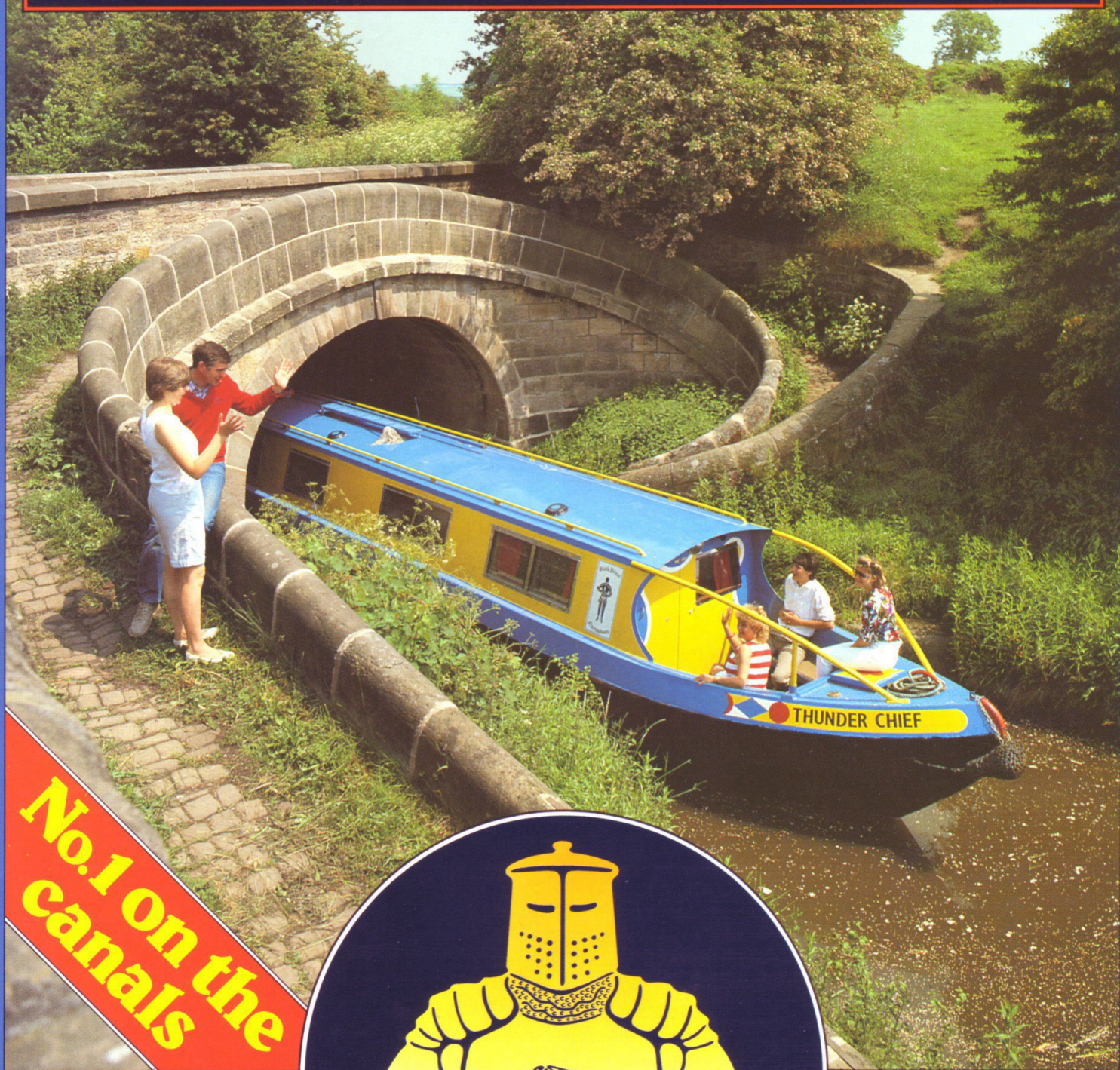


Black Prince Narrowboats



No.1 on the
canals

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A warm welcome to our 1985 canal holiday brochure. This is our tenth anniversary and we are celebrating in style this year by opening our newest base in an area that we have long admired on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal at Silsden.

Sail with the fleet of the 80s

The Silsden base fulfills our pledge, made when we started with only two boats, that we would build a company capable of offering the finest boats from the greatest selection of start points on the canals. As market leaders, we are now able to offer over 125 boats for hire from eight start points. For those of you who have been with us before, and you now make up over 60% of our customers, we hope you will enjoy the 1985 brochure edition and thank you for your continued support.

Those of you who are discovering Black Prince for the first time, we sincerely hope that you will find the wealth of detail inside both interesting and helpful, and that as with so many people in the past we may have the privilege of arranging your holiday for you. So let me leave you now to make your choice of the hundreds of options inside, and wish you pleasant sailing 'with the fleet of the 80s'.



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Surely the fastest way of slowing down

A Canal holiday offers a rare opportunity to discover the hidden delights of Britain. Built in the 18th century the Inland Waterway system, which once spread 4,000 miles through the country, reached its peak in the 1830's when the railways were built. Now established as a cruising network for leisure, they offer peace and

tranquility, meandering through country and townscape by the forgotten route. Time and distance have a different meaning at four miles an hour. There is little to compare with climbing a flight of



locks, tunnelling beneath hills or crossing spectacular aqueducts. Freedom with your travelling home gives you the opportunity to eat, sleep, start or stop wherever and whenever you choose. Whilst there are other boats, with over 2,100 miles of navigation you will see few other craft and mooring is never difficult. Frequent access to villages, shops and canal side facilities will complete your holiday, which offers opportunities for those "Halcyon Days" of a holiday spent in the heart of the English Countryside.

Your choice of cruising from our eight bases

The map shows the canal and river system of England and Wales. Our eight bases are conveniently located to explore any one of the fascinating routes available. Town and country, places ancient and modern, architectural splendours,

wild life, pubs, restaurants, craft workshops, boatyards, museums and many other fascinating places to see, explore and remember when reading the log-book of your holiday, perhaps whilst planning your next holiday route from another Black Prince Base.



Our four bases for northern cruising

HOW TO PLAN A ROUTE

On this page are a few ideas to help you plan your route, and on pages 40, 42 and 43 you will find a selection of the books and maps available to assist you in your planning. Select a base and boat to suit the size of your party, travel arrangements and relative ages. Most crews seem to spend between five and seven hours per day cruising – this allows time to stop, visit places of interest or just walk the towing paths to stretch your legs. Count the number of locks and miles on your route and allow 15 minutes for each lock or mile. This will help you select suitable stopping places for shopping, or in the evening for a convenient water point, refuse disposal, handy pub, or restaurant, away from busy roads or railways.

A selection of routes from each base is given here and overleaf and further information can be obtained at the base when you set off, or our Head Office when making your booking.

WHIXALL

Llangollen Canal



7ft narrow, twenty-one in forty-four miles, raising the canal 142ft.



Lakes, mountains, small towns and villages.



Plentiful.



Suitable for beginners.

ONE WEEK ROUTES

1. Float through the Welsh hills to Llangollen for a magical one week trip. Impressive scenery, plentiful stops and easy cruising, make this an ideal beginners holiday at 5hrs per day.

2. To the historic Anderton Lift on the Trent and Mersey returning by the 'salt' towns of Cheshire and the Shropshire Union Canal. Slightly more effort is required for this rewarding journey, but it is still within the reach of most crews at about 6hrs per day.

TWO WEEK ROUTES

1. A trip around the Four Counties Ring including diversions to Congleton on the beautiful Peak Forest Canal and Froghall on the historic and quiet Caldon Canal, will provide a holiday to remember from the Welsh border to the Peak District and through the Midlands. Frequent points for provisions of all kinds and something of interest every day are promised for all crews. Approximately 6hrs per day.

2. The breathtaking Cheshire Ring through the Peak District via Middleswich, with time to take in the branch to Whaley Bridge and possibly Chester. A magnificent journey to reward the efforts of your crew. About 7hrs per day.

N.B. An additional licence is required for the Rochdale Canal.

ACTON BRIDGE

Trent and Mersey Canal North



7ft narrow. There is only one lock between here and the Wigan Flight, 40 miles away. South is a 5 hour cruise to the Middleswich flight.



Picturesque and interesting countryside leading to the Peak District or North Midland Canal system.



Pubs with eating facilities abound in all directions.



Suitable for most crews.

ONE WEEK ROUTES

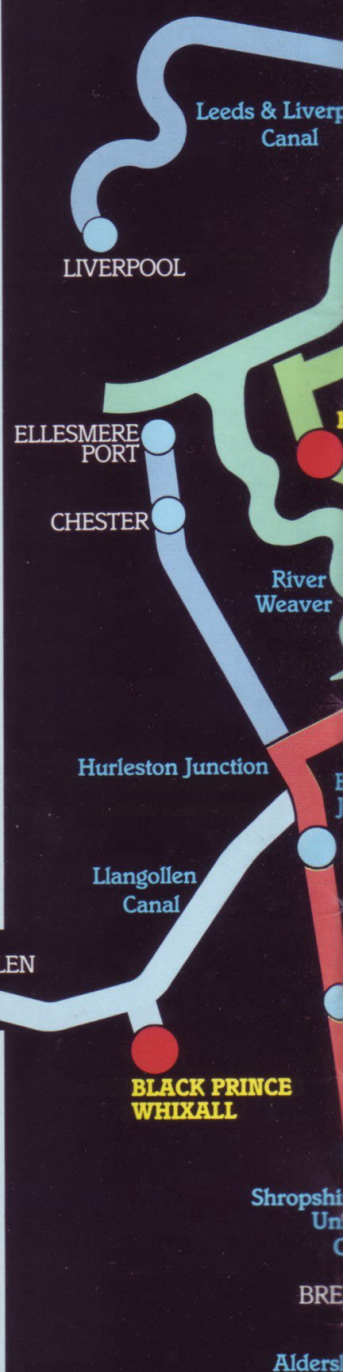
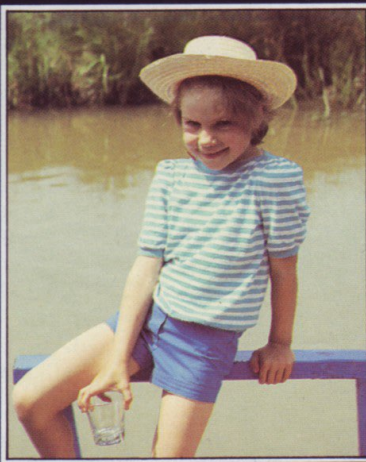
1. To historic Chester and the award winning Boat Museum at Ellesmere Port, highly recommended, with time for sightseeing in both places, shopping, museums or just browsing and drowsing at a leisurely 5hrs per day.

2. A route around the Cheshire Ring, taking in Macclesfield, Marple and Manchester, through the fabulous Peak District, passing mills and stone built towns on this restored waterway. A more adventurous week but still within the average crew's capabilities at 7hrs per day.

TWO WEEK ROUTES

1. Combine the fabulous Cheshire ring and the rural splendours and homeliness of the Four Counties Ring, for a combined journey to remember. There are many opportunities for small diversions on and off the canal with museums, places of interest, towns and branches of the canal, for a full fortnight's itinerary of 7hrs per day.

N.B. An additional licence is required for the Rochdale Canal.





STENSON

(northern routes)

Trent and Mersey Canal southern end



7ft narrow, westward towards the heart of the narrow canal network only 16 miles distant.



West and North is typically Midland narrow canal scenery, urban and industrial broken by the most glorious rural and pretty landscape, almost impossible to see any other way.



Frequent and very varied in style.



Suitable for most crews and ideal for two week circular routes.

ONE WEEK ROUTES

1. To Stone along Brindley's Grand Trunk Route. The journey is one of vast contrasts. Flat and open at the start, the route soon provides a fine choice of pubs and villages in which to shop. The Bass Brewing Museum, and Needwood's Bookshop in Burton are worthy of a visit. The canal changes to a more intimate scale by Fradley Junc. and the Swan Inn. The run to Great Haywood is almost a catalogue of the great industries that made the area famous, Spode, Sankey, Royal Doulton and Wedgewood but interspersed with some of the most remarkable scenery and country houses, including Shugborough, in the Midlands. A splendid trip at 5hrs per day. Other routes from Stenson are given on the next page.

SILSDEN

Leeds and
Liverpool Canal



14ft wide, but only 62ft long. The locks are either grouped in flights or staircases giving long lock free stretches to appreciate the magnificent Pennines.



Views over the surrounding countryside to distant hills and moors are breathtaking.



The choice of pubs, many with food, is dazzling.



Suitable for most crews.

ONE WEEK ROUTES

1. Travelling westward through Skipton, a fine old wool town, the Yorkshire/Lancashire Border, through Foulridge Tunnel to Burnley with its towering Industrial buildings, Art Gallery and Museum. Return by way of Gargrave, convenient for Malham Cove and Tarn, heart of the Dales country. Skipton on your return has much to offer with its Castle Walls, outdoor market, 'Decorated' Gothic Church and the 14th century Castle itself. An average of 5hrs per day.

2. Eastward lie the towns of Keighley and the Worth Valley Railway, the Bronte village of Haworth and East Riddlesdon Hall. Descending the Bingley 5 rise staircase locks one passes the model town of Saltaire, built in the 1850's, passing pretty countryside to Kirkstall Abbey and Folk Museum, before returning. 5hrs per day.

TWO WEEK ROUTES

1. The exploration of the whole 127 miles and 91 locks from Liverpool to Leeds, including branches and excursions to the Bridgewater canal is an exciting possibility, concentrating on those aspects available on this canal that particularly interest your party.

WHIXALL AND ACTON BRIDGE

GUIDES: NICHOLSONS: The North and Central. **WATERWAYS WORLD:** Llangollen Canal, Shropshire Union Canal, Trent and Mersey Canal (North and South). **SHEET MAPS:** Numbers 5, 6, 8, 10.

SILSDEN

GUIDES: NICHOLSONS: The North **SHEET MAPS:** Numbers 2, 3.

STENSON

GUIDES: NICHOLSONS: North and Central. **WATERWAYS WORLD:** Trent and Mersey north & south, Oxford north, Shropshire Union, Staffs and Worcs. **SHEET MAPS:** Numbers 5, 6, 10, 11, 12.



Our five bases for southern cruising

STENSON (southern routes)

Trent and Mersey Canal south



East and south lie 14ft Broad canal and river navigations leading to narrow canal sections.



Typically river valley countryside in the vicinity is studded with the pearl of Shardlow, a typical inland port of the 18th century.



Less frequent on the river sections, and more welcome for that.



Suitable for most crews, especially those with time to spare.

ONE WEEK ROUTES

1. To Snarestone on the Ashby Canal by way of Fradley Junc. and the justly famous and oft photographed Swan Inn, through Hopwas Hay's Wood, a picture in spring, Tamworth and its castle, much recommended, and on to the Ashby. Twenty two miles of lock-free cruising starts inauspiciously from the mining area of Bedworth. Within yards however, the character changes and the rest of the canal is a joy to travel. Canalside villages include Stoke Golding, Dadlington and Sutton Cheney. A dreamy meander in its rural simplicity, past the battlefield at Bosworth. Ideal for beginners at 6hrs per day.

TWO WEEK ROUTES

1. The East Midlands Ring through Shardlow, south along the River Soar, through Foxton and Watford Locks to the Braunston summit passing the canalside villages of Braunston and Hillmorton, then Rugby, Coventry and Fradley Junc. A route of great variety with many places to visit, waterside structures to investigate and photograph, plenty of pubs, shops and facilities. 6hrs per day.

WELFORD

Leicester Section Grand Union Canal



7ft locks adjacent leading to 14ft locks nearby. Unique sets of locks in both directions at Watford and Foxton. This summit level of the canal falls either side to the Midland plain.



Remote and rural locally, leading south to canalside villages, North to Leicester and River Soar.



Adequate locally, past Norton Junc. they become plentiful.



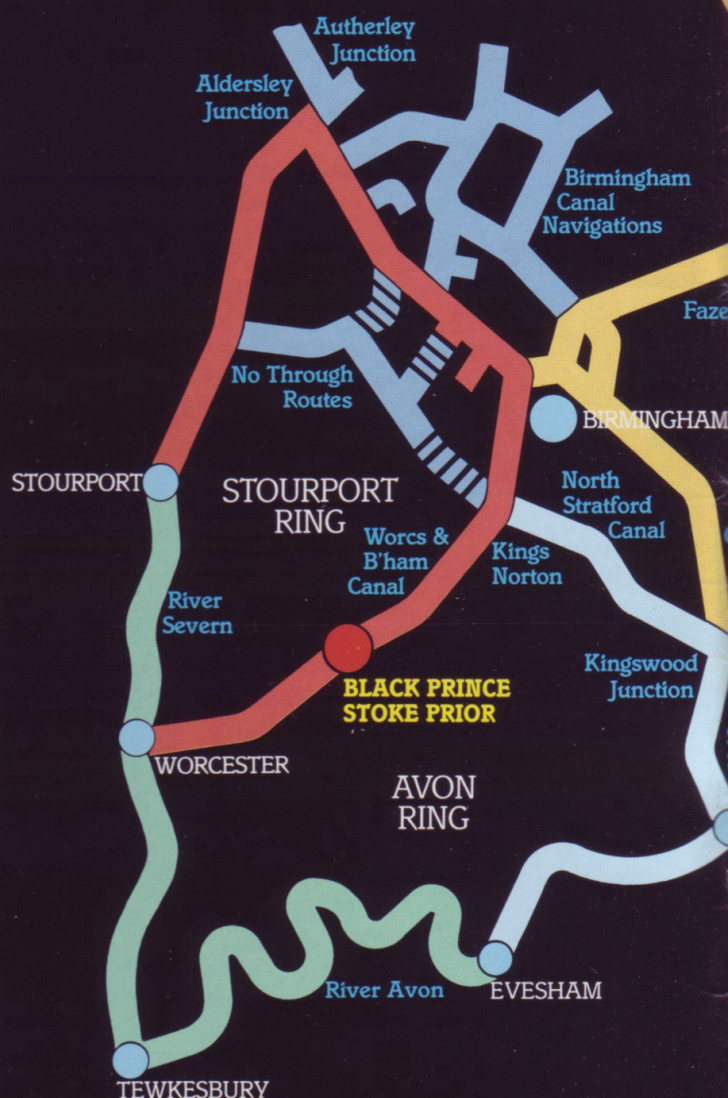
Suitable for most crews.

ONE WEEK ROUTES

1. The Welford arm although travelled in just under one hour contains a taste of the pleasures to come on the summit level south to Norton Junc. You will encounter some of the most remote and wild countryside to be found in the region, a wealth of plant and animal life will delight the eye at every turn and provide a remarkable start to your holiday adventure. At the Junction, the Grand Union and Buckby flight lead the way down and south towards Weedon and its Napoleonic Garrison stronghold, Gayton and Blisworth village and the tunnel before reaching Stoke Bruerne and the Museum of waterway memorabilia. Returning by way of Braunston village and Tunnel to Foxton for the view from the top lock, or for the strong of arm, descend and explore the branch to Market Harborough. 6hrs per day.

TWO WEEK ROUTES

1. The Midland Ring via Braunston, Rugby, Coventry and Fazeley Junc. taking the quirky Birmingham and Fazeley Canal with perhaps a visit to Drayton Manor Park or Kingsbury Water Park to the original canal junction, below the present motorway interchange Spaghetti Junction, and in to the heart of Birmingham. Follow the Grand Union to Hatton, Warwick and Leamington Spa. 6hrs per day.



STENSON

GUIDES: NICHOLSONS: The South, Central. **WATERWAYS WORLD:** Trent and Mersey south, Oxford north, Leicester section. **SHEET MAPS:** numbers 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18.

WELFORD

GUIDES: NICHOLSONS: The South, Central. **WATERWAYS WORLD:** Oxford Canal (north and south), Leicester section, Grand Union south. **SHEET MAPS:** numbers 11, 13, 14, 17, 18.

STOKES PRIOR

GUIDES: NICHOLSONS: South and Central. **WATERWAYS WORLD:** Staffs and Worcester. **SHEET MAPS:** 12, 13, 15, 16, 19.

LOWER HEYFORD AND OXFORD

GUIDES: NICHOLSONS: The South. **WATERWAYS WORLD:** Oxford Canal (north and south). **SHEET MAPS:** 13, 14, 15, 17, 21.

STOKE PRIOR

Worcester and Birmingham Canal



7ft narrow locally, leading to 14ft on River Severn and parts of the BCN system.



The canal climbs 425ft to Birmingham from villages to towns and into the City itself.



Many alongside the canal and most with meals or snacks.



Suitable for most crews.

ONE WEEK ROUTES

1. Descend the canal to Worcester and down the magnificent River Severn to Tewkesbury with its traditions of music, water front quays and wooded hillsides leading down to the sweep of the river as it winds its course south to the sea. An ideal beginners week or for those wishing to explore these historic towns at only 5hrs per day.

2. The popular Stourport ring, heading north through the Tardebigge flight and on through

Birmingham, the canal after Wolverhampton begins the delightful descent of the Staffs and Worcester Canal, a pleasure to any boater, towards Kidderminster the carpet town and Stourport on Severn, before the short section of the river. The cathedral guides the navigator home at Worcester, for this rewarding week's journey of 6hrs per day.

TWO WEEK ROUTES

1. The Avon Ring. From Kings Norton take the Northern Stratford Canal through delightful country to Kingswood Junc. and on to the Southern Stratford owned by the National Trust, and thence to Stratford upon Avon itself. Descend the Avon Navigations by way of Bidford, Pershore and Tewkesbury returning via Worcester. A fortnight's lazy contemplation of Shakespeare's County at 5hrs per day.

N.B. Additional licences are required for the Southern Stratford Canal and Upper and Lower Avon Navigations.



It is not possible in such a small space to list and detail all of the possible routes and places of interest available. We should be pleased to advise you further on particular queries or further suggestions when booking or leaving the base. We do advise that you obtain the appropriate guides and maps, which will greatly assist your choice of route. It is of course possible to just set off, "travelling hopefully" and we assure you of never arriving disappointed.

LOWER HEYFORD & OXFORD

South Oxford Canal



7ft narrow. The Thames locks are at least 14ft but are manned or assisted.



The canal rises from the Thames at Oxford, along the Cherwell Valley to Banbury and beyond to Warwickshire. The climb to the summit level is rewarded with views of idyllic English countryside.



Plentiful alongside or close to the canal. Lunches and dinners often available, children's rooms common and real ale predominant.



Ideal beginners route or for those who want an easy week with just enough exercise and interest.

ONE WEEK ROUTES

1. To Braunston passing Banbury, the museum and cake shops are worth visiting. Cropredy and Claydon, both warm Cotswold villages with good supplies and pubs, past Napton's windmill to the pretty canalside community of Braunston. Return at a moderate speed and try the other villages and mooring points you missed. A pleasant week for any crew at 5hrs per day. (6 from Oxford).

2. To Lechlade the head of the River Thames Navigation. The journey starts as you pass the City of Oxford and the meander of the river takes you through pastures in graceful curves. Eynsham is soon reached with its Saxon burial ground alongside the Towing path, Newbridge and its Cotswold stone pack horse bridge and St. John's Lock which now sports the statue of Father Thames. Lechlade can be seen across wide watermeadows, marked by its tall church spire. A journey of beauty and solemnity on the Royal River Thames. 6hrs per day (5hrs from Oxford).

TWO WEEK ROUTES

1. North along the Oxford to Napton, follow the Grand Union through Leamington Spa and Warwick with its impressive Castle. Climb the Hatton flight and head for Birmingham, pausing perhaps to visit the Museum of Technology, Art Gallery or shops, return by way of the Botanical Gardens and Bourneville, then the pretty and distracting North Stratford Canal to Kingswood Junc. 6hrs per day.

N.B. Additional licences are required for the Thames, Southern Stratford Canal, and the Upper and Lower Avon Navigations.

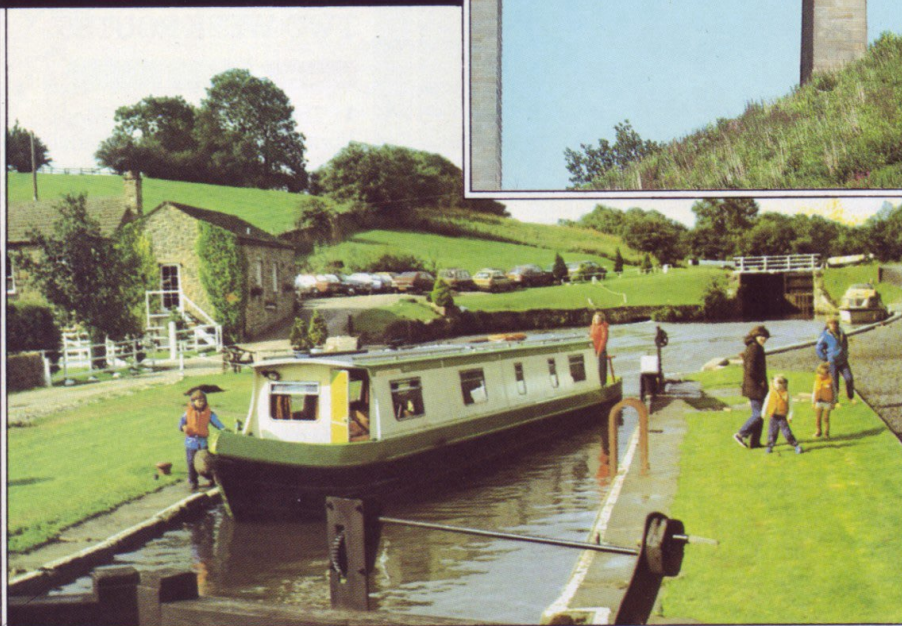
The choice is yours

We are proud to offer you eight start points in 1985 and particularly pleased that after many years we have finally secured a base on the Leeds and Liverpool Canal. Choose your start point on the following pages.

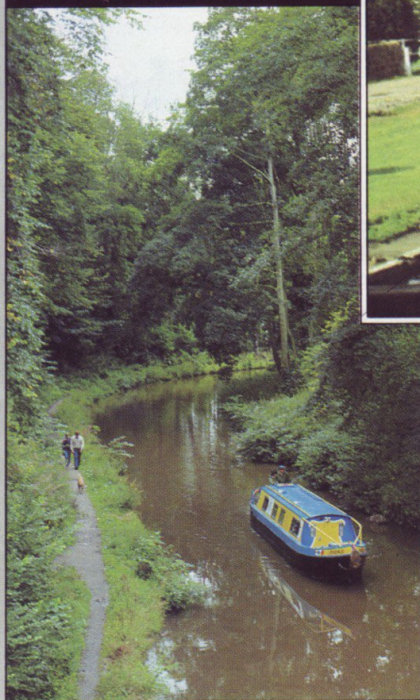
PAGE 9 **WHIXALL.** LLANGOLLEN CANAL

All of our bases are within ten minutes of beautiful countryside.

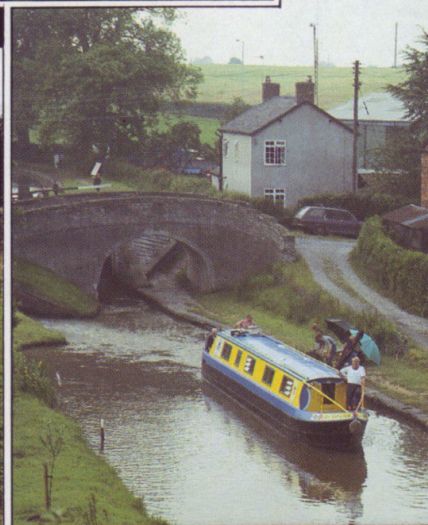
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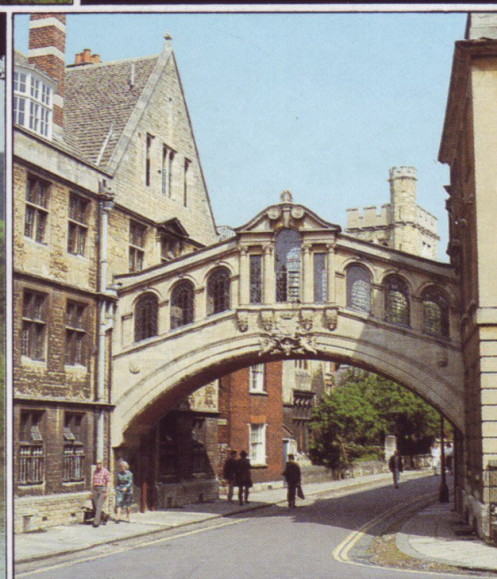


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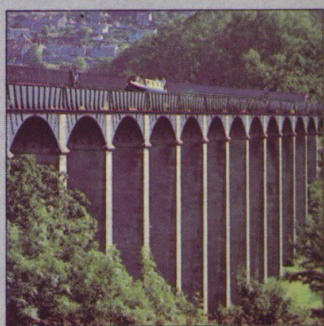
Whixall

Whixall, our Head Office is situated deep in the Shropshire countryside. The six acre site is a fantastic starting point from which to explore the Llangollen Canal. Nearby, the "Shropshire Lake District" at Ellesmere and world famous Pontcysyllte Aqueduct complete an adventure on water not to be missed.

One week's cruise can keep you on the Llangollen and entertain you and your party whatever your tastes. Spectacular engineering sights include aqueducts, tunnels and staircase locks. Notable scenery at Ellesmere and the peat moss at Whixall provide ample opportunity to stretch your legs away from the boat, both places containing Sites of Special Scientific Interest, the home of several rare plant and animal species. The canal is unusual in having a slight 'flow' as it feeds eight million gallons per day to Hurleston Junction Reservoirs, where it eventually supplies mid-Cheshire with drinking water. Characteristics of this canal are unique and invite your attention and safe handling, in particular the lift bridges, raising of which is best left to an adult, and the staircase locks at Grindley Brook.

Many busy towns border the canal, including Llangollen, home of the International Eisteddfod, Trevor, Chirk, Whitchurch and Ellesmere, a delightful market town with its own mooring basin and a dairy producing the new Tendale cheese, alongside the arm leading to the town and shops. Other villages provide local shops and pubs along a canal that is unusually well provided with facilities of this kind.

N.B. An additional licence is required for the Rochdale Canal.



PREES BRANCH LLANGOLLEN CANAL



LOCKS
7ft



SCENERY
Rural and
impressive



HOTELRIES
Frequent



EFFORT
Easy
Ideal for
Beginners

BOATS AVAILABLE

Class	Length	Berths	Page
● R. Walpole	36ft	2/4	26
● Frigate	38ft	2/3	26
● Missile	42ft	4	29
● Corvette	47ft	4	28
● Bomber	47ft	5	31
● David Lloyd George	50ft	6	32
● Fighter	50ft	6	32
● Lady	54ft	6	33
● Carrier	56ft	6	33
● Saracen	53ft	8	34
● Tank	56ft	8	35
● Clipper	64ft	8/10	36

ALL BOATS START ON SATURDAY

Detailed joining instructions will be sent with your final invoice.



LEEDS & LIVERPOOL CANAL



LOCKS
14 ft



SCENERY
Rural,
impressive,
mountainous



HOSTELRIES
Plentiful



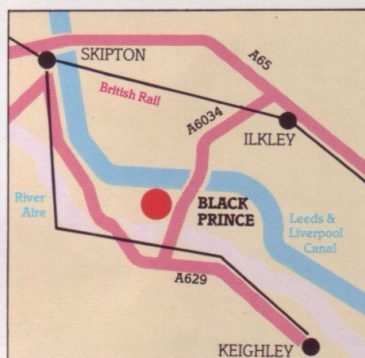
EFFORT
Average

BOATS AVAILABLE

Class	Length	Berths	Page
CASTLE FLEET			
● Rockingham	38ft	4	24
● Ripley & Raby	38ft	4	24
● Richmond	38ft	4	24
● Raglan	40ft	4	24
● Rochester	40ft	4	24
● Pickering	40ft	5	24
● Gilling	41ft	5	24
● Wardour	45ft	6	25
● Woodcroft	46ft	6	25
● Windsor	46ft	6	25
● Warwick	50ft	6	25
● Caernarvon	50ft	8	25
● Edinburgh	55ft	8	25

ALL BOATS START ON SATURDAYS

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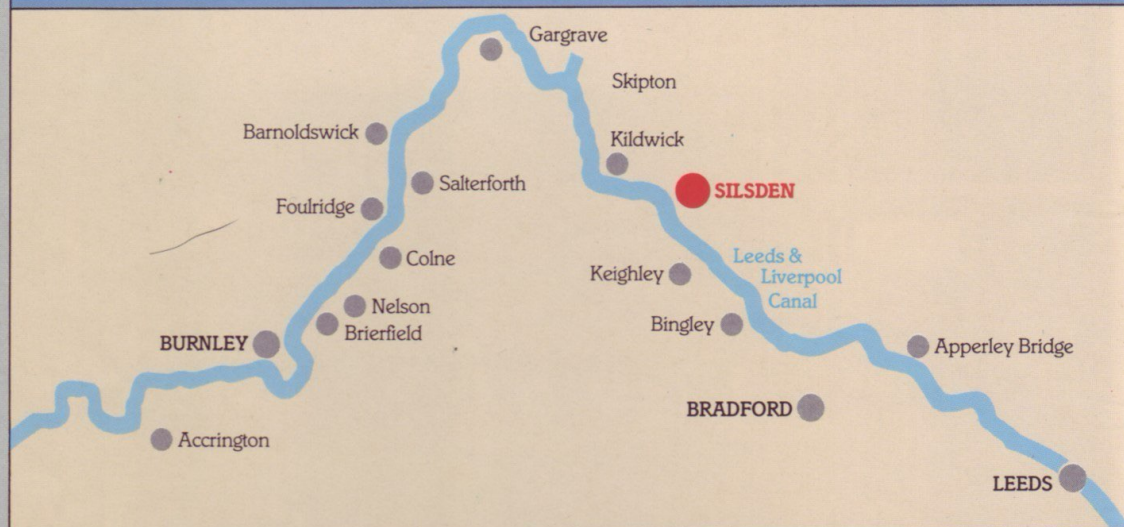


Silsden

At last we are able to offer our customers the fabulous cross Pennine waterway. It has been an ambition of ours to operate a base on this canal which is one of so many contrasts.

Crossing the backbone of Britain from the manufacturing centres of Lancashire to those of Yorkshire. This canal features so many interesting waterway structures, in its total length of 127 miles and 91 locks. Passing the world-famous Aintree racecourse in Liverpool, from which the 'canal turn' is named, the canal continues to Wigan and its awe inspiring flight of 23 locks. These lift the canal 250ft above the town and on towards Blackburn and Burnley with its dead straight one mile embankment running at roof top level across the town and superb views of the Calder Valley and Pendle Hills. Now the high, wild section across the summit level and Foulridge Tunnel begins and also the most beautiful part between Bingley and Gargrave. The skyline dominated by 1,000ft high Fells, the canal passes at 334ft above sea level through the Yorkshire Moors and the stone-built towns of Bingley, Keighley, Silsden, Kildwick and Skipton. Bingley and its five chamber staircase lock starts the descent towards Leeds through Saltaire and Shipley.

Magnificent mill buildings are a constant delight to anyone with an eye for buildings and the unfolding of an impressive landscape, impresses anyone who travels through it. Silsden, our base, gives an ideal start point for exploration and we promise you a holiday to remember.



**NEW
BASE
FOR
1985**





Acton Bridge

Our base at Bartington Wharf, Acton Bridge, Cheshire, is situated on the fascinating Trent and Mersey Canal. From this very pretty start point the holiday maker is ideally situated for many historic routes and within hours can be on the first waterway built during the canal revolution, the Duke of Bridgewater's Canal, or one of the seven wonders of the Inland Waterways, the Anderton Boat Lift or Barton Swing Aqueduct.

Going north from Acton Bridge the 6" stop lock at picturesque Dutton Stop is followed by Preston Brook Tunnel and then the lock-free Bridgewater Canal to Manchester. This has a branch to the Leeds and Liverpool Canal at Wigan with its flight of

ANDERTON LIFT

locks leading to the spectacular Yorkshire Dales. Through Manchester lies the privately owned Rochdale Canal the access-key to the Peak Forest and Macclesfield Canal Ring.

South from the base after two short tunnels you will pass the Anderton Boat Lift connection with the River Weaver, where full length Narrow Boats can be lifted vertically 50' from the River to the Canal. This area abounds in chemical and salt works marked by the many town names ending in "wich" – Nantwich, Northwich, etc. Further south, Middlewich Junc. joins with the Shropshire Union for Chester, Ellesmere port and the Llangollen, or straight on to Harecastle Tunnel and the ghost of "Kit Crewbucket" who still haunts unwary crews, and beyond, the junction with the beautiful Caldon Canal.

N.B. An additional licence is required for the Rochdale Canal. An alternating traffic pattern is in operation at the Harecastle Tunnel. Please see canal guides for details.

TRENT AND MERSEY CANAL (North)



LOCKS
7ft



SCENERY
Industrial
Rural
Impressive



HOSTELRIES
Frequent



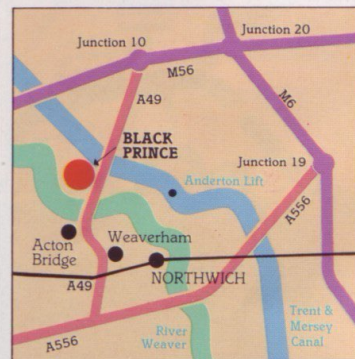
EFFORT
Average

BOATS AVAILABLE

Class	Length	Berths	Page
● John Russell	43ft	4	28
● Robert Peel	45ft	4	29
● Corvette	47ft	4	28
● Stanley Baldwin	47ft	5/6	30
● David Lloyd George	50ft	6	32
● Fighter	50ft	6	32
● Benjamin Disraeli	58ft	8	34
● William Gladstone	60ft	8/10	34
● Blue Ribbon	70ft	8	37

ALL BOATS START ON SATURDAYS

Detailed joining instructions will be sent with your final invoice.



TRENT AND MERSEY CANAL (South)



LOCKS
7ft 14ft



SCENERY
Rural
River valleys



HOSTELRIES
Adequate



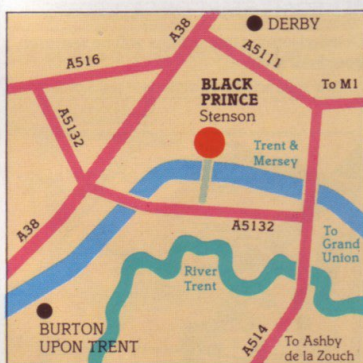
EFFORT
Average

BOATS AVAILABLE

Class	Length	Berths	Page
● Sunshine	30ft	2	26
● Sunray	40ft	4	27
● Minesweeper	40ft	4	27
● Missile	42ft	4	29
● Corvette	47ft	4	28
● Bomber	47ft	5	31
● Sunquest	50ft	6	30
● Lake	51ft	6	30
● Carrier	56ft	6	33
● Mountain	55ft	7	34
● Tank	56ft	8	35
● River	59ft	8	34

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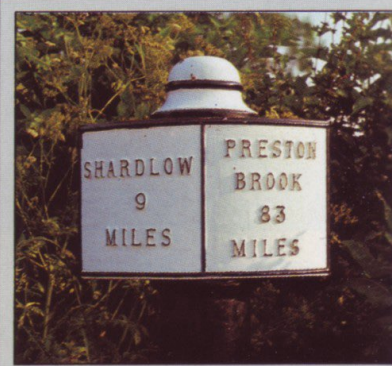


Stenson

This base is ideally located on the Trent and Mersey Canal's southern end. Excellent facilities abound at the start point for a holiday offering so many possibilities.

Eastward towards the River Trent lies Shardlow, a beautiful and almost intact 18th. Century Inland Port. Built to tranship goods between sea and canal transport it remains a spectacular and endearing piece of industrial architecture enjoying a revival amongst canal visitors. Beyond lies the four-way junction with the Rivers Soar and Trent and the 11³/₄ mile Erewash Canal which terminates at the Great Northern Basin.

Westward through Burton upon Trent and its wonderful Bass Brewing Museum, the junction at Fradley is reached. At this point the multiple choice of which Midland Ring, or other route, will have to be decided. Election of a crew member to navigators position is recommended. So many opportunities to explore are offered. Perhaps you will travel along the sleepy Ashby Canal to "de la Zouche" or through famous Sutton Stop at Hawkesbury and on towards the south? You might choose Gt. Haywood, Tixall Wide and the Gatehouse or Stone, Stafford, Acton Trussell and the Bratch with its octagonal toll house or any of the other curiously named Midlands canal structures – Stewpony, Bumble Hole and Falling Sands Locks. Further north on the Trent and Mersey, the Potteries are a rewarding journey with the Wedgewood Visitors Centre, Gladstone Potteries Bottle Kilns and on the Caldon Canal, Cheddleton Flint Mill.

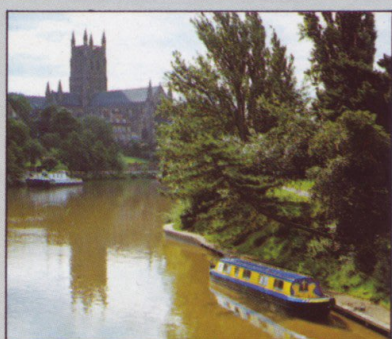


Stoke Prior

The popularity of this base amongst our customers has been immense. The huge choice of routes will ensure its continued reputation. Its position, located as it is at the foot of the famous Tardebigge Flight, is on the former principal trading route west out of Birmingham. The route, one of the most intensively locked in the country, is however surprising in its attractiveness. On leaving the centre of Birmingham, you pass Bournville Garden Factory notable for its chocolate products and formerly served exclusively by canal transport. Birmingham University and the Botanical Gardens follow, altogether a delightful way to experience Britain's "Second City". The journey continues through entrancing countryside to Worcester and its magnificent setting on the Severn.

This starting point is ideal for a one week route around the Black Country and Severn circuit known as the Stourport Ring, or through Birmingham to Warwick or Stratford upon Avon. Two weeks will allow a sedate and historic passage through Stratford to Tewkesbury, Worcester and return having completed the Avon, Severn and Worcester/Birmingham Canal Ring.

N.B. Additional licences are required for the Southern Stratford Canal and Upper and Lower Avon Navigations.



LEFT: WORCESTER



WORCESTER AND BIRMINGHAM CANAL



LOCKS
7ft



SCENERY
Town and
country



HOSTELRIES
Frequent



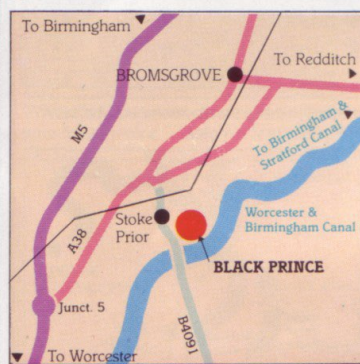
EFFORT
More
strenuous

BOATS AVAILABLE

Class	Length	Berths	Page
● Frigate	36ft	2/3	26
● Missile	42ft	4	29
● Corvette	47ft	4	28
● Bomber	47ft	5	31
● Fighter	50ft	6	32
● Carrier	56ft	6	33
● Tank	56ft	8	35
● Clipper	64ft	8/10	36

ALL BOATS START ON SATURDAYS

Detailed joining instructions will be sent with your final invoice.



WELFORD ARM, LEICESTER SECTION OF THE GRAND UNION



LOCKS 7ft 14ft
SCENERY Tranquil and rural
HOSTELRIES Good
EFFORT Easy

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY START

BOATS AVAILABLE

Class	Length	Berths	Page
SATURDAY START			
● Frigate	38ft	2/3	26
● Missile	42ft	4	29
● Corvette	47ft	4	28
● Bomber	47ft	5	31
● Fighter	50ft	6	32
● Carrier	56ft	6	33
● Tank	56ft	8	35
● Clipper	64ft	8/10	36

SUNDAY START

● Corvette	47ft	4	28
● Gandalf	46ft	5	30
● Bomber	47ft	5	31
● Carrier	56ft	6	33
● Tank	56ft	8	35

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Welford

The Leicester Section of the Grand Union and in particular the rural Welford Arm form a superb starting point for those who love the countryside, wildlife and an away-from-it-all holiday. The summit level of the Leicester section is 412 feet above sea level and falls dramatically at both ends through unique sets of locks at Watford and Foxton. It is a remote and beautiful spot almost unaffected by the twentieth century. Several small tunnels, complete with bats, ghosts and stalactites, provide interest to the traveller who, bearing south, soon meets the Grand Union on its journey between London and Birmingham. This in turn allows visits to the North and South Oxford Narrow Canals, both charming, or the broad canal to Birmingham via Leamington Spa and Warwick.

One week visits can be made to one of the following: Banbury, Warwick, Rugby, Leicester, Coventry, Ashby-de-la-Zouche or, with determination, Birmingham. In two weeks, the River Soar, Trent and Mersey and Coventry Canals make an agreeable cruise.





Lower Heyford

The ever popular and picturesque Southern Oxford Canal is the only canal with two Black Prince bases in close proximity, which are there to cope with the demand. Interesting towns and unspoilt tranquil landscapes are just two of its claims for your attention. The canal wanders

through some of the best countryside in the Cotswolds and South Warwickshire on its journey between Oxford and Napton Junction, following for much of the way the Cherwell river valley. The canal rises from the Thames in Oxford, to its summit level at Claydon, and was built as a contour canal. Changes of level were only made when all other options had been exhausted, and so at Wormleighton, on the summit level, the traveller watches in amazement as a radio mast appears to move from in front, to behind the boat and back, as the "cut" wanders in a huge horseshoe round a hill which at one point separates the canal by a few hundred yards.

With the option to stroll through the City of Oxford, its colleges, shops, restaurants and pubs from your floating hotel or excursions to the many nearby attractions such as Blenheim Palace or simple Cotswold villages such as Thrupp, Cropredy or Napton this canal has unlimited appeal.

Most nights a secure mooring by a waterside pub or restaurant, of which there is an ample choice, will enable all the family to enjoy an evenings entertainment and the company of other people on holiday. For those with a little more experience it is quite possible to reach Warwick, Leamington Spa, Rugby or Blisworth within the week.

N.B. An additional licence is required for the Thames.

SOUTH OXFORD CANAL



LOCKS
7ft 14ft



SCENERY
Historical
and rural



HOSTELRIES
Frequent



EFFORT
Easy

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY START

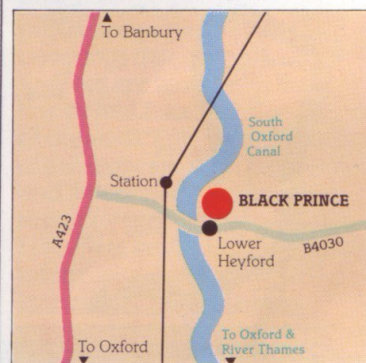
BOATS AVAILABLE

Class	Length	Berths	Page
SATURDAY START			
● Frigate	38ft	2/3	26
● Missile	42ft	4	29
● Bomber	47ft	5	31
● Fighter	50ft	6	32
● Lady	54ft	6	33
● Tank	56ft	8	35
● Clipper	64ft	8/10	36

SUNDAY START

● Missile	42ft	4	29
● Corvette	47ft	4	28
● Bomber	47ft	5	31
● Fighter	50ft	6	32
● Tank	56ft	8	35
● Eagle	69ft	10/12	36

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SOUTH OXFORD CANAL AND RIVER THAMES



LOCKS
7ft 14ft



SCENERY
River Towns
Rural
Historical



HOSTELRIES
Frequent



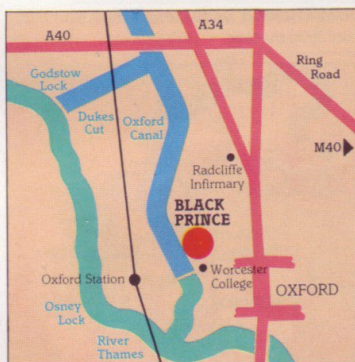
EFFORT
Easy

BOATS AVAILABLE

Class	Length	Berths	Page
● Frigate	38ft	2/3	26
● Elvinwind	40ft	4	27
● Merry	40ft	4	28
● Missile	42ft	4	29
● Corvette	47ft	4	28
● Fighter	50ft	6	32
● Lady	54ft	6	33
● Carrier	56ft	6	33
● Tank	56ft	8	35
● Clipper	64ft	8/10	36
● Blue Ribbon	70ft	8	37

ALL BOATS START ON SATURDAYS

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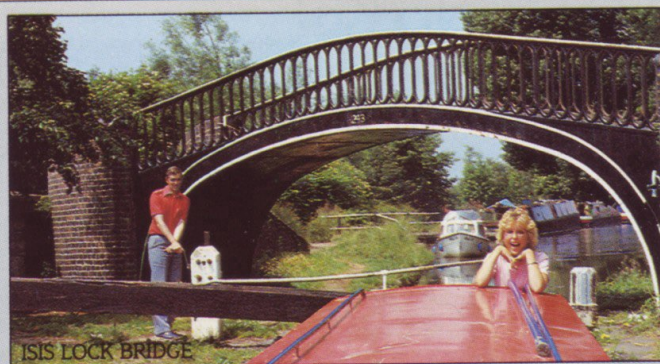
Oxford

The splendid setting of this base at the junction of the Southern Oxford Canal and the Royal River Thames is an exciting prospect for those who wish to explore either waterway.

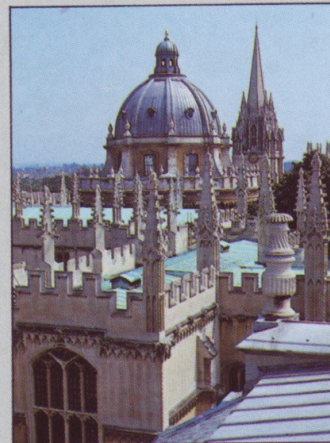
Situated only five minutes walk from the heart of this University City, limitless opportunities are offered. The Thames in all its majesty is available through Isis Lock less than 200yds from the base and so on to the delights of Windsor, Henley, Maidenhead and the furthest reach on the river at Lechlade. Within easy reach of the Base or the terminal arm, are the shops and colleges of the City. Most college grounds and quads are open to the visitor along with the museums, art galleries and sights of Oxford.

The canal which rises in Oxford and climbs to its summit level at Claydon is full of interest for the visitor by boat. Alongside the canal are several abandoned mediaeval villages, for instance Hampton Gay near Thrupp, where only the church still survives with a congregation who often use the towing path as the shortest route to worship. A most unusual event for the waterborn visitor to Cropredy, is to arrive on Whitsun weekend in the middle of the re-creation of the Battle of Cropredy Bridge by the Sealed Knot Society.

N.B. An additional licence is required for the River Thames.



ISIS LOCK BRIDGE



Black Prince builds the fleet of the 80's

When Black Prince started to build boats in 1979 it was with the full realisation that only by controlling the quality of the product from beginning to end, could our totally professional approach be maintained. After listening to informed criticism and customer requests we determined to take a fresh look at the methods and materials of construction. From this beginning grew the team that now builds boats for hire second to none currently in production.



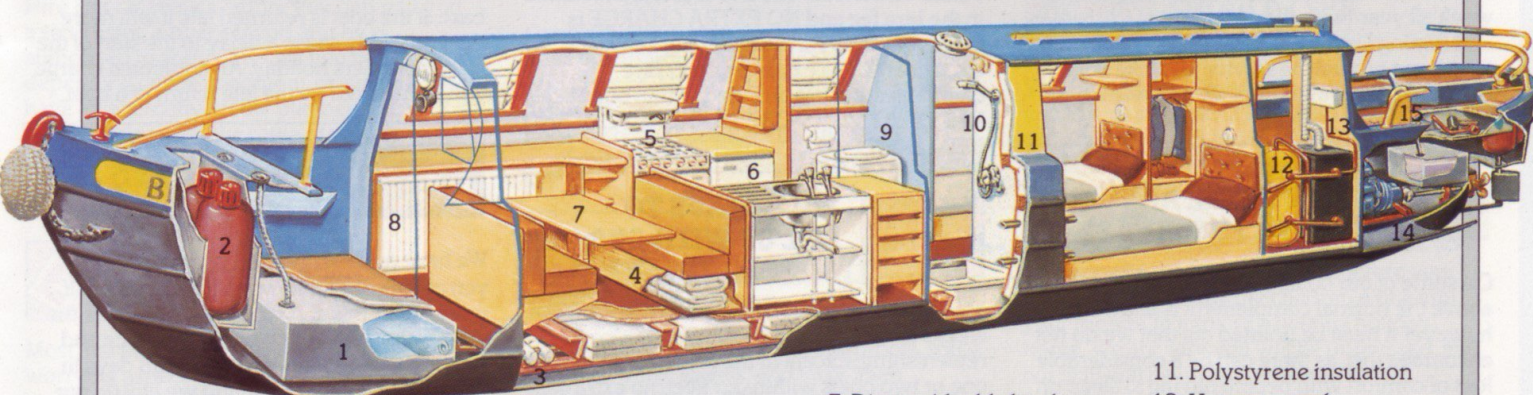
THE HULL

From our smallest boat at 38ft to the largest at 72ft the exterior shell must represent the strength and durability of a craft built to withstand the extremes of temperature, climate and extended use. We designed-out previous faults and increased wear and safety factors. Comfort for steerer and passenger alike are vital, along with inherent good handling characteristics. Some detail is shown in the accompanying photographs and in the cutaway illustration on this page. The quality control factor is built-in by the Steel Boat Building Division acting as a supplier to the boat fitting Division.

THE INTERIOR FITTING

At this stage the experience and craftsmanship of the Boat Fitting Team and material specification come together. Using only materials of the highest grades and installing them by the best joinery methods, we are able to produce a perfect result. Floor coverings that not only wear well but are kind to the feet in fine or foul weather. The quality of domestic equipment must be of the highest order. Each fitting and fixture has been tried and tested by time and use in our Hire Fleet and by feeding this information back to the design team faults and failures in equipment, and user problems are identified and solved at the building stage. Again the quality control factor is built in by the boat Fitters as a supplier to the Hire Fleet.

"YOU THE CUSTOMER ARE THE FINAL QUALITY CONTROLLER."



1. 100 gallon fresh water tank.
2. Forward gas locker
3. Fresh water pumps

4. Bedding locker
5. Domestic cooker
6. Gas fridge

7. Dinette/double berth
8. Central heating radiator
9. Flush pump-out toilet
10. Hot shower

11. Polystyrene insulation
12. Hot water tank
13. Gas C/H boiler
14. Lister diesel engine
15. Single lever control

Some of your questions answered

Many of you will be thinking of taking a canal holiday for the first time. We hope that on these pages we can answer some of your questions and put your mind at rest as to how easy it is to become skipper of your own boat. If there is anything else that you wish to know, please contact our Booking Office staff who will be delighted to answer your further questions.



WHEN SHOULD I BOOK?

NOW!... Now is the time to book your holiday of a lifetime. Each year our growing pool of regular and satisfied customers book earlier and earlier to ensure the boat, base and date that they want. We are offering in 1985, EIGHT BASES, 125 BOATS and the LARGEST CHOICE OF ROUTES available on the canal system. After our record year in 1984, don't miss the first choice in canal holidays... **BOOK EARLY, BOOK WISELY, BOOK BLACK PRINCE**... and soon!



MAKING A BOOKING

When you make a provisional booking, it must be confirmed in writing on the booking form you will find on page 39, with the appropriate deposit and within six days. On page 41 we have included a second booking form for a friend or perhaps, a second holiday booking. Should your confirmation not be received within the six day period the booking will be released automatically. We would point out that the booking form must be signed or the booking cannot be confirmed, and that you are entering a legal contract which cannot be broken by either party. We therefore strongly recommend that you take out Holiday Cancellation Insurance, details of which you will find on page 38 of the brochure. This ensures that should any member of your party fall sick or have an accident which causes the holiday to be cancelled, you will be covered by insurance.



BOOKING OFFICE HOURS

Our Booking Office is part of the Head Office located at Whixall. The telephone number is Whixall (094 872) 420/540/561. The Office is manned from 09.00am to 7.00pm, 7 days a week all year (with the exception of Christmas and Boxing Days) and outside these hours a telephone answering service will take your calls and record any message you wish to leave.



CAN I TAKE AN EXTRA PASSENGER?

On some of our boats one extra passenger above the normal complement is allowed, however it must be pointed out that we do not encourage this, as there can be a considerable loss of comfort with people having to sleep on the floor. Where there is to be an extra passenger we make a small additional charge of £18.50 (VAT Inc.) per extra person per week. For children under 4 there is no charge and for children between 4 and 13 the charge

is £9.25 per child (VAT Inc.). A mattress, bedding, and complete inventory will be supplied for each person. In the case of the following classes of boat the extra charge will be made but these additional berths are either built in or can be installed if required.

Frigate has one additional lower single and small child's upper folding single.

Robert Walpole has one additional upper single and one lower single.

Corvette has one additional lower single. **Stanley Baldwin** has one additional upper single.

William Gladstone may have one or two pipe cots added for children only.

Clipper may have one or two additional upper singles added.

Eagle may have one or two pipe cots for children only added.



WHAT ITEMS ARE INCLUDED IN THE HIRE FEE?

Our boats are hired complete with all the equipment and a full inventory of domestic items, a list of which you will find on page 20, including washing up liquid, scouring pads, dishcloth, tea towels and cream cleaner. Before you collect your boat it will have been refuelled, the water tank filled and new gas bottles connected. Gas and diesel are included in the hire fee and NO EXTRA CHARGE is made for these. All the following items are often charged as extras by other hire companies, but are included within our price - VAT, DIESEL, GAS, CAR PARKING, PETS AND BED LINEN.



WILL I HAVE TO FILL UP WITH GAS/DIESEL/WATER?

Your boat carries sufficient diesel fuel for three weeks cruising and will not require replenishing. Except in the coldest weather, on one or two boats within our fleet, no extra gas will be required for a two week cruise. All the boats carry a minimum of 100 gallons of water which it is best to top up daily. This should be done preferably in the evening when you stop, but it is wise to plan part of the day to coincide

with a water tap convenient for filling. The location of the free water taps is shown in the cruising guides.



CAN I HIRE A TELEVISION SET?

Our boats are wired for 12v black and white portable televisions which can be hired at £7.00 per week (VAT Inc). The number of sets offered at each base is limited so it is a case of first come first served. Please try to let us know as soon as possible if you wish one to be reserved. Please note that although we supply modern television sets, reception at canal level is sometimes subject to interference or weak signal.



WHAT BEDDING IS PROVIDED?

For every berth on our boats we provide a foam mattress, 3 blankets, 1 pillow, 1 pillowcase, 1 mattress pad and linen. Items not included: table linen, consumable items such as toilet paper, soap, etc.



CAN I BRING A PET?

We do not mind at all if you bring your dog or other well behaved pet and we do not make any charge. However, we do ask you to keep them under control both on and off the boat and away from all bedding.



CAR PARKING

All our bases have FREE car parking space in the open for which no charge is made. We regret that no lock-up garage facilities are available at any of our bases. We are unable to accept responsibility for loss or damage to customers vehicles.



EMBARKATION AND RETURN

Your boat will be available from 2.30pm onwards on the start day and it must be at the base on the day of return by 9.00am and vacated by 9.30am. This period between lettings is essential to give us sufficient time to ensure that the boats are cleaned and maintained thoroughly, before they leave the base. If the boat is returned late it will more than probably cause a delay in the start of the next customers holiday. An additional charge will be incurred by the late return of a boat.



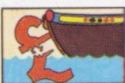
GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS

We have arrangements at each base to start you off with an initial supply of groceries. If you require this service, please complete the grocery list sent with your final invoice and return it and your final payment 28 days in advance of your holiday and we will do our best to match your requirements. The groceries will be ready on your arrival and you will be required to pay for them before the boat departs from the base. There is no charge for this service.



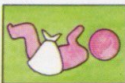
CANCELLATION SCHEME

This is given in greater detail on page 38 and we ask you to read it carefully to ensure it is fully understood. In all other cases where cancellation becomes necessary, we shall do our best to re-let the boat on your behalf and if successful the only charge incurred will be 15% of the hire fee (VAT inc) towards our administrative costs. If we are unable to re-let the boat the hirer remains liable for the full payment of the hire fee including VAT, unless covered by our Cancellation Insurance Scheme. (Please see "conditions of hire" page 43).



DAMAGE WAIVER PLAN

Following suggestions from our customers we have introduced an alternative to the £35 Security Deposit on the hire of a boat. A once and for all payment of £8.50 will provide insurance cover in case you should damage the boat or its contents. Blue Ribbon Class boats are excluded from this scheme and the security deposit on that class is £50.



MINIMUM AGE OF HIRERS

The minimum age to hire a boat is 18 but we must point out that the boat in your care is an extremely valuable item and we expect it to be well treated and returned in an undamaged and clean condition. We reserve the right to make a charge for boats returned in a dirty condition.



PUMP-OUT TOILETS

All of our boats are fitted with pump-out toilets and full details of their operation, which is simple, will be given on your arrival. Details of pump-out stations will be found in the manual supplied on each boat.



RIVER NAVIGATIONS

From some of our bases it is possible to plan a route including river sections. These sections are subject to sudden flooding which can close the river to navigation. You must inform the Hire Fleet Manager, before you depart if you intend using a river section and he is authorised to grant or refuse you permission depending on the conditions prevailing. Please have an alternative route planned in case it is not possible to use the route of your first choice. You should also read the question on licences and permits.



GETTING UNDER WAY

Most first time customers find this the most worrying aspect, but the one that they get used to most quickly. Full instruction is given before your departure and covers all aspects of "canal lore" and use. In addition the manual provides valuable information and reminders on safe navigation.



BOAT OPERATION MANUAL

A comprehensive manual of instruction and information, on your particular boat will be given to you as you are shown how the boat works. It will remain with the boat throughout the holiday. It contains full and detailed information on all the equipment and appliances, with cruising and lock guidance. Lists of useful telephone numbers and canal information are also included.



SAFETY AND BUOYANCY AIDS

Canal holidays have an extremely good safety record. However, this is best achieved by careful planning and sensible precautions. Most canals are not more than 5 feet deep in the middle and 1 or 2 feet at the edge. Full information on safe and comfortable cruising is given in the boat manual. Buoyancy Aids are available for the period of the holiday, free of charge. They come in four sizes: toddlers, children, small adults and adult. Each boat is in addition equipped with a lifebelt.



MAY I FISH?

Generally yes, but you must have the appropriate Regional Water Authority Rod Licence. Most clubs, to whom the canal fishing is leased, will not object to you fishing from the boat. Elsewhere day tickets are available from local tackle shops or water bailiffs.



WHAT SHOULD I TAKE?

Personal clothes, including waterproofs, some warm clothing, towels, and table linen. Consumable items such as soap, toilet paper and toothpaste and a radio or T.V. if you wish. Wellingtons and some games and paper for children are useful – camera, binoculars and books on natural history if available.



LICENCES AND PERMITS

Your boat is licensed by Black Prince Narrowboats for British Waterways Board canal and river navigations. Certain other waterways require special licences which must be obtained before or during the trip. These include the Southern Stratford Canal Upper and Lower Avon navigations, River Nene, the River Thames and the Rochdale Canal. Payment for these licences is the responsibility of the hirer. We should be able to advise the costs for 1985 by the 1st April when they are published. Before that date we are only able to advise you of the 1984 prices.



BICYCLES AND CANOES

Bicycles or canoes can be carried on the boats if you wish. However you may find that they fill up space that you would rather use for the crew. We must ask you to load and unload them carefully since they can cause considerable damage to paintwork. In the case of canoes, these must have a current BWB licence.



SHOULD I SEE A BOAT?

Yes! Black Prince Narrowboats cordially invite you to visit any one of its bases between 10am and 4pm on any Sunday in January, February or March to view a boat and see something of the operation during the normally closed winter season. This invitation is subject to weather and staff availability and we ask you to telephone the Booking Office before your proposed visit. Bring the children along and your friends, to explore a floating holiday home. We are sure you will be impressed, and our staff will be on hand to answer any questions and make you feel at home.

'And the living is easy'

aboard a Black Prince Narrowboat. These pictures demonstrate the spacious and well-fitted interiors of our boats, which are easy for you to maintain with just a wipe over. Adequate storage, comfortable beds and every extra are standard on each Black Prince boat.



Full size cooker and 3 cu ft fridge. A galley typical of all classes.



Two tier bunks and vanity unit in a sleeping cabin.



Blue Ribbon class saloon on Mauritania.



Settee/pullout double in the rear cabin of a Carrier Class.



Low level berths.

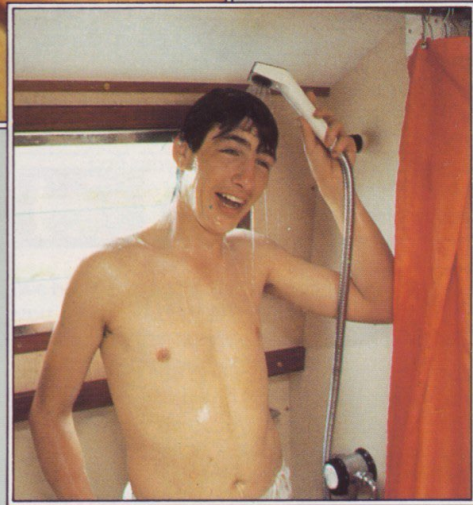


A dinette seating arrangement.

With the dining table down, there is plenty of space in the main saloon.



The simple control panel and switches.



All the boats have generous shower areas and copious hot water.

Classes of boat index

An easy guide to locating the boat of your choice

Size	Berths	Class	Description	Base	Page
30'	2	SUNSHINE	A delightful 2 berth class that is immensely popular; terrific value for money.	Stenson	26
36'	2/4	ROBERT WALPOLE	A spacious two to four boat with two separate cabins. Very popular with beginners. An economic four berth boat.	Whixall	26
38'	2/3	FRIGATE	This class is the ultimate in comfort for two. With full central heating and a shower, it is still sufficiently roomy for a family of three.	Whixall, L/Heyford, Oxford, S/Prior, Welford, Stenson,	26
40'	4	SUNRAY	Very comfortable and beautifully equipped this class is very popular.	Stenson	27
40'	4	ELVINWIND	This attractive four berth has won many friends, since its introduction. We regret we only have one in the class.	Oxford	27
40'	4	MINESWEEPER	With its traditional pine interior and large shower/bath this class proves popular amongst our regular customers.	Stenson	27
42'	4	MERRY	An attractive and well designed four berth. Open in plan with plenty of sitting-out space.	Oxford	27
42'	4	MISSILE	The mainstay of our four berth classes luxurious, economic and easy to run, part of the backbone of the fleet.	Whixall, L/Heyford, S/Prior Welford, Stenson, Oxford	29
43'	4	JOHN RUSSELL	A very spacious four berth with two double beds in separate cabins. Much admired in its operation with the fleet.	Acton Bridge	28
45'	4/5	ROBERT PEEL	A delightful and well designed boat that provides ample space for four or an economic five berth.	Acton Bridge	29
47'	4	CORVETTE	The super four, introduced to meet the demand from our customers for space combined with the flexibility of two double beds or one double and two lower singles. So popular that we built 4 in 1984, and another eight will be built during this year.	Whixhall, L/Heyford, Oxford Welford, A/Bridge, S/Prior, Stenson	28
46'	5	GANDALF	Another very popular five berth. An economic arrangement of berths in two cabins gives comfortable accommodation.	Welford	30
47'	5	BOMBER	The mainstay five berth boat of the Black Prince fleet. They are tremendously popular and offer comfort and unbeatable value for money.	Whixall, L/Heyford, S/Prior Welford, Stenson	31
47'	5/6	STANLEY BALDWIN	This class is similar in design to our Fighter Class, and its three cabins provide a holiday in style.	Acton Bridge	30
50'	6	SUNQUEST	A beautifully designed six berth that we are proud to offer our discerning clients in 1985.	Stenson	30
50'	6	DAVID LLOYD GEORGE	Incredible value for money in this super six berth with 3 cabins and two double beds.	A/Bridge, Whixall	32
50'	6	FIGHTER	This is the largest class of six berth boats, and one that has helped create the Black Prince name in value for money holidays. They will continue to be the mainstay of our six berth fleet through the eighties.	Whixall, L/Heyford, Oxford, S/Prior, Welford, A/Bridge	32
51'	6	LAKE	A highly versatile boat for several couples or families with young children.	Stenson	30
54'	6	LADY	This class has been hugely popular ever since introduced, and with three separate cabins and all low level berths will always be superb value.	Whixall, Oxford, L/Heyford	33
56'	6	CARRIER	With the choice of two or three doubles in three luxurious cabins, these are the last word in 6 berths for hire on the canal. Thanks to the fantastic demand we built 3 during 1984 and plan at least 5 in 1985.	Whixall, Welford, Oxford, S/Prior, Stenson	33
55'	7	MOUNTAIN	A well appointed boat, with space for all and flexible sleeping arrangements that will provide a splendid holiday home for a small party or large family.	Stenson	34
53'	8	SARACEN	A popular and economic eight berth in three cabins, with central heating.	Whixall	34
56'	8	TANK	This is our largest class of 8 berth boats and they are available from most of our bases. They are superbly equipped and built and justifiably popular. We never have enough to satisfy demand.	Whixall, L/Heyford, Oxford, S/Prior, Welford, Stenson	35
58'	8	BENJAMIN DISRAELI	A large, comfortable and spacious eight berth that has proved highly popular.	Acton Bridge	34
59'	8	RIVER	A well planned, economic eight berth for party or family bookings, offering space, privacy and full facilities.	Stenson	34
70'	8	BLUE RIBBON	These boats are the most comfortable boats for hire on the canal system. Costing £40,000 each, once you have had a holiday on one of this class, we doubt you will ever be satisfied with anything less.	Oxford, A/Bridge	37
60'	8/10	WILLIAM GLADSTONE	Another superb boat that we are pleased to offer our customers, in the sure knowledge of its excellence.	Acton Bridge	35
64'	8/10	CLIPPER	Your reaction to this class has been unprecedented in our experience. To keep up with your demands we are building 3 more for 1985. Please book early, it is the only sure way to fit you in.	Whixall, L/Heyford, Welford Stoke Prior, Oxford, A/Bridge	36
69'	10/12	EAGLE	This is the largest standard hire boat that we offer and it will cater for ten or twelve people in superb comfort. A highly popular boat and the only one we have at this size.	L/Heyford	36

Dates and Prices 1985

Hire charges 1985 in pounds per week. Prices shown are inclusive of VAT at 15%.

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Take advantage of a great offer,
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CLASS		SUNSHINE	R WALPOLE	FRIGATE	38ft CASTLE	SUNRAY	MINESWEEPER	40ft CASTLE	ELVINWIND	MERRY	MISSILE	JOHN RUSSELL	ROBERT PEEL	CORVETTE	40ft CASTLE	GANDALF	BOMBER	S BALDWIN	46ft CASTLE	SUNQUEST	D.L. GEORGE	FIGHTER	50ft CASTLE	LAKE
BERTHS		2	2/4	2/3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4/5	5	5	5	5/6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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REMEMBER... These prices include diesel fuel, gas, pets, car parking, buoyancy aids (if required) linen and VAT.

VAT will be charged at the rate applicable on the date of takeover of the boat. If the rate changes before the final invoice is issued, the invoice will show the new rate. If the rate were to change after payment of the final invoice, it would be necessary for the difference to be collected on the day of arrival.

Boats starting on Sundays are charged at the same rate as those in the same class starting on Saturdays.

LADY	CARRIER	MOUNTAIN	50R CASTLE	SARACEN	55R CASTLE	TANK	B DISRAELI	RIVER	BLUE RIBBON	GLADSTONE	CLIPPER	EAGLE	CLASS	
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EXTRA PASSENGER CHARGE

Extra passengers where allowed are charged at ADULTS £18.50, CHILDREN 4-14 yrs £9.25 per week each. (Vat inc).

The box indicates those boats that will accommodate extra passengers in a proper berth. The published price is for the lower number of berths, and the additional passenger charge is made for extra passengers.

FRIGATE	ROBERT WALPOLE	CORVETTE	STANLEY BALDWIN	WILLIAM GLADSTONE	CLIPPER	EAGLE	PEOPLE
2	2	4	5	8	8	10	

THE INVENTORY

Great care has gone into choosing a comprehensive set of equipment for your holiday home, which is listed below:

Galley equipment

1 Kettle
1 Frying Pan
1 Carving dish
3 Saucepans and lids
1 Roasting tin
1 Pudding basin
1 Colander
1 Casserole
1 Mixing bowl
1 One pint jug
1 Water jug
1 Bread bin
1 Bread board
1 Bread knife
1 Grater
1 Plastic bowl
1 Carving knife
1 Carving fork
2 Cooks knives
1 Wooden spoon
1 Butter dish
1 Sugar bowl
1 Cruet set
1 Teapot
1 Fruit bowl
2 Ashtrays
4 Serving spoons
1 Potato peeler
1 Fish slice
1 Tea strainer
1 Tin opener
1 Bottle opener
1 Corkscrew
1 Washing-up mop
1 Grillpan
1 Enamel plate
1 Pedal bin
1 Potato masher
1 Chopping board
1 Pair oven gloves
1 Rolling pin
1 Pallete knife
1 Toast rack
3 Tea towels
1 Dishcloth
Washing-up liquid
Soap pads

Table Equipment

One each of the following per berth.
Dessert knife
Table knife
Dessert fork
Table fork
Teaspoon
Dessert spoon
Soup spoon
Tea plate
Dinner plate
Soup bowl
Cereal bowl
Cup and saucer
Mug
Egg cup
Tumbler
Wine glass

Bedding

3 Blankets per bunk
1 Pillow per bunk
1 Mattress pad per bunk
1 Set of linen
1 Pillowcase per bunk

Cleaning Equipment

1 Broom
1 Toilet brush and stand
1 First aid kit
1 Dustpan and brush
1 Bucket
1 Floor cloth
1 Gas spanner

Navigation Equipment

1 Boarding plank
1 Boat pole
1 Boat hook
1 Water hose
1 Life ring
2 Mooring spikes
1 Club hammer
2 Double windlasses
1 Deck mop

Please note: Personal and consumable items such as towels, soap, toilet paper, etc. are not provided. A television can be hired please see page 16 for details.

The Silsden Castle Fleet



Introducing the Silsden Castle Fleet on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal.

We are delighted to be able to offer our customers this year our fleet of Castle Boats on the trans-Pennine Leeds & Liverpool Canal. The boats are spacious and well appointed and we are pleased to include for the first time some boats with traditional sterns. Although shown in different colours in the brochure due to the late acquisition of this base, all the boats on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal will be in Black Prince colours. We are presenting them separately in the brochure for ease of identification and booking.



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BERTH

ROCKINGHAM CASTLE 38ft.

One double and two lower singles. Aft deck seating. Forward picture window and a very spacious interior.



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BERTH

RIPLEY CASTLE & RABY CASTLE 38ft.

One double and two lower singles. Forward picture window and raised dinette. Spacious rear deck.

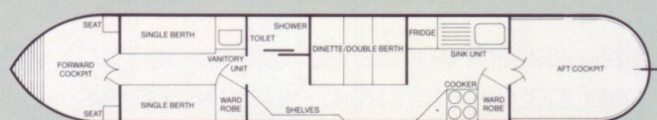


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ROCHESTER CASTLE 40ft.

One double and two lower singles. A compact modern boat with generous accommodation for four persons.

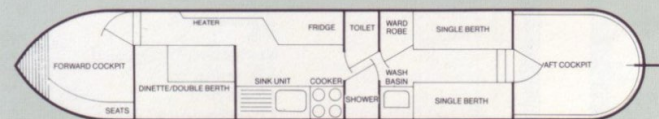


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BERTH

RICHMOND CASTLE 38ft.

One double and two lower singles. Picture window and raised dinette for all round vision. Traditional stern deck.



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BERTH

PICKERING CASTLE 40ft.

One double, two lower singles and one upper single. A well designed compact boat with a traditional stern.

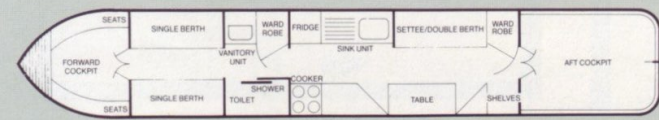


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BERTH

RAGLAN CASTLE 40ft.

One double and two lower singles. Welcoming wood finish to cabin interior. Attractive open plan rear cabin with free standing table.

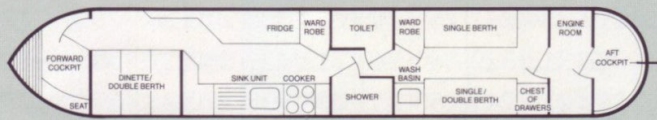


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GILLING CASTLE 41ft.

One double, two lower singles and one upper single. Picture window and raised dinette for all round vision. Traditional design.

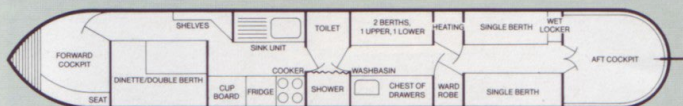


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BERTH

WARDOUR CASTLE 45ft.

One double, three lower singles and one upper single in a spacious and popular internal arrangement.



6

BERTH

WOODCROFT CASTLE 46ft.

One double, two lower singles and two upper singles. Raised dinette and cabin dividers. A popular family boat.



Detailed specifications common to all boats.

Headroom: Over 6'1".

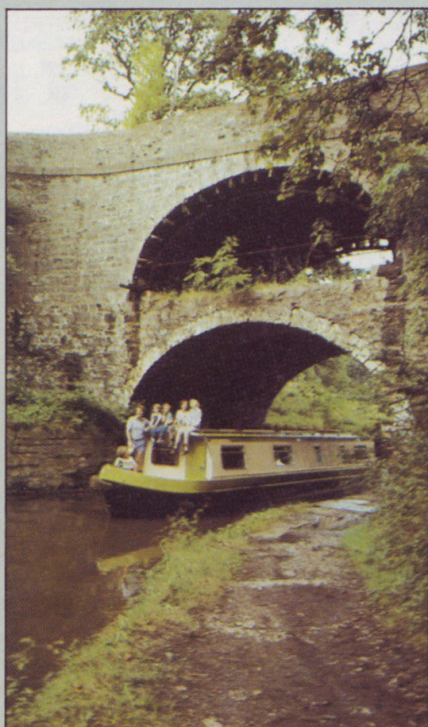
Engine: Diesel or gas with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon freshwater tank. Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basins, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilets and shower.

Galley: Domestic cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink and refrigerator.

Heating: Gas central heating.

Electrical equipment: 240v shaver point (for shavers only); 12v TV socket; electrical lighting throughout.

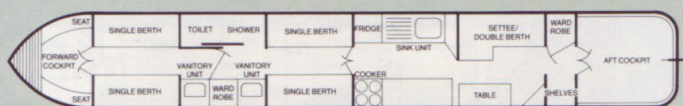


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BERTH

WINDSOR CASTLE 46ft.

One double and four lower singles. Warm wood finish to cabin interior. Attractive open plan rear cabin.

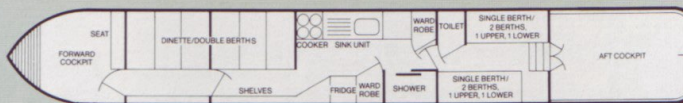


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BERTH

WARWICK CASTLE 50ft.

Two doubles and two lower singles. Two toilets. Forward picture window and raised dinette for all round vision.

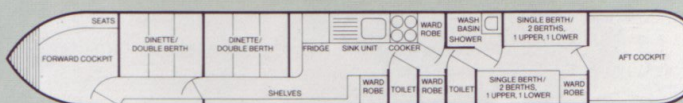


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CAERNARVON CASTLE 50ft.

Two doubles, two lower singles and two upper singles. Two toilets. Forward picture window and raised dinette for all round vision.

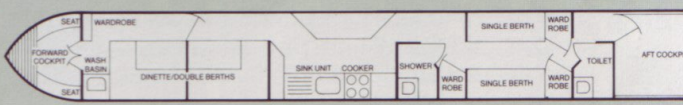


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EDINBURGH CASTLE 55ft.

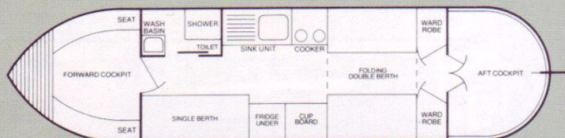
Two doubles, two lower singles and two upper singles. A well appointed boat.



2 BERTH

SUNSHINE CLASS 30ft

A delightful two berth boat that will prove both immensely popular and terrific value for money.



BERTHS: ONE DOUBLE, ONE LOWER SINGLE IN TWO CABINS.

Headroom: Over 6' 1".

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon freshwater tank.

Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilet and shower.

Galley: 2 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 2 cu.ft. refrigerator.

Heating: Gas catalytic heater.

Electrical equipment: 240v. shaver point (for shavers only) 12v. T.V. socket, electric lighting throughout.

BASED AT: STENSON.

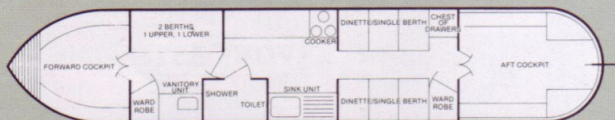
N.B. Boats in the same class are similar in all essential respects although details may vary from boat to boat.



2/4 BERTH

ROBERT WALPOLE CLASS 36ft

A spacious two to four berth boat with two separate cabins. Very popular with beginners.



BERTHS: THREE LOWER SINGLES, ONE UPPER SINGLE.

Headroom: Over 6' 1".

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon freshwater tank. Running hot and cold water

by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilet and shower.

Galley: Domestic 3 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 2 cu.ft. refrigerator.

Heating: Gas catalytic cabin heater.

Electrical equipment: 240v. shaver point (for shavers only) 12v. T.V. socket, electric lighting throughout.

BASED AT: WHIXALL.

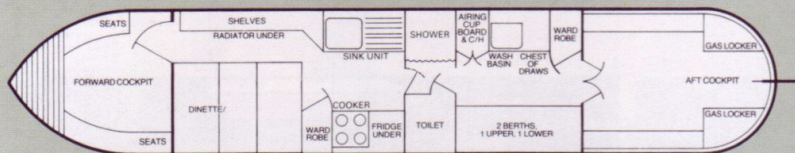
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2/3 BERTH

FRIGATE CLASS 38ft

This class represents the ultimate in comfort for two. With full central heating, shower, vanitory unit in the rear cabin, toilet in a separate compartment, full size cooker, fridge and sink plus the main double berth, and a lower single berth that doubles as a settee during the day.



BERTHS: ONE DOUBLE, ONE LOWER SINGLE/SETTEE, ONE FOLDING UPPER SINGLE (suitable for a child only).

Headroom: Over 6' 1"

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon freshwater tank. Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilet and shower.

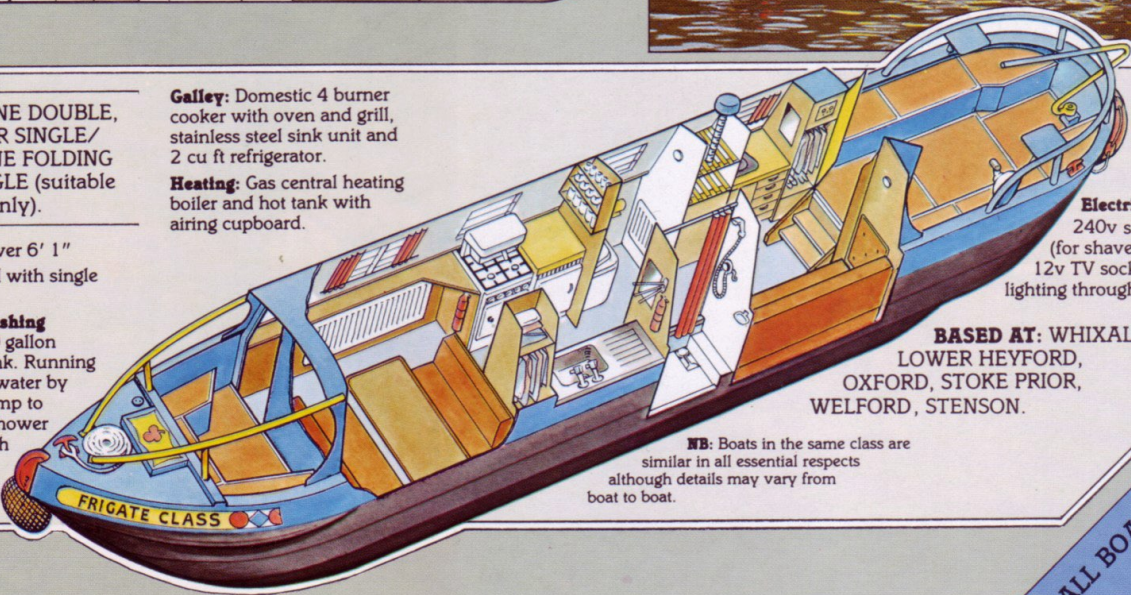
Galley: Domestic 4 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 2 cu ft refrigerator.

Heating: Gas central heating boiler and hot tank with airing cupboard.

Electrical equipment: 240v shaver point (for shavers only); 12v TV socket; electric lighting throughout.

BASED AT: WHIXALL, LOWER HEYFORD, OXFORD, STOKE PRIOR, WELFORD, STENSON.

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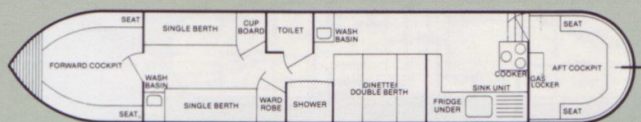
ALL BOAT PRICES INCLUDE VAT
FREE FUEL,
FREE GAS, FREE PETS,
FREE CAR PARKING



4 BERTH

ELVINWIND CLASS 40ft

Built in 1981 this attractive four berth boat has already won many friends. A pity we only have one in the class.



BERTHS: ONE DOUBLE AND TWO LOWER SINGLES.

Headroom: Over 6' 1".

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities:

100 gallon freshwater tank. Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilet and shower.

Galley: Domestic 4 burner cooker with oven and grill,

stainless steel sink unit and 3 cu.ft. refrigerator.

Heating: Gas catalytic cabin heater.

Electrical equipment: 240v. shaver point (for shavers only) 12v. T.V. socket, electric lighting throughout.

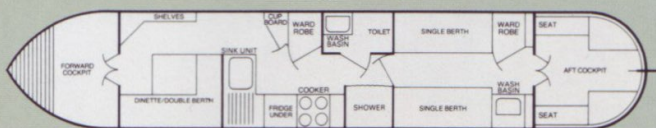
Based at: OXFORD.



4 BERTH

SUNRAY CLASS 40ft

Very comfortable and beautifully equipped, this class represents superb value for money in a four berth.



BERTHS: ONE DOUBLE AND TWO LOWER SINGLES

Headroom: Over 6' 1".

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon freshwater tank.

Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilet and shower.

Galley: Domestic 4 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 3 cu.ft. refrigerator.

Heating: Gas catalytic heater.

Electrical equipment: 240v. shaver point 12v. T.V. socket, electric lighting throughout.

BASED AT: STENSON.

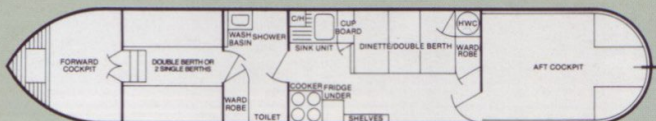
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4 BERTH

MINESWEEPER CLASS 40ft

Similar to our standard four berth classes, these boats offer economic accommodation with comfort and a high standard of inventory.



BERTHS: ONE DOUBLE AND TWO LOWER SINGLES

Headroom: Over 6' 1".

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon freshwater tank. Running hot and cold water

by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilet and shower.

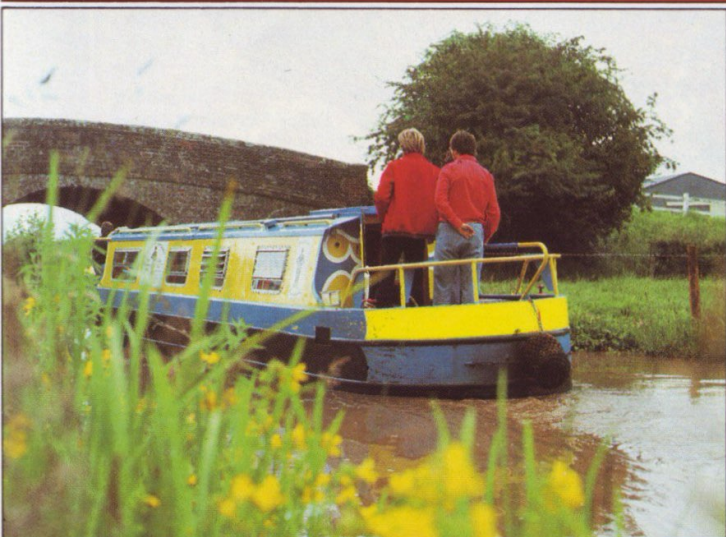
Galley: Domestic 4 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 3 cu.ft. refrigerator.

Heating: Gas central heating

Electrical equipment: 240v. shaver point (for shavers only) 12v. T.V. socket, electric lighting throughout.

BASED AT: STENSON.

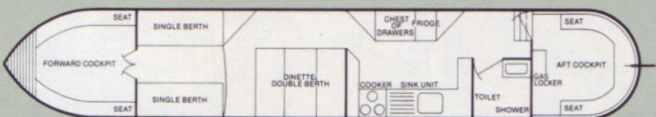
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4 BERTH

MERRY CLASS 42ft

An attractive and well designed four berth. Open in plan with plenty of sitting out space. A boat that has made many friends.



BERTHS: ONE DOUBLE AND TWO LOWER SINGLES.

Headroom: Over 6' 1".

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon freshwater tank.

Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilet and shower.

Galley: Domestic 4 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 3 cu.ft. refrigerator.

Heating: Gas catalytic cabin heater.

Electrical equipment: 240v. shaver point (for shavers only) 12v. T.V. socket, electric lighting throughout.

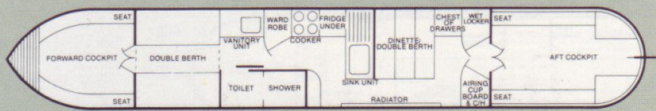
BASED AT: OXFORD.

4

BERTH

JOHN RUSSELL 43ft

A very spacious four berth with two double beds in separate cabins. Very popular with our regular customers and friends of this class.



BERTHS: TWO DOUBLES.

Headroom: Over 6' 1".

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon freshwater tank. Running hot and cold water

by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilet and shower.

Galley: 2 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 3 cu.ft. refrigerator.

Heating: Gas central heating

boiler and hot tank with airing cupboard.

Electrical equipment: 240v. shaver point (for shavers only) 12v. T.V. socket, electric lighting throughout.

BASED AT: ACTON BRIDGE.

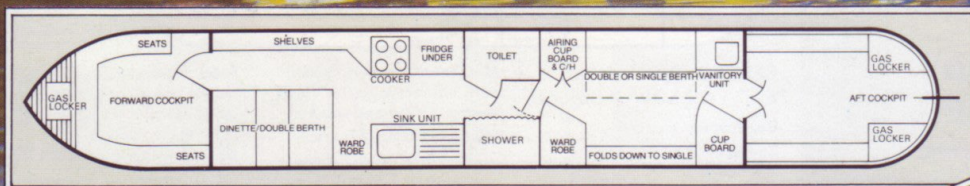


4

BERTH

CORVETTE CLASS 47ft

The super four, introduced to meet the demands from our customers for palatial space with two double beds, also has the option of one double and two lower single berths. With ample room for four adults living in style, this class has filled a long felt need.



BERTHS: TWO DOUBLES, OR ONE DOUBLE AND TWO LOWER SINGLES (ONE LOWER SINGLE MAY BE USED IN ADDITION TO THE TWO DOUBLES AS A CHILDS BED)

Headroom: Over 6' 1"

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon freshwater tank. Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilet and shower.

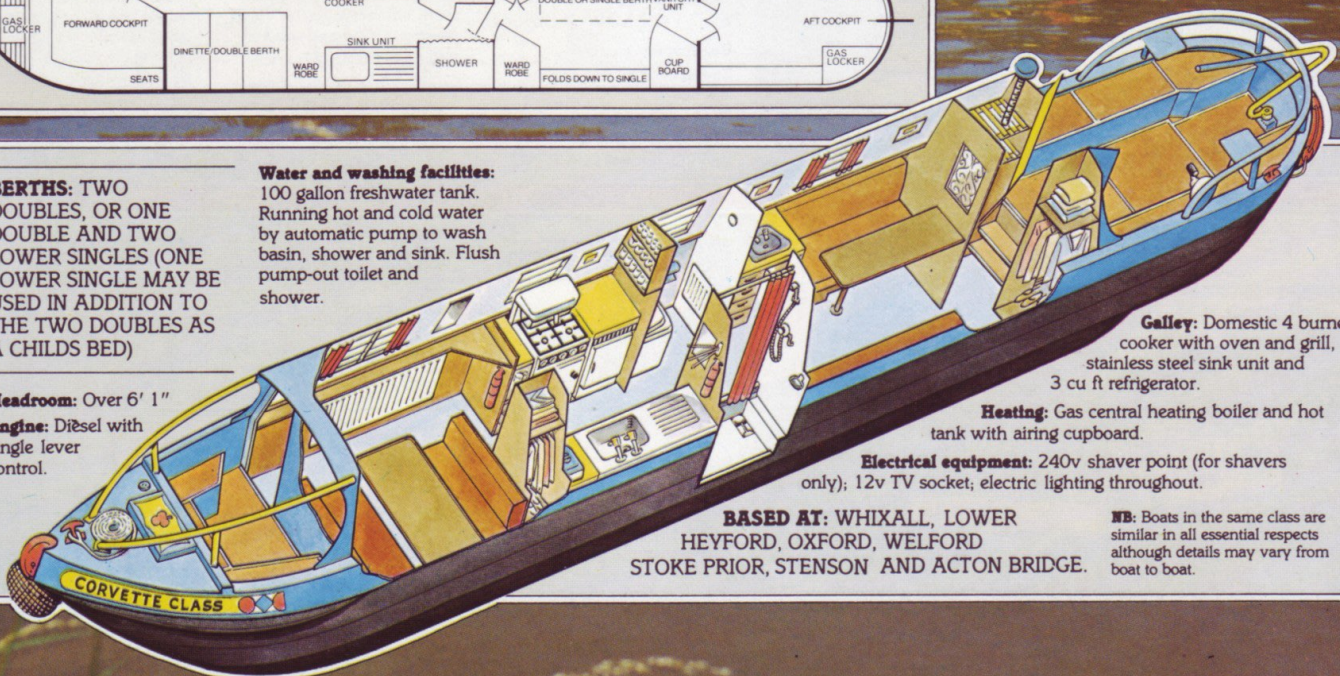
Galley: Domestic 4 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 3 cu ft refrigerator.

Heating: Gas central heating boiler and hot tank with airing cupboard.

Electrical equipment: 240v shaver point (for shavers only); 12v TV socket; electric lighting throughout.

BASED AT: WHIXALL, LOWER HEYFORD, OXFORD, WELFORD STOKE PRIOR, STENSON AND ACTON BRIDGE.

NB: Boats in the same class are similar in all essential respects although details may vary from boat to boat.

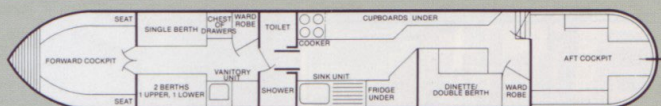




4 BERTH

ROBERT PEEL CLASS 45A

With a very pleasant interior this provides a large four berth, or slightly more economic five berth.



BERTHS: ONE DOUBLE, TWO LOWER SINGLES AND ONE UPPER SINGLE.

Headroom: Over 6' 1".

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon freshwater tank.

Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilet and shower.

Galley: Domestic 4 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 3 cu.ft. refrigerator.

Heating: Gas catalytic cabin heater.

Electrical equipment: 240v. shaver point (for shavers only) 12v. T.V. socket, electric lighting throughout.

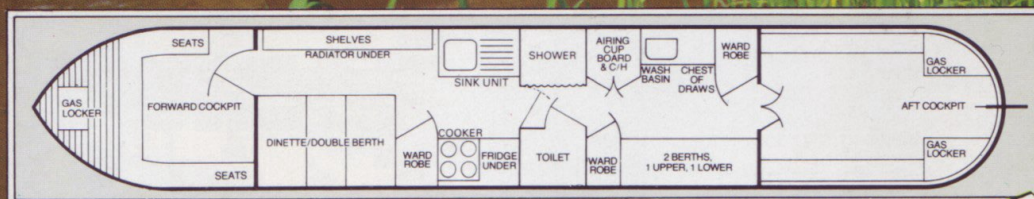
BASED AT: ACTON BRIDGE.



4 BERTH

MISSILE CLASS 42A

The mainstay of our 4 berth classes representing superb luxury and value for money for four people.



BERTHS: ONE DOUBLE, ONE UPPER SINGLE, ONE LOWER SINGLE.

Headroom: Over 6' 1"

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon tank capacity. Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilet in separate compartment.

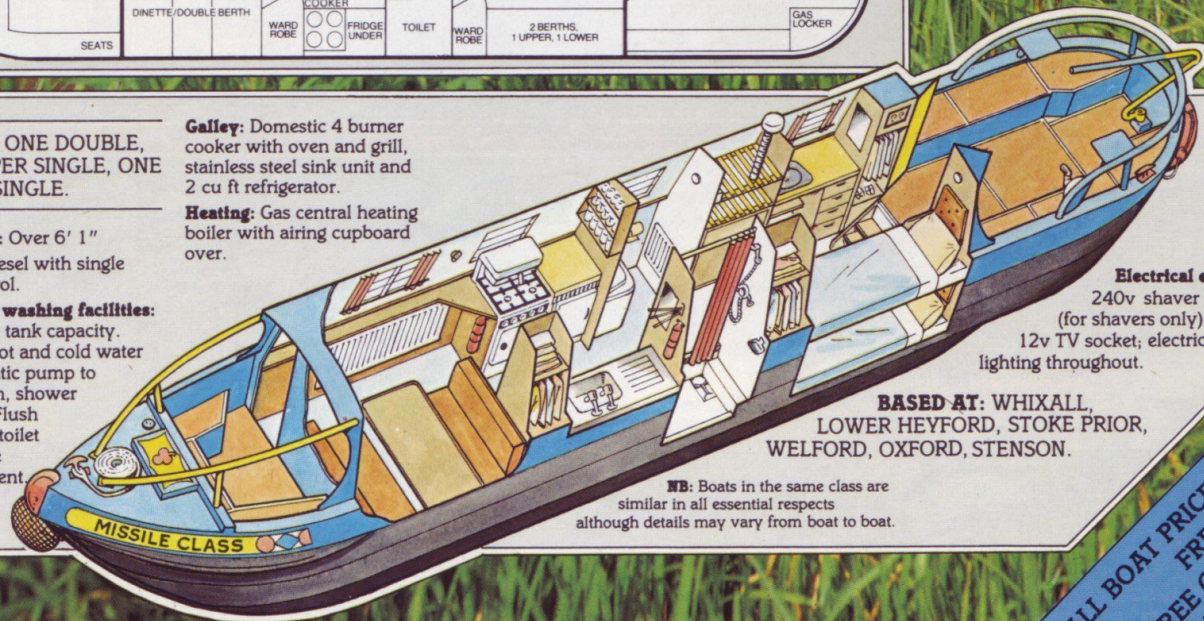
Galley: Domestic 4 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 2 cu ft refrigerator.

Heating: Gas central heating boiler with airing cupboard over.

Electrical equipment: 240v shaver point (for shavers only); 12v TV socket; electric lighting throughout.

BASED AT: WHIXALL, LOWER HEYFORD, STOKE PRIOR, WELFORD, OXFORD, STENSON.

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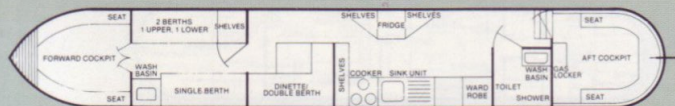


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5 BERTH

GANDALF CLASS 46ft

Another very popular boat, in an economic arrangement of five berths in two cabins, providing comfortable living accommodation.



BERTHS: ONE DOUBLE, TWO LOWER SINGLES AND ONE UPPER SINGLE.

Headroom: Over 6' 1".

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon freshwater tank.

Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilet and shower.

Galley: Domestic 3 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 2.8 cu.ft. refrigerator.

Heating: Gas catalytic cabin heater.

Electrical equipment: 240v. shaver point (for shavers only) 12v. T.V. socket, electric lighting throughout.

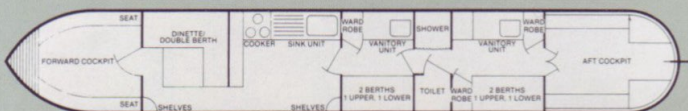
BASED AT: WELFORD.



5 BERTH

STANLEY BALDWIN CLASS 47ft

This boat is very similar in design to our standard Fighter class boats, and its three cabins mean you can holiday in style.



BERTHS: ONE DOUBLE, TWO LOWER SINGLES AND TWO UPPER SINGLES.

Headroom: Over 6' 1".

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon freshwater tank.

Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilet and shower.

Galley: Domestic 3 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 3 cu.ft. refrigerator.

Heating: Gas central heating boiler and hot tank with airing cupboard.

Electrical equipment: 240v. shaver point (for shavers only) 12v. T.V. socket, electric lighting throughout.

BASED AT: ACTON BRIDGE.



6 BERTH

SUNQUEST CLASS 50ft

A beautifully designed six berth that we are proud to offer our discerning clients.



BERTHS: ONE DOUBLE, THREE LOWER SINGLES AND ONE UPPER SINGLE.

Headroom: Over 6' 1".

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon freshwater tank.

Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilet and shower.

Galley: Domestic 4 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 3 cu.ft. refrigerator.

Heating: Gas central heating

Electrical equipment: 240v. shaver point (for shavers only) 12v. T.V. socket, electric lighting throughout.

BASED AT: STENSON.

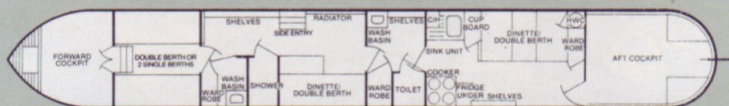
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6 BERTH

LAKE CLASS 51ft

A highly versatile boat for several couples or a family with young children. Beautifully turned out and equipped.



BERTHS: THREE DOUBLES, OR TWO DOUBLES AND TWO LOWER SINGLES.

Headroom: Over 6' 1".

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon freshwater tank.

Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilet and shower.

Galley: Domestic 4 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 3 cu.ft. refrigerator.

Heating: Gas central heating

Electrical equipment: 240v. shaver point (for shavers only) 12v. T.V. socket, electric lighting throughout.

BASED AT: STENSON

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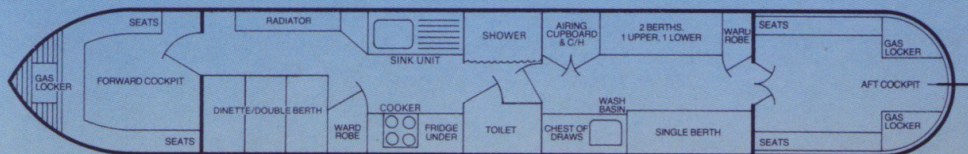


5

BERTH

BOMBER CLASS 47ft

The mainstay of the Black Prince five berth classes, these boats have proved extremely popular with all our customers. The combination of comfort, space and good design make them understandably popular and great value for money.



BERTHS: ONE DOUBLE, TWO LOWER SINGLES AND ONE UPPER SINGLE.

Headroom: Over 6' 1"

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon freshwater tank. Running hot and cold water

by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilet and shower.

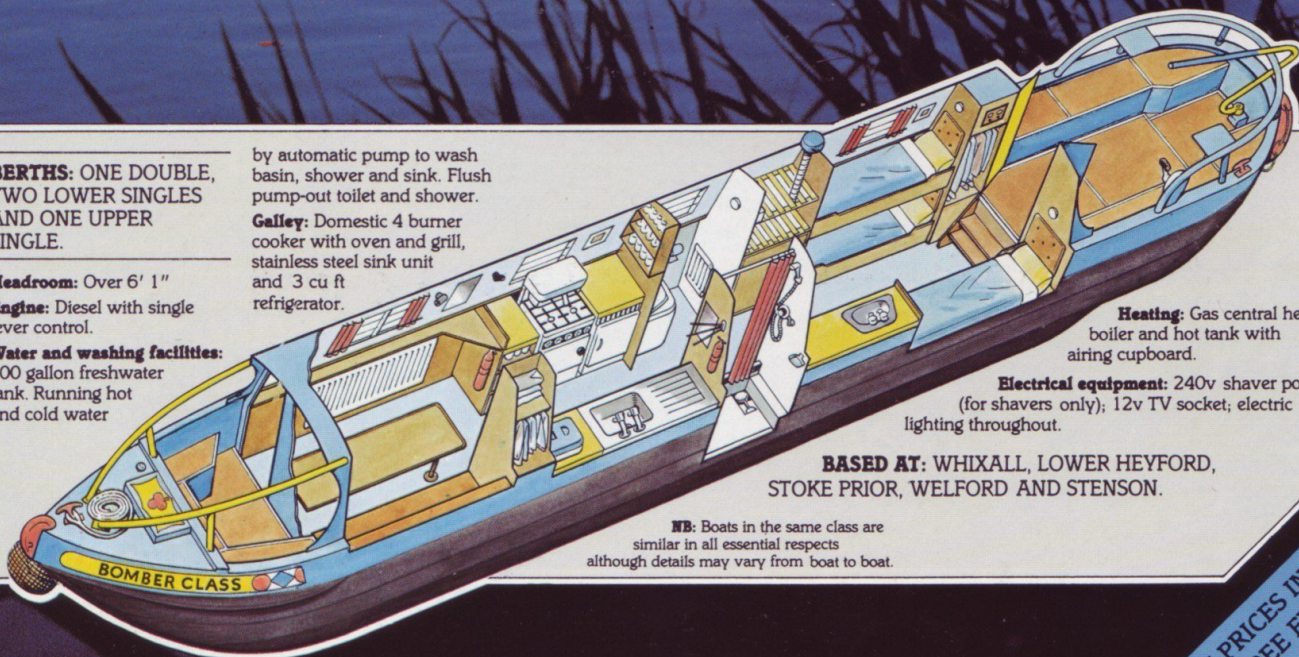
Galley: Domestic 4 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 3 cu ft refrigerator.

Heating: Gas central heating boiler and hot tank with airing cupboard.

Electrical equipment: 240v shaver point (for shavers only); 12v TV socket; electric lighting throughout.

BASED AT: WHIXALL, LOWER HEYFORD, STOKE PRIOR, WELFORD AND STENSON.

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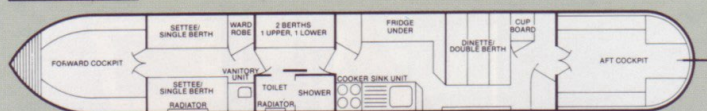
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6

BERTH

DAVID LLOYD GEORGE CLASS 50ft

Incredible value for money in this six berth boat with three cabins and the option of two double beds.



BERTHS: TWO DOUBLES, ONE LOWER SINGLE AND ONE UPPER SINGLE, OR ONE DOUBLE, THREE LOWER SINGLES AND ONE UPPER SINGLE.

Headroom: Over 6' 1".

Engine: Diesel with single

lever control.

Water and washing facilities:

100 gallon freshwater tank. Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilet and shower.

Galley: Domestic 4 burner cooker with oven and grill, 3 cu.ft. refrigerator.

Heating: Gas central heating

Electrical equipment: 240v. shaver point 12v. T.V. socket, electric lighting throughout.

BASED AT: WHIXALL, ACTON BRIDGE.

N.B. Boats in the same class are similar in all essential respects although details may vary from boat to boat.

6
BERTH

FIGHTER CLASS 50ft

This is our largest class of six berth boats, and one which has helped create the Black Prince image of superb value for money. They will form the mainstay of our six berth fleet through the eighties.

BERTHS: ONE DOUBLE, TWO UPPER SINGLES, TWO LOWER SINGLES.

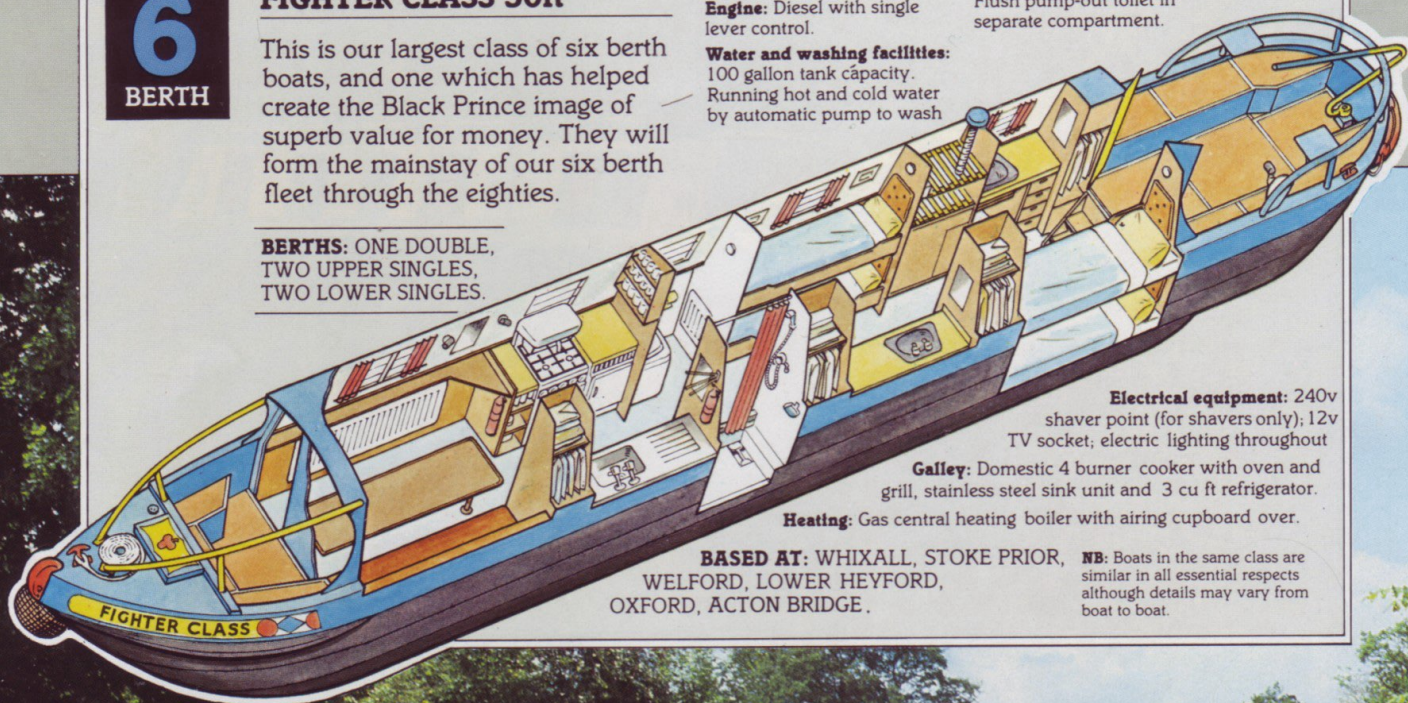
Headroom: Over 6' 1"

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities:

100 gallon tank capacity. Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash

basins, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilet in separate compartment.

**Electrical equipment:** 240v

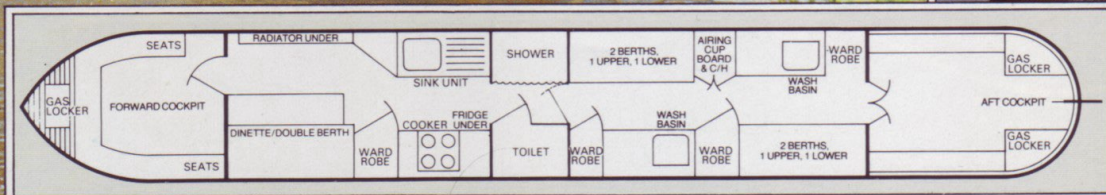
shaver point (for shavers only); 12v TV socket; electric lighting throughout

Galley: Domestic 4 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 3 cu ft refrigerator.

Heating: Gas central heating boiler with airing cupboard over.

BASED AT: WHIXALL, STOKE PRIOR, WELFORD, LOWER HEYFORD, OXFORD, ACTON BRIDGE.

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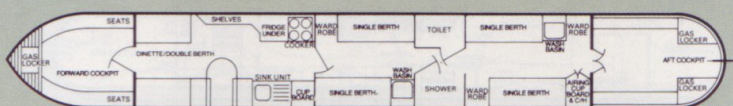




**6
BERTH**

LADY CLASS 54ft

This class has been highly popular ever since introduced, and with three separate cabins and all low level berths will always be superb value for money,



BERTHS: ONE DOUBLE AND FOUR LOWER SINGLES.

Headroom: Over 6' 1".

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon freshwater tank. Running hot and cold water

by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilets and shower.

Galley: Domestic 4 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 3 cu.ft. refrigerator.

Heating: Gas central heating

Electrical equipment: 240v. shaver point 12v. T.V. socket, electric lighting throughout.

BASED AT: WHIXALL, LOWER HEYFORD, OXFORD.

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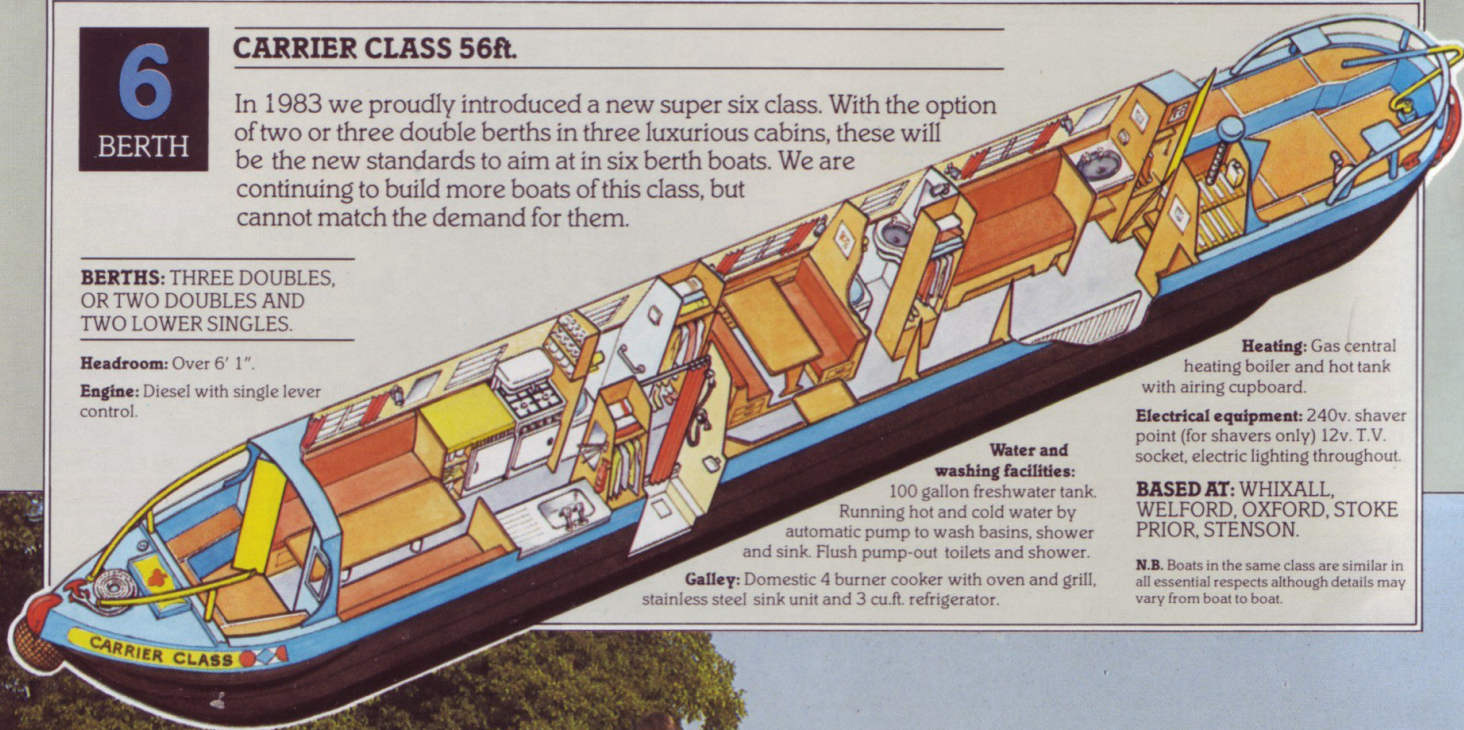
CARRIER CLASS 56ft.

In 1983 we proudly introduced a new super six class. With the option of two or three double berths in three luxurious cabins, these will be the new standards to aim at in six berth boats. We are continuing to build more boats of this class, but cannot match the demand for them.

BERTHS: THREE DOUBLES, OR TWO DOUBLES AND TWO LOWER SINGLES.

Headroom: Over 6' 1".

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.



Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon freshwater tank. Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basins, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilets and shower.

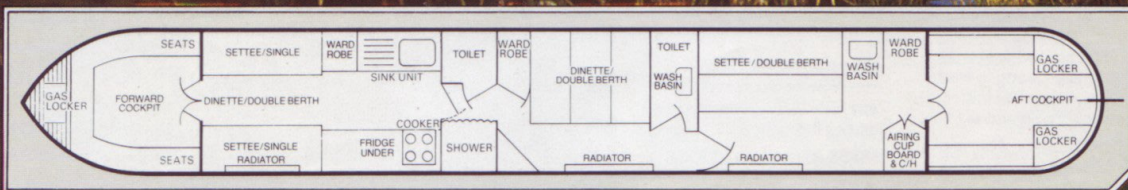
Galley: Domestic 4 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 3 cu.ft. refrigerator.

Heating: Gas central heating boiler and hot tank with airing cupboard.

Electrical equipment: 240v. shaver point (for shavers only) 12v. T.V. socket, electric lighting throughout.

BASED AT: WHIXALL, WELFORD, OXFORD, STOKE PRIOR, STENSON.

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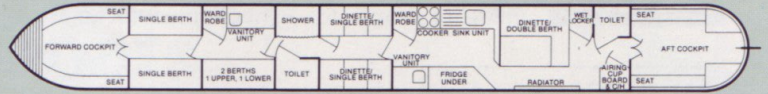
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8/10
BERTH

WILLIAM GLADSTONE 60ft

An extra large boat with very comfortable accommodation, that will economically sleep ten in four cabins.



BERTHS: TWO DOUBLES, THREE LOWER SINGLES AND ONE UPPER SINGLE OR ONE DOUBLE, FIVE LOWER SINGLES AND ONE UPPER SINGLE. TWO ADDITIONAL PIPE COTS (suitable for children only).

Headroom: Over 6' 1".

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon freshwater tank. Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilets and shower.

Galley: Domestic 4 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 3 cu.ft. refrigerator.

Heating: Gas central heating
Electrical equipment: 240v. shaver point (for shavers only) 12v. T.V. socket, electric lighting throughout.

BASED AT: ACTON BRIDGE.

8
BERTH

TANK CLASS 56ft.

The Tank Class is our largest class of eight berth boats. They are superbly built with tremendous comfort and we never have enough of them.

BERTHS: ONE DOUBLE, THREE UPPER SINGLES, THREE LOWER SINGLES.

Headroom: Over 6' 1".

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon tank capacity. Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basins, shower and sink. Two flush pump-out toilets and shower in separate compartments.

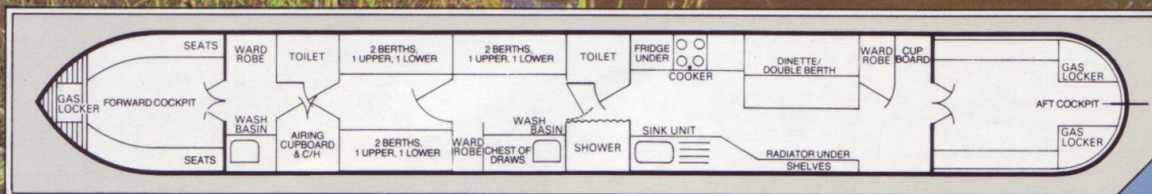
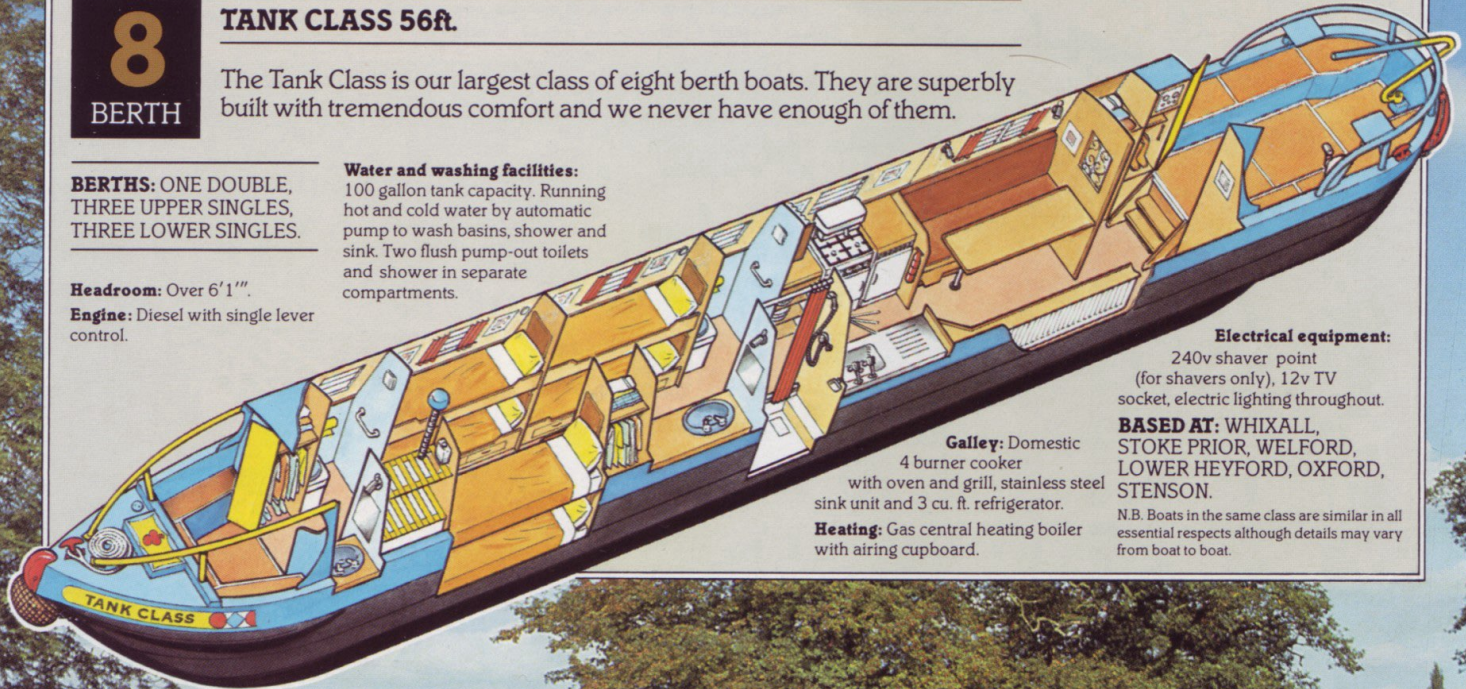
Galley: Domestic 4 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 3 cu. ft. refrigerator.

Heating: Gas central heating boiler with airing cupboard.

Electrical equipment: 240v shaver point (for shavers only), 12v TV socket, electric lighting throughout.

BASED AT: WHIXALL, STOKE PRIOR, WELFORD, LOWER HEYFORD, OXFORD, STENSON.

N.B. Boats in the same class are similar in all essential respects although details may vary from boat to boat.



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8/10 BERTH

CLIPPER CLASS 64ft.

This Class first introduced in 1982 to satisfy a demand from our customers, continues to represent the ultimate in comfort and value for money for eight people with luxury in mind.

BERTHS: TWO DOUBLES AND FOUR LOWER SINGLES, OR ONE DOUBLE AND SIX LOWER SINGLES. TWO ADDITIONAL UPPER SINGLES.

Headroom: Over 6' 1".

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities:

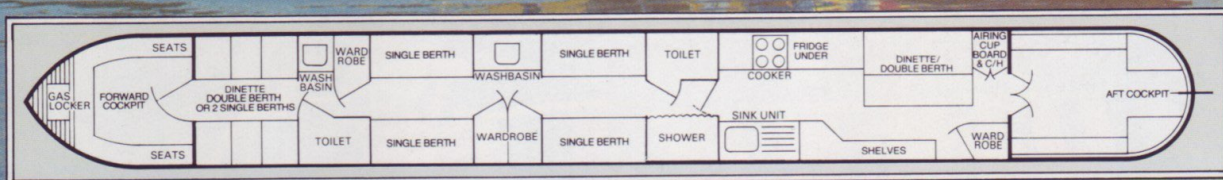
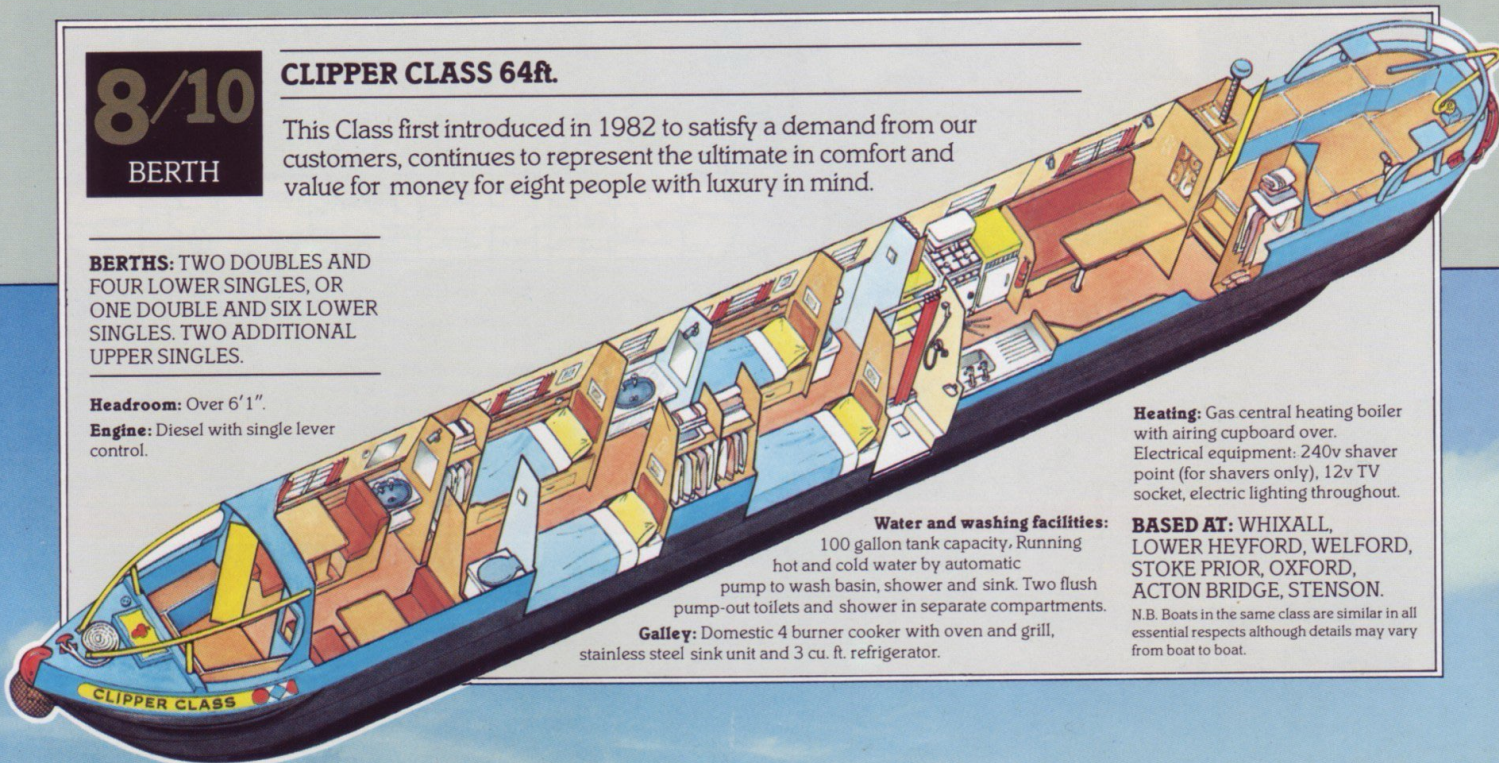
100 gallon tank capacity. Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Two flush pump-out toilets and shower in separate compartments.

Galley: Domestic 4 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 3 cu. ft. refrigerator.

Heating: Gas central heating boiler with airing cupboard over. Electrical equipment: 240v shaver point (for shavers only), 12v TV socket, electric lighting throughout.

BASED AT: WHIXALL, LOWER HEYFORD, WELFORD, STOKE PRIOR, OXFORD, ACTON BRIDGE, STENSON.

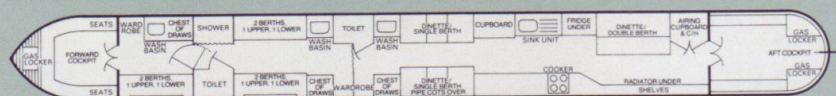
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10/12 BERTH

EAGLE CLASS 69ft

A boat that will really sleep and cater for ten or twelve people, in superb comfort, rarely found in larger boats.



BERTHS: ONE DOUBLE, THREE UPPER SINGLES AND FIVE LOWER SINGLES. TWO PIPE COTS (suitable for children only)

Headroom: Over 6' 1".

Engine: Diesel with single lever control.

Water and washing facilities:

100 gallon freshwater tank. Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilets and shower.

Galley: Domestic 4 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and 3 cu.ft. refrigerator.

Heating: Gas central heating boiler and hot tank with airing cupboard.

Electrical equipment: 240v. shaver point (for shavers only) 12v. T.V. socket, electric lighting throughout.

BASED AT: LOWER HEYFORD.



The Blue Ribbon Class.

The Black Prince fleet of full-length traditional narrowboats

We are proud to offer to our more experienced customers 'Bristol' and 'Mauritania', full length self-steer traditional narrowboats. Since their introduction two years ago, these boats, the flagships of the Black Prince Fleet, have proved enormously popular. They are the most expensively built boats to be hired on the canal system and will provide you with a unique holiday on what looks like a luxury private boat. From the moment you first see the distinctive traditional colour scheme, you will appreciate why this class is different from anything else previously available for hire.

They are large boats, over 70ft in length and in the case of

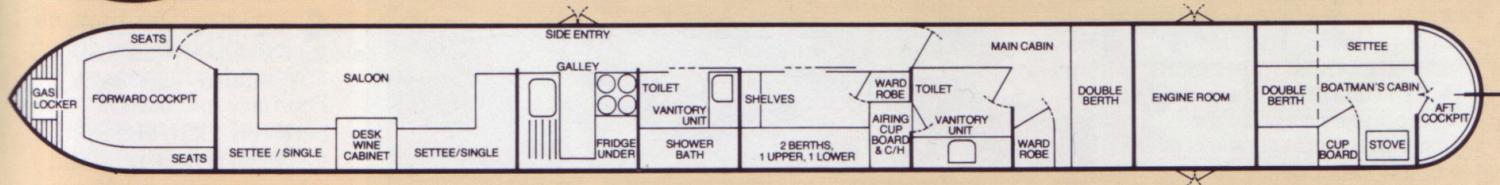
Bristol weigh in excess of 25 tons. They are designed with many of the best features of a working boat and each has a traditional back cabin and separate engine room. The accommodation is arranged for super luxury with six or eight berths and for this reason they are not suitable for larger parties.

We must stress that these are not beginners boats and that on the canal system of the 1980s they require skill in handling. However, the sense of satisfaction in controlling and steering these boats is immense.

We will continue to add to this class as and when the right boats come available.

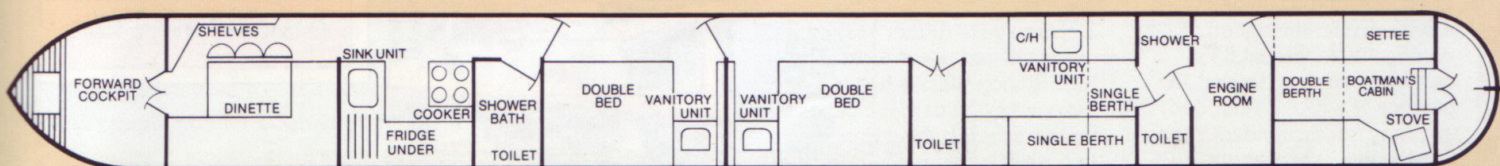
BRISTOL 70ft.

Bristol was the first of the Blue Ribbon Class and she is 71'6" long and weighs over 25 tons. She was built in 1935 by Harland and Wolf and was one of the last working boats on the Canal System, carrying coal on the Croxley run until 1969. After an extensive rebuild she has been fitted out to the highest specification



MAURITANIA 70ft.

Mauritania was constructed six years ago as a luxury skippered charter boat built entirely on traditional lines. She entered service with us last year after some interior re-fitting to bring her up to Blue Ribbon standards. She proved immensely popular in her first year of operation.



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Holiday Cancellation Scheme

WE HAVE ARRANGED A SPECIAL INSURANCE, WHICH ONLY REQUIRES YOU TO COMPLETE THE SIMPLE PROPOSAL FORM. ILLNESS, INJURY OR DEATH MAY PREVENT YOU FROM TAKING YOUR HOLIDAY AS PLANNED OR MAKE IT NECESSARY TO CURTAIL IT, RESULTING IN FINANCIAL LOSS.

Cover Provides

Reimbursement of boat hire charges (paid or contracted to be paid by the Insured and otherwise irrecoverable) following necessary cancellation or curtailment of the holiday or journey consequent upon death, injury or illness of the insured or 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.

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.

Special Exclusions

1. Suicide, intoxication, insanity, pregnancy and/or 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 £5.00 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.

Please note that the cancellation cover is only valid if applied for when you book, in the space provided for it on the booking form, and that the scheme only covers cancellation of the whole hiring.

A part of the hire fee cannot be returned in the event of one or more members of the party dropping out for whatever reason. 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.

In the event of a claim, please advise Black Prince Narrowboats Ltd. as soon as possible.

As will have been seen from the

booking conditions, you as hirer are responsible for the full hire charges, 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.

Cancellation insurance premiums

Hire fee per boat	Premium
Up to £100	£5.00
£101 - £200	£7.00
£201 - £300	£10.00
£301 - £400	£14.00
£401 - £500	£17.00
£501 - £600	£20.00
£601 - £700	£23.00
£701 - £800	£26.00
£801 - £900	£29.00
£901 and above	£31.50
Minimum premium £5.00	



Damage Waiver Scheme

The Damage Deposit Waiver Scheme was introduced in 1983, as an optional alternative to the standard £35 damage deposit, and has proved very popular with our customers.

You have the opportunity of paying a once-and-for-all non-refundable payment of £8.50 which will cover you in the event of any damage/loss or accident to your boat or its inventory during your holiday. Of course for those who prefer it, we still offer the option of paying the traditional £35 damage/accident deposit, the balance of which is refunded after any necessary deductions for damage or breakages,

within seven days of the end of your holiday.

Special Exclusions

1. Speeding
2. Malicious or intentional damage
3. Damage to rudder or skeg, due to cill damage in locks. The Blue Ribbon Class is not included in the damage deposit waiver scheme, the damage deposit required is £50.



How to Book

FOLLOW THESE SIX EASY STEPS TO BOOK YOUR 1985 BLACK PRINCE NARROWBOAT HOLIDAY.

1 Compare our prices, quality, bases and total package of inclusive prices - decide on the class of boat, preferred start date, number of people in the party, holiday cancellation scheme, extras required and holiday maps. Remember VAT is included in all these prices.

2 Telephone our friendly and knowledgeable booking office staff on 094-872 420 or 540 or 561, or call in at your local ABTA Travel Agent. Either our staff at Whixall or your local agent will be able to advise you of the up to the minute vacancy situation.

3 Post your completed and signed booking form enclosing the deposit, plus payment for holiday cancellation scheme and holiday bookshelf. This should be received within six days, to confirm a provisional booking.

4 Come and see us at any one of our bases during any Sunday in January, February and March between 10am and 3pm. Inspect a typical boat and where possible the class you wish to book. Ask all those particular questions that will affect your party (please see page 19 for details).

5 You will be invoiced 5 weeks before your departure for the remainder of the hire fee and sent full travel details, log book and grocery list.

6 63% of our hirers are regular customers or recommendations. We will be over 50% booked by Christmas, so if you want to holiday with Black Prince in 1985, you will have to book early, WE HOPE YOU HAVE A LOVELY HOLIDAY.

MAPS AND GUIDE BOOKS ORDER FORM

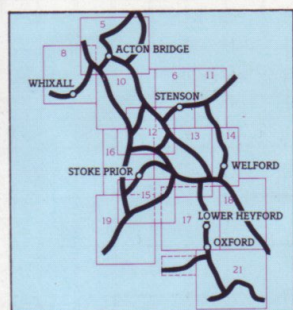
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No. 2 Central	£5.60	_____
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Waterways World Selection

Llangollen Canal	£1.95	_____
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Holiday Cancellation Insurance Proposal

Holiday dates: From _____

To _____

Block capitals please: Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No: Home _____ Work _____

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Cancellation Insurance Premiums

Hire fee per boat	Premium
Up to £100	£5.00
£101 - £200	£7.00
£201 - £300	£10.00
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The Black Prince Booking Team, Peggy, Janet, Alwyn and Susan raise their glasses to you, have a happy holiday.



Booking Form

Black Prince Narrowboats Ltd.,
Black Prince Marina, Whixall, Whitchurch, Shropshire. SY13 2QP
Telephone: Whixall (094 872) 420 or 540 or 561

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For office use only *

CLIENT: _____

CLASS: _____

BOAT: _____

BASE: _____

BOAT NO: _____

START _____

FINISH _____

HIRE FEE _____

HIRE CODE _____

INV. NO _____

SOURCE _____

RAT. CAT _____

ABTA No. _____

REF _____

BOAT CODES _____

STOCK CODES _____

DEP. _____

REC. _____

BAL. _____

I wish to book my Black Prince Holiday:-

MY CHOICE OF BOAT	MY CHOICE OF BASE	STARTING DATE	NO. OF WEEKS

NO. OF PASSENGERS	TELEVISION (if available)	BUOYANCY AIDS REQUIRED Child ☐ Toddler ☐
EXTRA PASSENGERS	PLEASE GIVE DETAILS OF PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE Blue Ribbon and Eagle Classes only	HOLIDAY CANCELLATION Please tick box if required. ☐
Under 4		Please tick choice DAMAGE DEPOSIT ☐
4 - 14		DAMAGE WAIVER ☐
Over 14		

NAME _____	LINEN is provided where required free of charge, please advise the quantities required for:- Double berths ☐ Single berths ☐
ADDRESS _____	

I now enclose my remittance for:

Deposit of 1/5th of hire fee (to nearest £) £

Payment for Cancellation Insurance £

(Please complete names of your party overleaf and read conditions carefully)

Payment for maps and books listed overleaf £

Cheque/postal order/cash/enclosed £

I wish to pay by Barclaycard/Access.

Please charge to my account. Signature _____

My card number is

HOME TELEPHONE NO. _____

BUSINESS TELEPHONE NO. _____

I am over 18 years of age and agree to be bound by the Conditions of Hire as printed in your brochure. I understand that my deposit against damage will be £35 and payable with the final balance, unless I take out your damage waiver plan when £8.50 will be payable with the final balance.

This Booking Form must be signed before your booking can be confirmed

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

We would be very grateful for your help in completing the following information as to how you came to choose Black Prince Narrowboats for your canal holidays:-

☐ I have hired your boats before. Year: _____

☐ I saw your boats whilst travelling on the waterways. Name of Boat: _____

☐ Your company was personally recommended by a friend or relative. Base: _____

I saw your advertisement in _____

Alternative to any of the above _____

We thank you for your assistance with the above information.

TRAVEL AGENTS
STAMP

BUOYANCY AIDS

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MAPS AND GUIDE BOOKS ORDER FORM

The Nicholsons Selection	Price	No. of copies
No. 1 The South	£5.60	_____
No. 2 Central	£5.60	_____
No. 3 The North	£5.60	_____

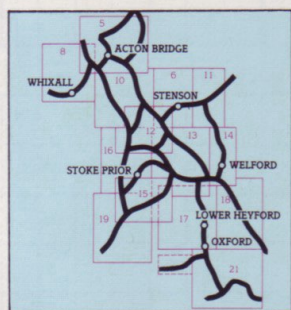
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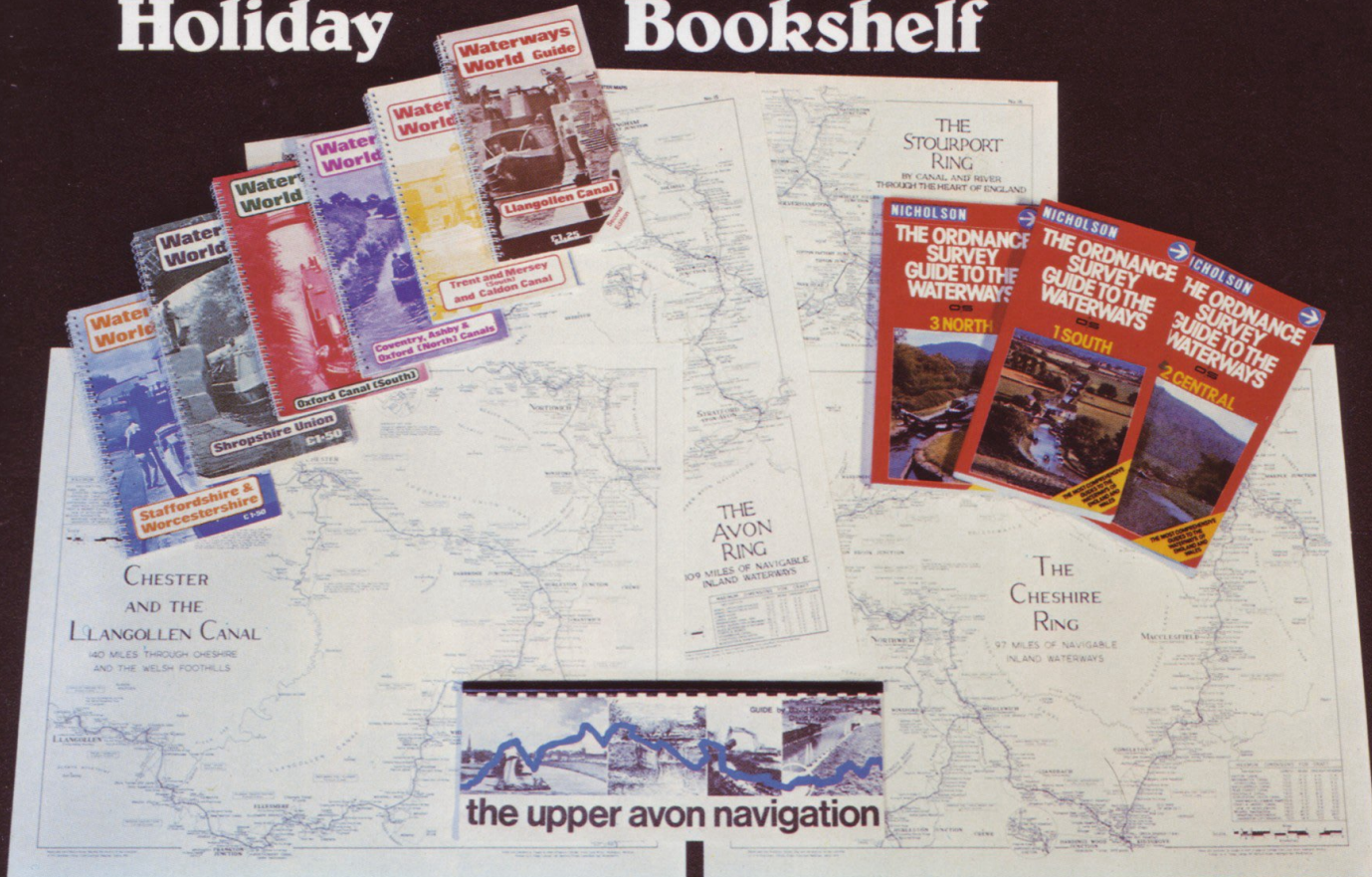
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Minimum premium £5.00 per policy.

The Booking Office Team in action, your link with the professionals.





Illustrated above is a selection of the more popular cruising guides and maps. These may be supplemented with Ordnance Survey maps, local histories and guides, Michelin guides, The Good Pub Guide and many

others from bookshops or a local library. To order any books or maps please see the list on the back of the booking form which must be returned to us with the full remittance.

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. The booking form and acknowledgement are a legally binding contract on both parties and the hirer is responsible for the balance of the hire fee 28 days in advance of the holiday dates (See para 2 and 3 of Hire Conditions).

2. BALANCE OF HIRE FEES

The hirer is responsible for the whole of the hire fee and the balance must be paid 28 days before the date on which the hire is due to commence. 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 less an allowance for fuel and gas not consumed. A charge of 15 per cent of the total hire fee is made for obtaining a re-letting (See Cancellation Scheme page 38).

3. CANCELLATION INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that you take our Cancellation Insurance but point out that it is purely cover against cancellation in event of a member of the party or specified close relative falling sick or suffering an accident leading to cancellation. No other reasons for cancellation will be accepted. Please ensure that the cancellation scheme details are read carefully and fully understood. The cancellation option is available to you only if applied for when booking. The insurance option only covers cancellation of the whole hiring. A part of the hire fee cannot be returned in the event that one or more members of the party are unable to take the holiday.

4. MINIMUM AGE LIMIT

The company will not let a boat to a person under 18 years of age. Hirers must take care to avoid damage to the boat and return it in a clean condition.

5. RETURN AND VACANCY OF BOATS

Boats must be returned by 09.00 and vacated by 09.30 hrs in a clean condition. The hirer is responsible for allowing sufficient 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 £10 for every hour or part of an hour after 10.00 hrs, during which the boat is delayed or occupied.

6. INSURANCE

Full insurance of the boat and equipment except for the first £35 of any claim is included in the hire free. Third party risks are covered up to £500,000. We require a £35 damage deposit to be paid with your final balance payment against loss, damage or reported speeding offence. Alternatively you may opt for our fully inclusive Damage Waiver Plan (please see page 38 for details). During the week following your holiday the deposit will be refunded to you providing no loss, damage or speeding report has been made and the boat has not been involved in an accident. Should any incident occur the deposit will be retained by the Company pending the outcome of investigation and the hirer will be asked to supply a full written report of any incident on his return to the base. We cannot accept replacements of lost or damaged equipment unless identical with the articles being replaced and we reserve the right to determine the quality of any article replaced.

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 must not be put into the hands of others without our authority. If any repairs are effected without the Company's prior permission they will not be reimbursed by the Company.

9. DELAYS AND RESTRICTIONS

The Company cannot be held responsible for any delays or non-fulfilment of programmes caused by breakdown, unforeseen defects, obstruction, repairs or 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 adjustments in any of these circumstances. Bookings are made and accepted on the basis that the Company cannot be held responsible for any stoppages imposed by the British Waterways Board and no compensation can be made for restricted cruising areas being caused by the imposition of such stoppages either in or out of the full season. The company will always do its best to advise hirers of stoppages but they are advised to keep in touch with the relevant Navigation Authority to establish plans for the time of their holidays.

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. **YOU MUST NOT ADMIT LIABILITY UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

11. LOSS OF WATER

The hirer is responsible for any charge made by waterways 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., howsoever caused. We regret that hirer's property left on boats can only be returned on the receipt of agreed postage and packing charges (minimum charge £1.50).

13. COMPANY'S RESERVATION

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 further 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 descriptions 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.

15. VAT

VAT will be charged at the current rate applicable at the date at which the holiday commences. If the final balance has been paid prior to the change of rate the Company reserve the right to collect any balance of VAT due on the day of arrival at the base.

Black Prince wish to thank Derek Pratt Photography, ISCA Graphics and Presscraft for their considerable assistance in the production of this brochure.



Sunrise – the start of another glorious day.



Drinks on the lawn are now being served.



He sailed with the fleet of the 80's.



One of the old staggers – 30 years a No. 1.



Ship-shape and Black Prince fashion.

1980

52 Boats –
Five Bases.
Number 4 in size
on the canals.

1981

65 Boats –
Five Bases.
Number 3 in size
on the canals.

1982

75 Boats –
Five Bases.
Number 3 in size
on the canals.

1983

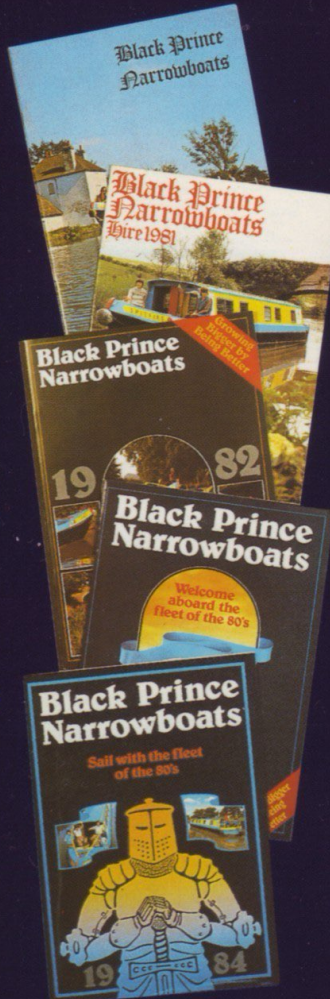
90 Boats –
Six Bases.
Number 1 in size
on the canals.

1984

107 Boats –
Eight Bases.
Number 1 and
market leader
on the canals.

1985

125 Boats – Eight Bases. Market leader
on the canals and eighth largest boat
hire company in Europe.



Even when aground you can enjoy the surroundings.



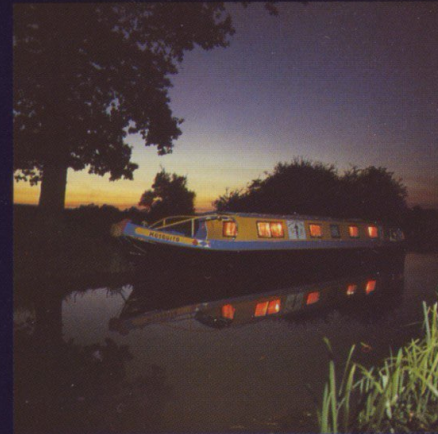
A Black Prince Holiday – the start of a new romance.



Teamwork plus Black Prince, a lovely holiday.



Lock up your daughters.



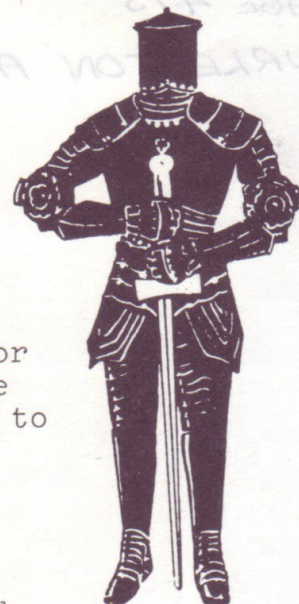
Sunset – the end of a perfect day.

Growing Bigger by Being Better.

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Dear Holidaymaker,

Whether you have already holidayed with us, or are discovering Black Prince for the first time, we send you warm greetings and welcome you with pride to our 1985 Brochure.

This is our tenth anniversary and as market leaders and largest hire fleet we are now able to offer more than 120 boats from 8 bases. Last year 18,000 people travelled with us and many more would have liked to, but did not book early enough.

NEW BASES

Welcome to our new base at Silsden on the fabulous Leeds and Liverpool Canal. Six years of searching for the right base on this waterway have at last been rewarded.

NEW BOATS

We are still building more new boats than any other hire company, another 16 in 1985.

ALL INCLUSIVE PRICES

All prices include V.A.T., GAS, DIESEL, CAR PARKING, PETS AND LINEN.

PAYMENTS by ACCESS and BARCLAYCARD

You are able to pay your deposit and final payment by filling in the space on the booking form with your card number.

HOW TO BOOK

Following the success of our base open days they will be continued in 1985. Select the boat, base, and date, telephone 094 872 420/540/561 between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Our highly trained booking office staff will be there to answer your calls, seven days a week.

We look forward to discussing your plans, and booking your holiday, however if you want to book a boat please book early, we still do not have enough boats to meet the demand. Have a lovely holiday in 1985.

Yours sincerely,

ED and GILL RIMMER

HEAD OFFICE &
RESERVATIONS.
Whixhall, Shropshire
(Llangollen Canal)

ACTON BRIDGE
Cheshire.
(Trent & Mersey Canal)

LOWER HEYFORD
Oxfordshire.
(Oxford Canal)

STENSON
Derbyshire.
(Trent & Mersey Canal)

OXFORD
Oxfordshire.
(Oxford Canal)

WELFORD
Northants.
(Leicester Canal)

STOKE PRIOR
Worcestershire.
(Worcester -
Birmingham Canal)

