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INTRODUCTION

We are a new company with one prime objective, to supply the best boats and give the best service.

All our boats are new, purpose built for Holiday Hire on the canals. We invite you to inspect our boats at our base at Blisworth. We are confident that you will not find better boats anywhere on the canal system.

So, if you are looking for luxury and comfort our boats are for you!

WHY A CANAL HOLIDAY

Inland Waterways, built more than 150 years ago have now become part of nature itself.

You have to admire the 18th Century Engineers who with only pick and shovel, made it possible for boats to climb and descend hills, navigate tunnels and sail high above the countryside on viaducts.

They left a legacy of beauty and utility which is ours to use and explore. Cruising by narrow boat on the canals can be a leisurely, interesting and exciting adventure.

One of the most satisfying aspects of this type of holiday is the peace and tranquility, with continually changing views of the countryside, which cannot be seen other than from the canals.

The main purpose of the canals was, of course, to connect the industrial areas, and for short distances the canals run through the work-a-day world of industry, to emerge once more in the serenity of the countryside.

You will pass interesting and historical buildings, and quaint and homely pubs, where you can enjoy a leisurely pint in an atmosphere previously enjoyed by the "bargees" and "Water Gypsies".

If your object is to get away from everyday stress and strain and unwind, nothing can surpass this type of holiday.



Who said Canals are Straight

WHY A NARROW BOAT

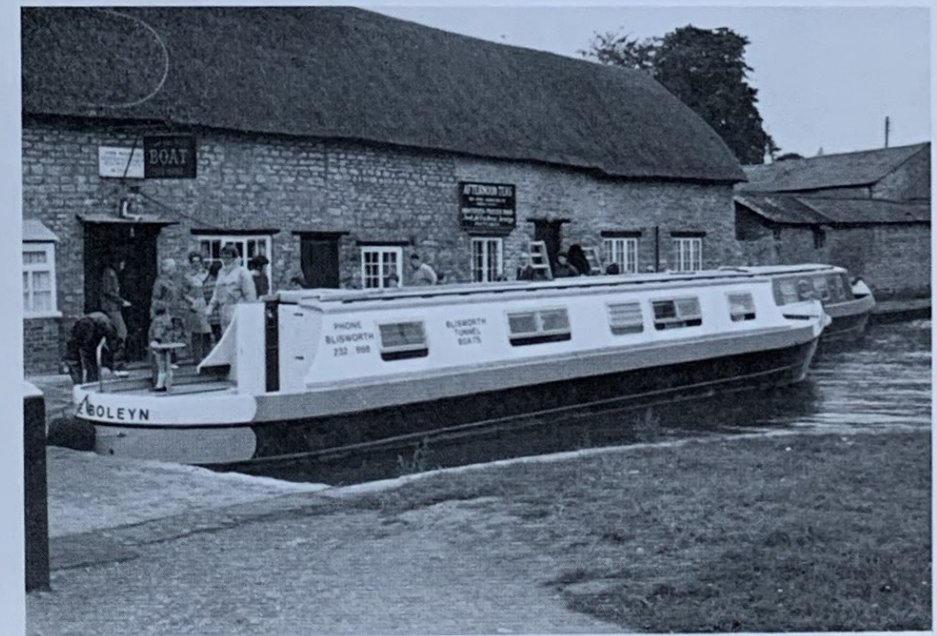
The narrow boat was evolved over the years and proved to be the most suitable craft for the canals. The necessity to take the knocks and rough usage associated with industrial use, made it necessary for them to be tough and rugged.

The ability to negotiate locks with ease is one of their best characteristics, and to enable the holidaymaker to take advantage of these features our boats are of the traditional narrow boat design, built in steel and luxuriously appointed.

They are all powered by Lister diesel engines, renowned for their reliability. All our boats have full size cooker and fridge, and sink unit. Hot and cold running water, flush toilets, electric lighting and luxurious shower' shaver and T.V. points. There are wash-basins in all cabins.



Coming out of a narrow Lock



Mooring for a pint

OUR BASE

Only 10 minutes cruising from the famous Blisworth Tunnel, which is $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles long, on the Grand Union main line.

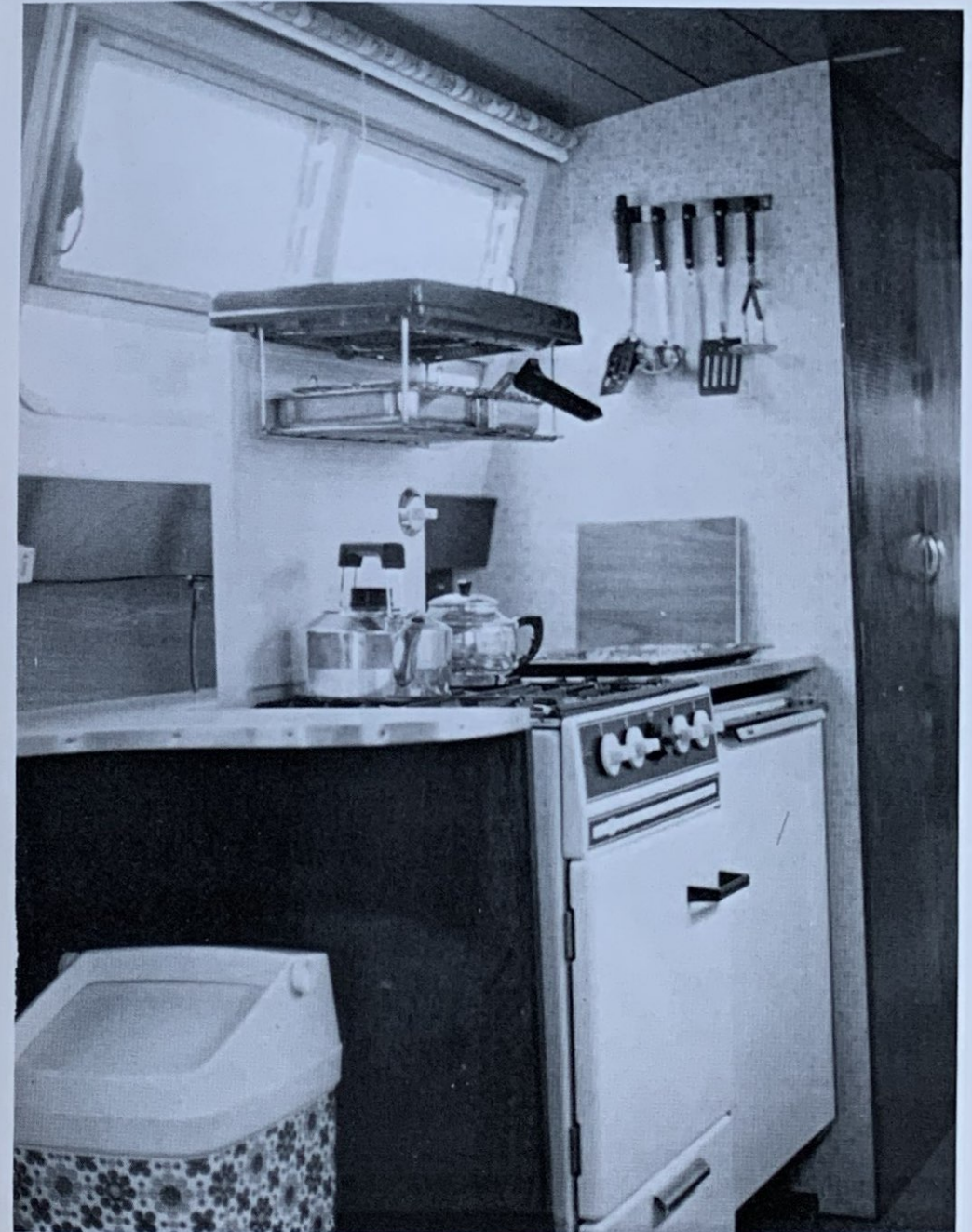
From our base you can go anywhere on the canal system, or onto the river Nene at Northampton.

By road: Blisworth is on the Northampton/Oxford Road (A 43).

By train: The nearest station being Northampton Castle Station, which is the electrified Inter-City line from London to Birmingham.



One of the few remaining working boats



Galley showing full size Cooker and Refrigeration Unit

EVER THOUGHT OF OWNING A BOAT?

We can build you a narrow boat of any length and to any stage of manufacture.

Write for particulars or call at our base at Blisworth.

The workmanship will be, of course, to the standard of the hire boats.



Nobody is Perfect

It is best not to be too ambitious, particularly if you are new to the canals. We have found that it is easiest to work out timings by combining the number of locks and miles into lock/miles. It takes about twice as long to cruise a mile as it does to pass through a lock, so lock/miles for any given stretch will be the number of locks divided by two added to the number of miles. Thus ten miles and four locks would be twelve lock/miles. Three lock/miles per hour is a comfortable rate of progress. Imray's Map (see below) shows exact distances and numbers of locks between principal places on the canal system and so is helpful in planning.

We also have in stock Stanford's Map, the Canals Book and the Cruising Booklets published by British Waterways Board. These give detailed descriptions of each canal with locations of water points, shops, pubs, etc. As we go to press in October, 1971 all sixteen of these booklets are available, but they are to be superseded by a series of Guides to the Waterways (price 85p including postage), each of which will combine the information in several of the Cruising Booklets. No. 1, South East, will be available in autumn 1971 and will supersede Cruising Booklets Nos. 3, 6, 8 and 9, which thereafter will gradually cease to be available. No. 2, North West, is expected in May 1972. The remainder will follow later but details are not available at the time of going to press. We do recommend that you should take with you the appropriate Cruising Booklet (or Guide to the Waterways) or the Canals Book, as the information which they give is invaluable. 1" Ord. Survey Maps are available for sale at our various bases when you come to take over your boat.

MAPS AND BOOKS AVAILABLE

Imray's Inland Cruising Map of England and Wales	..	..	..	..	56p
Stanford's Inland Cruising Map	..	..	..	..	53p
The Canals Book	..	..	..	..	48p
Guide to the Birmingham Canals	..	..	..	..	33p
Guide to the Waterways No. 1	..	..	..	..	85p
Waterproof Plastic Pouch for above	..	..	..	..	18p
British Waterways Cruising Booklets:					
No. 1	Llangollen Canal	..	..	..	28p
No. 2	Trent Waterway	..	..	..	21p
No. 3	Lee and Stort Navigations	..	..	..	21p
No. 4	Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal	..	..	..	26p
No. 5	Shropshire Union Canal	..	..	..	28p
No. 6	Oxford Canal	..	..	..	21p
No. 7	Fossdyke and Witham Navigations	..	..	..	21p
No. 8	Grand Union Canal (Brentford to Braunston)	..	..	..	28p
No. 9	Grand Union Canal (Braunston to Birmingham)	..	..	..	28p
No. 10	Grand Union Canal Leicester Section	..	..	..	26p
No. 11	Macclesfield Canal	..	..	..	21p
No. 12	Trent and Mersey Canal (Trent Lock to Great Haywood)	..	..	..	21p
No. 13	Trent and Mersey Canal (Preston Brook to Great Haywood)	..	..	..	28p
No. 14	Severn Waterway and Worcester and Birmingham Canal	..	..	..	28p
No. 15	Lancaster Canal	..	..	..	21p
No. 16	Leeds and Liverpool Canal	..	..	..	33p

(All prices quoted postage paid)



Table set for Tea



YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Are there any extras.

No. All you need to bring are your personal things.

Do I pay for fuel.

No. Your boat will have 50 gallons of diesel on board – this will last your whole cruise no matter how far you go.

Life Jackets.

We will supply all you need free of charge.

Can I have a television set.

Yes, but sets are limited, first come first served. The hire fee is £3 per week.

Can I leave my car at your base.

Yes. We have good parking space, but we cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage.

Can I inspect your boats.

Yes. We would like you to inspect our boats. However, it is best to come on Saturday, as the boats are out during the week.

Can I bring an extra passenger.

Yes, but you will of course lose your comfort, particularly at night and meal times.

A charge of £7.50 will be made for the extra person, we will of course provide bedding.

Are the boats licensed.

Yes, unless visiting the rivers Nene, Avon and Thames.

Can I bring a pet.

Yes, at no extra charge, but please keep them off the beds.
No elephants!

Can I have a cancellation Insurance.

Yes. We can supply the necessary forms.

Can my club or youth club hire a boat.

There are special conditions for party bookings. See part (6) in conditions of hire.

When must the boat be back at base.

The boat must be back at base by 9 a.m. on Saturday morning. This is **most important**, as the boats have to be cleaned, re-fuelled and maintenance work done before 3 p.m. when the next hirer arrives.

Can you supply groceries and provisions.

Yes, we will have on board all you need. This service is free of charge and the cost of the groceries will be added to your bill. If you wish to make use of this service please fill in the form supplied.

EQUIPMENT ABOARD

Plank	Milk Jug
Mop	Sugar Bowl
1 Pole	6 Cups
Boat Hook	6 Saucers
Water Hose	6 Small Plates
3 Windless	6 Large Plates
2 Stakes	6 Soup Plates
1 Lump Hammer	6 Tumblers
Seat	6 Wine Glasses
First Aid	2 Ash Trays
Lock and 2 Keys	Sink Tidy
Fire Extinguisher	Vim
2 Door Mats	Dish Cloth
6 Mauve Blankets	Pan Cleaner
6 Assorted Col. Blankets	Pan Brush
4 pairs Sheets	Brillo Pads
1 Double Sleeping Bag	Floor Cloth
1 Inner Lining	Drainer
6 Pillows	Wire Dish Stand
6 Pillow Cases	Washing-up Bowl
4 Bedspreads	2 Bottle Openers
Shower Curtain	4 Kitchen Knives
5 Coat Hangers	1 Wooden Spoon
Toilet Roll	6 Teaspoons
Toilet Brush and Holder	6 Table Knives
Tray	6 Forks
Breadboard	6 Dessert Spoons
Teapot	Hand-brush and Pan
Salt and Pepper Pots	Sweeping Brush
Gas Lighter	Bucket
Cheese Dish	Collander
Soup Ladle	2 Mixing Bowls
2 Fish Slice	3 Saucepans with Lids
Spatula	Frying Pan
Potato Masher	3 Stools
Draining Spoon	1 Refuse Bin
Kettle	2 Tablets Soap
Grill Pan and Stand	Washing-up Liquid
Meat Pan	6 Egg Cups

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 a hire invoice has been sent to the Hirer.

(2) **BALANCE OF HIRE FEE** The hirer is responsible for the whole of the hire fee and the balance must be paid two weeks before the date on which the hire is due to begin. Should the Hirer cancel the booking we will make every effort to re-let the boat, but if we are unsuccessful the Hirer remains responsible for the balance of the hire fee. A charge of 15% of the total hire fee is made for obtaining a re-letting. (See page 4 for cancellation Insurance).

(3) **LETTING TO PERSONS UNDER 20 YEARS** The company will not let a boat to a person under 20 years of age.

(4) **RETURN OF BOATS** Boats must be returned by 09.00 and vacated by 10.00 hrs. in a CLEAN condition. The Hirer is responsible for allowing himself enough time to reach the agreed finishing point at the stated time. In the interest of other hirers we must obviously be absolutely strict about this rule.

(5) **INSURANCE** Full insurance of the boat and equipment except for the first £15 of any claim (see para 6 below) is included in the Hire fee. Third party risks are covered up to £50,000. We require £15 deposit to be left with us before the start of the cruise. When you return from your holiday you will be refunded the £15 deposit by cheque on condition no loss or damage has taken place and the boat has not been involved in an accident. We cannot accept replacements of lost or damaged equipment unless identical with the articles being replaced.

(6) **PARTY BOOKINGS** Past experience has shown us that our craft are more liable to damage when hired by clubs or groups. We therefore require a deposit of £30 per boat for such bookings. This will be refunded on return provided there has been no loss, damage or accident.

(7) **TOWING** No boat may tow another without prior permission of the company.

(8) **REPAIRS** These are the responsibility of the Company, and should not be put into the hands of other companies without our authority.

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

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

(11) **LOSS OF WATER** The Hirer is responsible for any charge made by Waterway Authorities for any loss of water or damage to Waterways property caused by the Hirer.

(12) **HIRER'S PROPERTY** We regret we cannot accept any liability for loss or damage to Hirer's or passengers property, baggage, motor cars, etc., however caused.

(13) **COMPANY'S RESERVATIONS** It should be noted that (1) 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 will be refunded in full and the Hirer's shall have no other claim. (11) 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.

