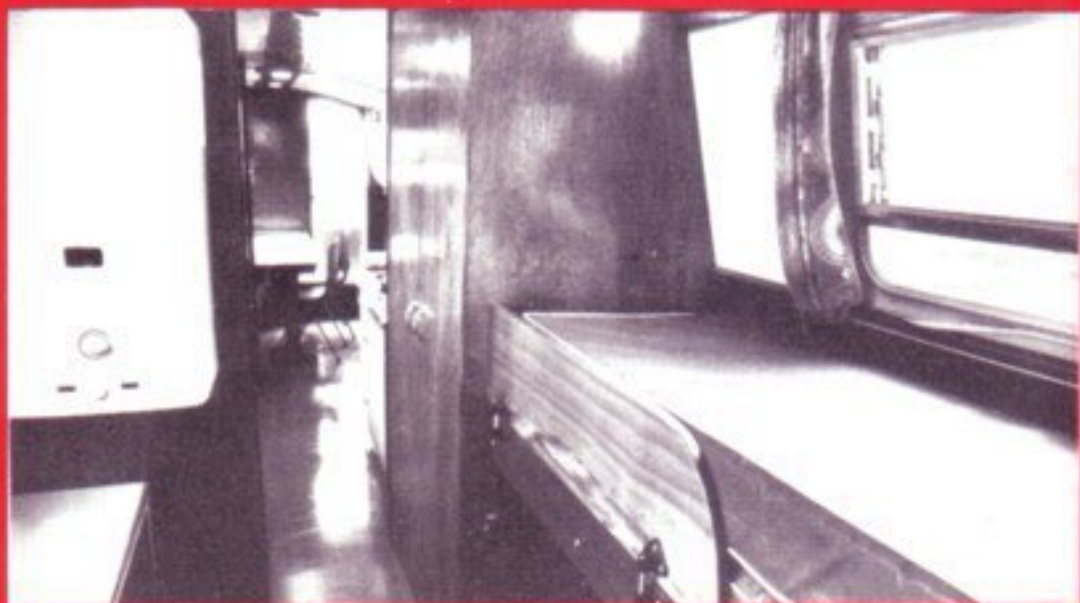
## Black Prince Marina

As well as being our Head Office the Marina at Whixall has tremendous opportunities for those wishing to get the feeling of the canals, either by hiring a day boat or going out for a run in a trip boat. Water Folk Ltd also run a trip boat called Cedar from our base at Oddingley on the Worcester/ Birmingham Canal

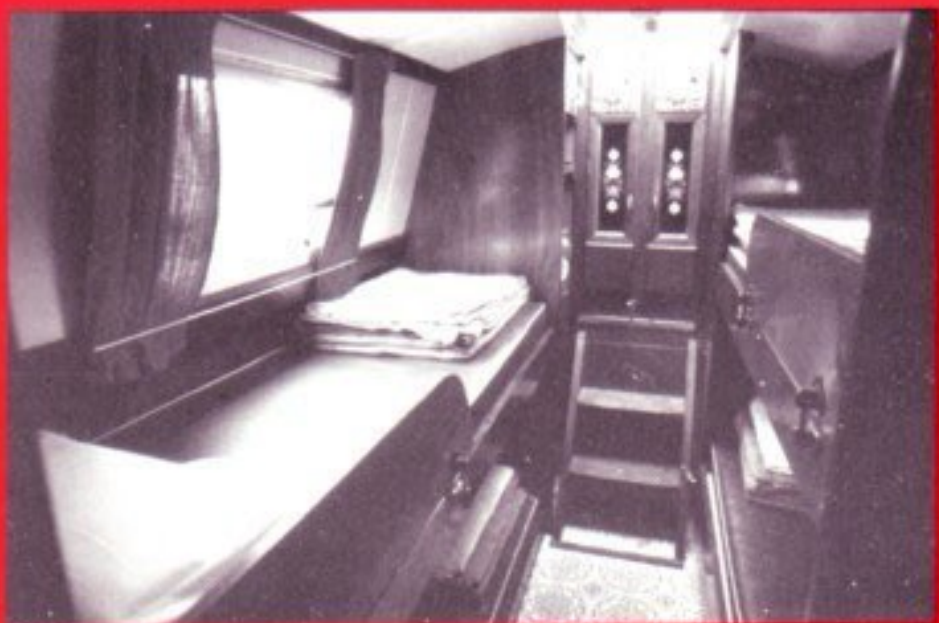
# Inside our Narrowboats



Your Floating Kitchen and Dining Area



View of Centre Cabin



Aft Cabin with Access on to the Stern

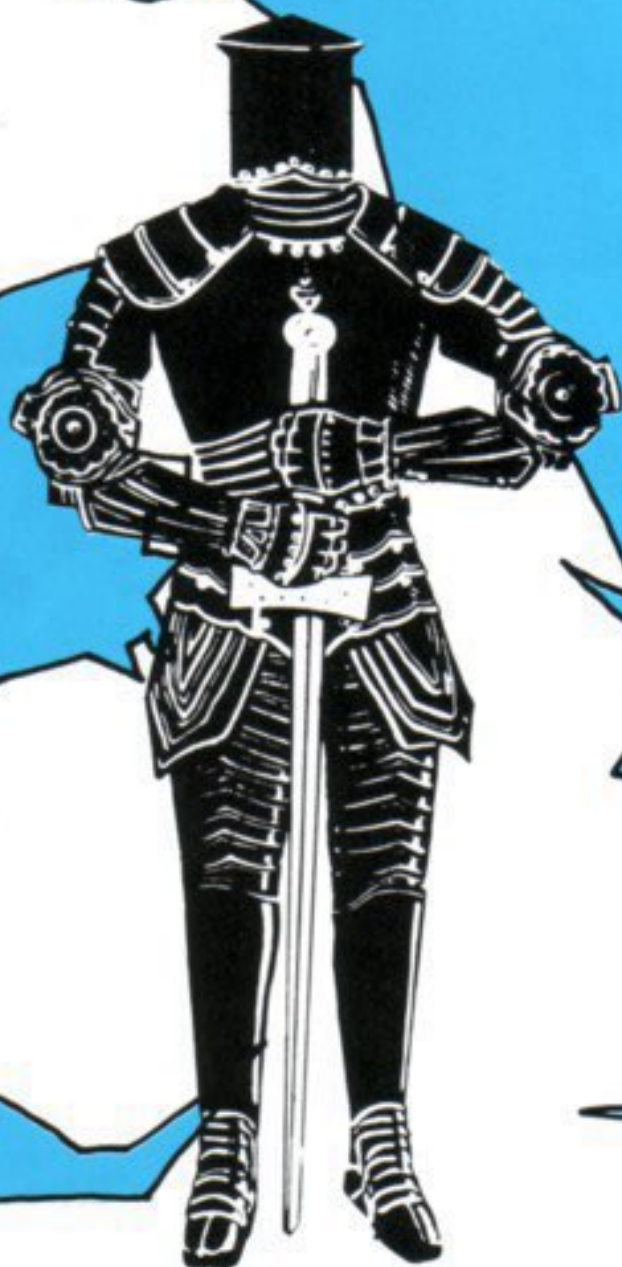
# Our New Base for 1979

IN LINE WITH OUR FIRMLY DECLARED POLICY OF HAVING THE WIDEST CHOICE OF START POINTS AND HOLIDAY ROUTES OF ANY CANAL HIRE COMPANY IN GREAT BRITAIN BY 1983, WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT FOR 1979 OUR FIRST NEW BASE WILL BE AT BLISWORTH ON THE GRAND UNION CANAL. WE HAVE TAKEN OVER BLISWORTH TUNNEL BOATS LIMITED AND THEIR LUXURY FLEET OF SUPERB BOATS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE BLACK PRINCE NARROWBOAT FLEET.

DON'T FORGET THAT AS WELL AS HAVING THE PRETTIEST BOATS ON THE CANALS, WE ALSO HAVE SOME OF THE PRETTIEST STAFF.



Watch this Space in Future Years  
for more Acquisitions  
as the Black Prince Group Expands



We are very proud of our team of assistants who help us turn round the boats at our bases. Some of our girls pictured below also travel around with us to boat rallies to promote the company in general.



If you see us at any of the rallies, do come and visit our stand for a chat with our girls.

# CARRIER CLASS

10 berth 69'



|         |                                                                                                                           |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Berths  | 10, one double, 8 singles                                                                                                 |
| Length  | 69'                                                                                                                       |
| Beam    | 6' 10"                                                                                                                    |
| Draught | 1' 9"                                                                                                                     |
| Head    | Over 6'                                                                                                                   |
| Engine  | 20 h.p. air cooled Lister Diesel with single lever controls                                                               |
| Fuel    | 60 gallons                                                                                                                |
| Water   | 100 gallons                                                                                                               |
| Galley  | Full size four burner cooker with oven and eye level grill, stainless steel sink unit, three cubic feet gas refrigerator. |
| Heating | Central heating with airing cupboard                                                                                      |
| W.C.    | 3 pump out toilets                                                                                                        |



This boat is only available to hirers with at least 2 years experience of handling narrowboats.



# TANK CLASS

8 berth 56'



|          |                                                                                                                                 |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Berths   | Eight, one double, six single                                                                                                   |
| Length   | 56'                                                                                                                             |
| Beam     | 6' 10"                                                                                                                          |
| Draught  | 1' 9"                                                                                                                           |
| Headroom | Over 6'                                                                                                                         |
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| Fuel     | 60 gallons                                                                                                                      |
| Water    | 100 gallons                                                                                                                     |
| Galley   | Full size four burner cooker with oven<br>and eye level grill, stainless steel sink<br>unit, three cubic feet gas refrigerator. |
| Heating  | Central heating with airing cupboard                                                                                            |
| W.C.     | Two pump out toilets                                                                                                            |



# GALUMPH CLASS

Luxury 4 berth 57'



|          |                                                                                                                           |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Berths   | 1 double, 2 single                                                                                                        |
| Length   | 57'                                                                                                                       |
| Beam     | 6' 10"                                                                                                                    |
| Draught  | 1' 9"                                                                                                                     |
| Headroom | Over 6'                                                                                                                   |
| Engine   | 20 h.p. air cooled Lister Diesel with single lever controls                                                               |
| Fuel     | 60 gallons                                                                                                                |
| Water    | 100 gallons                                                                                                               |
| Galley   | Full size four burner cooker with oven and eye level grill, stainless steel sink unit, three cubic feet gas refrigerator. |
| Heating  | Central heating                                                                                                           |
| W.C.     | Pump out toilet                                                                                                           |



Without doubt, the finest 4-berth Narrow Boat available for hire anywhere on the canal system. Radio and television are provided. We are proud to be able to offer this superb craft for hire — Naturally, all the standard features of our other craft are incorporated in 'Galumph', but it offers in addition a comfortably furnished 12 ft. forward saloon for use exclusively as a day cabin.



# BATTLE CLASS

8 berth 54'



|          |                                                                                                                          |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Berths   | Eight, one double, six singles                                                                                           |
| Length   | 54'                                                                                                                      |
| Beam     | 6' 10"                                                                                                                   |
| Draught  | 1' 9"                                                                                                                    |
| Headroom | Over 6'                                                                                                                  |
| Engine   | 20 h.p. air cooled Lister Diesel with single lever controls                                                              |
| Fuel     | 60 gallons, ample for three week cruise                                                                                  |
| Water    | 100 gallons                                                                                                              |
| Galley   | Full size four burner cooker with oven and eye level grill, stainless steel sink unit, three cubic feet gas refrigerator |
| Heating  | 3 cabin gas heaters                                                                                                      |
| W.C.     | Two pump out toilets                                                                                                     |



# COMMANDER CLASS

6/8 berth 52'



|          |                                                                                                                      |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Berths   | Eight, one double, six singles                                                                                       |
| Length   | 52'                                                                                                                  |
| Beam     | 6' 10"                                                                                                               |
| Draught  | 1' 9"                                                                                                                |
| Headroom | Over 6'                                                                                                              |
| Engine   | 20 h.p. air cooled Lister Diesel with single lever controls                                                          |
| Fuel     | 60 gallons, ample for three week cruise                                                                              |
| Water    | 100 gallons                                                                                                          |
| Galley   | Full size four burner cooker with oven and eye level grill, stainless steel sink unit, three cubic feet refrigerator |
| Heating  | 3 cabin gas heaters                                                                                                  |
| W.C.     | Two pump out toilets                                                                                                 |



The prices shown for this boat on the hire charge page are as a 6 berth. Extra people are charged at £5.00 per week each.

# LADY CLASS

6 berth 54'



|          |                                                                                                                                 |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Berths   | 1 double, 4 singles                                                                                                             |
| Length   | 54'                                                                                                                             |
| Beam     | 6' 10"                                                                                                                          |
| Draught  | 1' 10"                                                                                                                          |
| Headroom | Over 6'                                                                                                                         |
| Engine   | 20 h.p. Lister Diesel - Air cooled<br>with single lever control                                                                 |
| Fuel     | 60 gallons                                                                                                                      |
| Water    | 100 gallons                                                                                                                     |
| Galley   | Full size four burner cooked with oven<br>and eye level grill, stainless steel sink<br>unit, three cubic feet gas refrigerator. |
| Heating  | Central heating with airing cupboard                                                                                            |
| W.C.     | Pump out toilet                                                                                                                 |



# FIGHTER CLASS

6 berth 50'



|          |                                                                                                                                |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Berths   | 1 double, 4 single                                                                                                             |
| Lenght   | 50'                                                                                                                            |
| Beam     | 6' 10"                                                                                                                         |
| Draught  | 1' 9"                                                                                                                          |
| Headroom | Over 6'                                                                                                                        |
| Engine   | 20 h.p. Lister Diesel, air cooled<br>with single lever controls                                                                |
| Fuel     | 60 gallons                                                                                                                     |
| Water    | 100 gallons                                                                                                                    |
| Galley   | Full size four burner cooker with oven<br>and eye level grill, stainless steel sink<br>unit, three cubic feet gas refrigerator |
| Heating  | Full central heating with airing cupboard                                                                                      |
| W.C.     | 1 pump out toilet                                                                                                              |

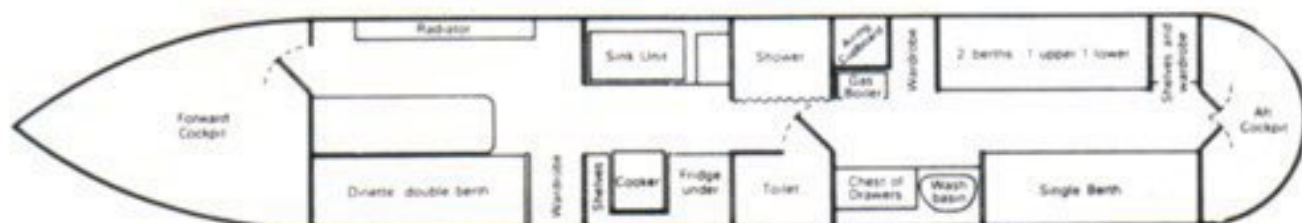


# BOMBER CLASS

5 berth 46'



|          |                                                                                                                                |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Berths   | 5, 1 double, 3 singles                                                                                                         |
| Length   | 46'                                                                                                                            |
| Beam     | 6' 10"                                                                                                                         |
| Draught  | 1' 9"                                                                                                                          |
| Headroom | Over 6'                                                                                                                        |
| Engine   | 14 h.p. air cooled Lister Diesel<br>with single lever controls                                                                 |
| Fuel     | 60 gallons, ample for three week cruise                                                                                        |
| Water    | 100 gallons                                                                                                                    |
| Galley   | Full size four burner cooker with oven<br>and eye level grill, stainless steel sink<br>unit, three cubic feet gas refrigerator |
| Heating  | Full central heating with airing cupboard                                                                                      |
| W.C.     | 1 pump out toilet                                                                                                              |



# SOVEREIGN CLASS

5 berth 46'



|          |                                                                                                                      |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Berths   | 5, one double, three singles                                                                                         |
| Length   | 46'                                                                                                                  |
| Beam     | 6' 10"                                                                                                               |
| Draught  | 1' 9"                                                                                                                |
| Headroom | Over 6'                                                                                                              |
| Engine   | 13 h.p. air cooled Lister Diesel with single lever controls                                                          |
| Fuel     | 60 gallons, ample for three week cruise                                                                              |
| Water    | 100 gallons                                                                                                          |
| Galley   | Full size four burner cooker with oven and eye level grill, stainless steel sink unit, three cubic feet refrigerator |
| Heating  | Full central heating                                                                                                 |
| W.C.     | 1 pump out toilet                                                                                                    |

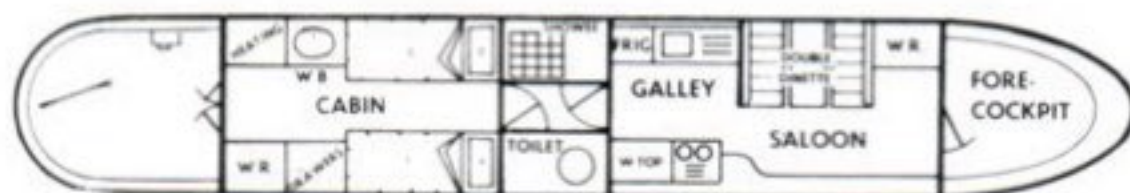


# NELL GWYN CLASS

4 berth 45'



|          |                                                                                                                                 |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Berths   | 1 double, 2 single                                                                                                              |
| Length   | 45'                                                                                                                             |
| Beam     | 6' 10"                                                                                                                          |
| Draught  | 1' 9"                                                                                                                           |
| Headroom | Over 6'                                                                                                                         |
| Engine   | 13 h.p. Lister Diesel, air cooled<br>with single lever controls                                                                 |
| Fuel     | 60 gallons                                                                                                                      |
| Water    | 100 gallons                                                                                                                     |
| Galley   | Full size four burner cooker with oven<br>and eye level grill, stainless steel sink<br>unit, three cubic feet gas refrigerator. |
| Heating  | Full central heating with airing cupboard                                                                                       |
| W.C.     | 1 pump out toilet                                                                                                               |



# MISSILE CLASS

4 berth 42'



|          |                                                                                                        |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Berths   | 1 double, 2 single                                                                                     |
| Length   | 42'                                                                                                    |
| Beam     | 6' 10"                                                                                                 |
| Draught  | 1' 9"                                                                                                  |
| Headroom | Over 6'                                                                                                |
| Engine   | 13 h.p. Lister air cooled Lister Diesel engine                                                         |
| Fuel     | 60 gallons                                                                                             |
| Water    | 80 gallons                                                                                             |
| Galley   | Three burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit, three cubic feet gas refrigerator. |
| Heating  | Full central heating with airing cupboard                                                              |
| W.C.     | 1 pump out toilet                                                                                      |



# Hire Charges 1979

£'s per week

V.A.T. at current rates will be charged on these prices. Boats starting on Sunday are the same price as boats of that class starting on the Saturday.

| Saturday Start<br>Date 1979 |    | Missile Class<br>42' (4) | Nell Gwyn Class<br>45' (4) | Sovereign Class<br>46' (4/5) | Bomber Class<br>46' (5) | Fighter Class<br>50' (6) | Commander Class<br>52' (6/8) | Lady Class<br>54' (6) | Battle Class<br>54' (8) | Tank Class<br>56' (8) | Galumph Class<br>57' (4/5) | Carrier Class<br>69' (10) |
|-----------------------------|----|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| March                       | 10 | 83                       | 90                         | 100                          | 105                     | 125                      | 125                          | 121                   | 145                     | 154                   | 126                        | 193                       |
|                             | 17 | 83                       | 90                         | 100                          | 105                     | 125                      | 125                          | 121                   | 145                     | 154                   | 126                        | 193                       |
|                             | 24 | 83                       | 90                         | 100                          | 105                     | 125                      | 125                          | 121                   | 145                     | 154                   | 126                        | 193                       |
|                             | 31 | 83                       | 90                         | 100                          | 105                     | 125                      | 125                          | 121                   | 145                     | 154                   | 126                        | 193                       |
| April                       | 7  | 83                       | 125                        | 130                          | 105                     | 125                      | 125                          | 201                   | 145                     | 154                   | 126                        | 293                       |
|                             | 14 | 158                      | 125                        | 130                          | 175                     | 201                      | 201                          | 201                   | 211                     | 235                   | 186                        | 293                       |
|                             | 21 | 158                      | 90                         | 100                          | 175                     | 201                      | 201                          | 121                   | 211                     | 235                   | 186                        | 193                       |
|                             | 28 | 83                       | 90                         | 100                          | 105                     | 125                      | 125                          | 121                   | 145                     | 154                   | 126                        | 193                       |
| May                         | 5  | 115                      | 110                        | 120                          | 125                     | 150                      | 155                          | 150                   | 165                     | 174                   | 162                        | 217                       |
|                             | 12 | 115                      | 110                        | 120                          | 125                     | 150                      | 155                          | 150                   | 165                     | 174                   | 162                        | 217                       |
|                             | 19 | 115                      | 125                        | 130                          | 125                     | 150                      | 155                          | 201                   | 165                     | 174                   | 162                        | 293                       |
|                             | 26 | 208                      | 200                        | 210                          | 241                     | 260                      | 264                          | 228                   | 284                     | 310                   | 258                        | 336                       |
| June                        | 2  | 174                      | 174                        | 184                          | 190                     | 204                      | 207                          | 207                   | 227                     | 240                   | 207                        | 300                       |
|                             | 9  | 174                      | 174                        | 184                          | 190                     | 204                      | 207                          | 207                   | 227                     | 240                   | 207                        | 300                       |
|                             | 16 | 187                      | 190                        | 197                          | 205                     | 217                      | 217                          | 217                   | 231                     | 251                   | 220                        | 313                       |
|                             | 23 | 187                      | 190                        | 197                          | 205                     | 217                      | 217                          | 217                   | 231                     | 251                   | 220                        | 313                       |
|                             | 30 | 187                      | 200                        | 210                          | 205                     | 217                      | 217                          | 228                   | 231                     | 251                   | 220                        | 336                       |
| July                        | 7  | 187                      | 200                        | 210                          | 205                     | 217                      | 217                          | 228                   | 231                     | 251                   | 220                        | 336                       |
|                             | 14 | 187                      | 204                        | 215                          | 205                     | 217                      | 217                          | 245                   | 231                     | 251                   | 220                        | 346                       |
|                             | 21 | 208                      | 215                        | 230                          | 241                     | 264                      | 264                          | 248                   | 284                     | 310                   | 258                        | 356                       |
|                             | 28 | 208                      | 215                        | 230                          | 241                     | 264                      | 264                          | 248                   | 284                     | 310                   | 258                        | 356                       |
| August                      | 4  | 208                      | 215                        | 230                          | 241                     | 264                      | 264                          | 248                   | 284                     | 310                   | 258                        | 356                       |
|                             | 11 | 208                      | 215                        | 230                          | 241                     | 264                      | 264                          | 248                   | 284                     | 310                   | 258                        | 356                       |
|                             | 18 | 208                      | 204                        | 215                          | 241                     | 264                      | 264                          | 245                   | 284                     | 310                   | 258                        | 346                       |
|                             | 25 | 208                      | 200                        | 210                          | 241                     | 264                      | 264                          | 228                   | 284                     | 310                   | 258                        | 336                       |
| Sept.                       | 1  | 187                      | 174                        | 184                          | 205                     | 217                      | 217                          | 207                   | 231                     | 251                   | 220                        | 300                       |
|                             | 8  | 174                      | 125                        | 130                          | 190                     | 204                      | 207                          | 201                   | 227                     | 240                   | 207                        | 293                       |
|                             | 15 | 158                      | 110                        | 120                          | 175                     | 201                      | 201                          | 150                   | 211                     | 235                   | 186                        | 217                       |
|                             | 22 | 83                       | 90                         | 100                          | 105                     | 125                      | 125                          | 121                   | 145                     | 154                   | 126                        | 193                       |
|                             | 29 | 83                       | 90                         | 100                          | 105                     | 125                      | 125                          | 121                   | 145                     | 154                   | 126                        | 193                       |
| October                     | 6  | 83                       | 90                         | 100                          | 105                     | 125                      | 125                          | 121                   | 145                     | 154                   | 126                        | 193                       |
|                             | 13 | 83                       | 90                         | 100                          | 105                     | 125                      | 125                          | 121                   | 145                     | 154                   | 126                        | 193                       |
|                             | 20 | 83                       | 90                         | 100                          | 105                     | 125                      | 125                          | 121                   | 145                     | 154                   | 126                        | 193                       |
|                             | 27 | 83                       | 90                         | 100                          | 105                     | 125                      | 125                          | 121                   | 145                     | 154                   | 126                        | 193                       |

Commander Class - price for 6 - extra persons £5.00 each

# Conditions of Hire

## 1 Booking

A boat is booked when the completed and signed booking form has reached the company with one fifth (to the nearest £) of the total hire fee and an acknowledgement of booking has been sent to the hirer.

## 2 Balance of Hire Fee

The Hirer is responsible for the whole of the hire fee and the balance must be paid three weeks before the date on which the hire is due to begin. Should the Hirer cancel the booking we will make every effort to re-let the boat, but if we are unsuccessful the Hirer remains responsible for the balance of the hire fee. A charge of 15 per cent of the total hire fee is made for obtaining a re-letting.

(See Cancellation Scheme page)

## 3 Letting to Persons under 20

The Company will not let a boat to a person under 20 years of age.

## 4 Return of Boats

Boats must be returned by 09.00 and vacated by 10.00 hrs. in a CLEAN condition. The Hirer is responsible for allowing himself enough time to reach the agreed finishing point at the stated time. If the Hirer fails to return or vacate the boat in accordance with this condition he shall pay to the Company as liquidated damages the sum of £3.00 for every hour or part of an hour after 10 a.m. during which the boat is delayed or occupied.

## 5 Insurance

Full insurance of the boat and equipment except for the first £25 of any claim is included in the hire fee. Third Party risks are covered up to £250,000. We require £25 deposit to be left with us before the start of the cruise. During the week following your return from holiday you will be refunded the £25 deposit by cheque on condition no loss or damage has taken place and the boat has not been involved in an accident. We cannot accept replacements of lost or damaged equipment unless identical with the articles being replaced.

## 6 Youth Party bookings

Bookings are only accepted from school parties or youth groups where there are at least two responsible adults per boat.

The discretion of the company is final.

## 7 Cruising Hours

Boats may not cruise between the hours of sunset and sunrise without the express prior permission of the Company.

## 8 Repairs

These are the responsibility of the Company and should not be put into the hands of others without our authority.

## 9 Delays

The Company cannot be held responsible for any delays or non-fulfilment of programmes caused by breakdown, unforeseen defects, obstructions, repairs or damage to either our boats or the inland waterways system. We also reserve the right to restrict the cruising area without notice if unusual conditions arise, and can make no financial adjustment in any of these circumstances.

## 10 Accidents

The Hirer is in complete charge of the boat and is responsible for its safe navigation. In the event of an accident the Hirer must notify the Company at once with full details and names and addresses of witnesses. **DO NOT ADMIT LIABILITY UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

## 11 Loss of Water

The Hirer is responsible for any charge made by Waterway Authorities for any loss of water or damage to Waterways property caused by the Hirer.

## 12 Hirer's Property

We regret we cannot accept any liability for loss or damage to Hirer's or passenger's property, baggage, motor-cars, etc., however caused. We regret that hirer's property left on boats can only be returned after receipt of agreed postage and packing charges (minimum charge £1).

## 13 Company's Reservations

It should be noted that (i) We reserve the right to refuse to hand over a boat to any person who, in our opinion, is not suitable to take charge. In this event all money paid will be refunded in full and the Hirer shall have no other claim. (ii) If, owing to circumstances beyond our control, we are unable to provide the boat booked or a suitable alternative, we will refund all money paid in full and the Hirer shall have no further claim.

## 14 Brochure

The description of the boats in the Company's brochure is generally accurate but the Company will not be liable for any minor inaccuracy that may exist. Maps and Plans may not be to scale.

# Booking Form

Black Prince Narrowboats Ltd  
Black Prince Marina,  
Whixall, Nr. Whitchurch, Shropshire.  
Telephone: Whixall (094 872) 420

Please make your  
cheque payable to:  
**BLACK PRINCE  
NARROWBOATS LTD.**

Block capitals please

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve a boat of the \_\_\_\_\_ Class

2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Based at \_\_\_\_\_

(Please fill in)

I wish to hire for \_\_\_\_\_ week(s) and my first choice of date is \_\_\_\_\_

2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_

3rd choice \_\_\_\_\_

Please supply extras as indicated overleaf (Payable later with balance of hire fee)

Please supply maps and books as indicated overleaf (Payable now)

(Price on application)

I understand that my deposit against damage will be £25

(See Conditions of Hire, paragraph 5)

I now enclose remittance for :-

Deposit of one fifth (to the nearest £) of the hire charge £

Payment for cancellation scheme £

Put No in box if insurance is not required ☐

Payment for books and maps listed overleaf £ \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque/Giro Order/Cash enclosed for : £ \_\_\_\_\_

I heard of you from/saw your advertisement in \_\_\_\_\_

I am over 20 and I have read and agree to be bound by the conditions of hire as  
printed in your brochure

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Optional Extras

Passenger above normal complement at £10 per week

Portable television at £4.00 per week including VAT

Number of children's lifejackets

Large            —            Medium            —            Small

Sets of sheets £1.00 per person

## MAPS AND BOOKS

| No. of Copies | Title or Description | Price Each |
|---------------|----------------------|------------|
| _____         | _____                | _____      |
| _____         | _____                | _____      |
| _____         | _____                | _____      |
| _____         | _____                | _____      |

If there is anyone you know whom you think might like to receive one of our brochures we would be grateful if you would fill in their name and address.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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# Holiday Cancellation Insurance

Illness, injury or death may prevent you from taking your holiday as planned or make it necessary for you to curtail it, resulting in financial loss.

**We have arranged a special insurance for you, which requires you only to complete a simple proposal form which you will find at the back of this brochure.**

**Please complete and return to us if you wish to take out insurance.**

**Premium 25p per £10 of Boat Hire Charge, per week. Minimum premium £3.00 per boat per week.**

## **Warranty**

**The policy is subject to a warranty at the time of completing the proposal that each proposer and each person on whose state of health the journey depends is in good health, free from physical or mental defect and is not subject to any chronic or recurring illness nor is under treatment of any kind.**

## **Cover Provides**

**Reimbursement of Boat Hire Charges (paid or contracted to be paid by the Insured and otherwise irrecoverable) following necessary cancellation or illness of the Insured or of the friend with whom the Insured is travelling or of the Husband, Wife, Father, Mother, Father-in-Law, Mother-in-Law, Brother, Sister, Child or close business associate of the Insured.**

## **Special exclusions**

- 1. Suicide, intoxication, insanity, pregnancy and childbirth.**
- 2. Manual work in connection with any business or trade.**
- 3. Motor cycling, mountaineering, hunting, racing (other than on foot) and Winter Sports**
- 4. The first £2.50 of any claim except in respect of children under five years and adults over seventy years where the first £10.00 of any claim.**
- 5. Death injury or illness of relatives not mentioned above.**
- 6. Death of, injury to or sickness sustained by the Proposer or any member of his party occurring after the holiday commences.**

**Persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom cannot be covered by this scheme, and are advised to make suitable arrangements in their own country.**

**As you will have seen from the booking conditions, you as hirer are responsible for the full hire charges of your boat, even if you are unable to take your holiday,**

**This cancellation scheme has been arranged for your protection and you are strongly recommended to accept it**

**The conditions relating to Baggage and Accident Cover, will appear on your insurance certificate.**

**In the event of a claim, please advise Black Prince Narrowboats, Black Prince Marina, Whixall, near Whitchurch, Shropshire. Tel: Whixall 420.**

**This insurance is arranged through the New Zealand Insurance Co. (UK) Ltd, and we feel confident that you will receive prompt and sympathetic attention in the event of any claim.**

# TRAVELLERS INSURANCE PROPOSAL

(Block capitals please)

Holiday Dates

From:

To:

Proposers Name

Address

Telephone No.: Office:

Home:

| Mr/Mrs | Full Names of Rest of Party | Age if under 16 | Personal Accident No. of Units. | Baggage Sum Insured | Premium |
|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
|        |                             |                 |                                 |                     |         |
|        |                             |                 |                                 |                     |         |
|        |                             |                 |                                 |                     |         |
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|        |                             |                 |                                 |                     |         |
|        |                             |                 |                                 |                     |         |

Sum Insured £

Holiday Cancellation. Premium

Total:

| Cancellation                                                                           | No. of Days | Personal Accident Per Unit                           | Baggage per £100 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 25p per £10 of boat hire charge, per week.<br>Minimum Premium<br>£3 per boat per week. | 1 - 14      | 50p<br>Maximum<br>Adults 10 units<br>Under 16 1 unit | 70p              |
|                                                                                        | 15 - 21     | 65p                                                  | 85p              |

We hope we shall be able to welcome you at the start of your holiday this year, and by your return you will know that you made the right decision to book with Black Prince Narrowboats.

We, on our part, will do the very best to make yours a holiday to remember.



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