

Boat Acceptance and Navigation

Please read through the following before arrival – by making payment – going on to meet us for a handover – and then taking command of your craft we understand you are happy to accept the boat and inventory as demonstrated, including the following points and you understand your responsibilities toward its safe operation and return.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU STOP AND ASK IF YOU ARE UNCERTAIN ON ANY POINTS BEFORE YOU DEPART – WE WILL HAPPILY EXPLAIN FURTHER

We agree that we have read our joining instructions and have received training and demonstrations of the boat's onboard equipment and operation (where applicable) as below.



Handover Summary: Day and Holiday Boats

Interior

- ✓ Doors and Hatches – do not lean out!
 - ✓ Ropes – keep coiled/ knot-free
 - ✓ Toilets – Use and Emergency Shutoff
 - ✓ Fire Fighting – location and use of extinguishers and blanket and Evacuation
 - ✓ Fridge – temperature setting
 - ✓ Electrics – emergency isolation
 - ✓ Water Pump – leaks, isolation switch
 - ✓ Crew not to be under influence of drinks/drugs when underway
 - ✓ Interior Lights
 - ✓ Showers - Controls and Drainage
 - ✓ Engine start/stop, warning alarms
 - ✓ Oven/cooker – lighting, safe use
 - ✓ Do not block ventilators – DANGER!
 - ✓ Gas system – emergency isolation
 - ✓ Dinette – safe conversion to bed
 - ✓ Interior Fuses and Spares/ Trip Switches
 - ✓ Central/Water Heating including thermostat (Avalon only)
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Exterior

- ✓ Water tank and hose
 - ✓ Use and Safety of Roof
 - ✓ Use of Handrails
 - ✓ Daily engine checks – oil, water
 - ✓ Mooring stakes, hammer
 - ✓ Safety in the Bow/Cockpit
 - ✓ Marked crew areas on deck
 - ✓ Rear rope – move and use either side
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Navigation

- ✓ Keep children in sight/ under control
- ✓ All to be offered buoyancy aid when on deck and children to wear when on deck
- ✓ How to untie/ set off
- ✓ Stopping/ emergency stopping
- ✓ Slow down passing moored boats
- ✓ Recognition of Marker Buoys
- ✓ Pass oncoming boats on the right but beware shallow edges!
- ✓ Approach blind bends/bridges with care
- ✓ Approaching lock – mooring/ waiting
- ✓ Downstream boat has priority
- ✓ Use of landing stage/ waiting
- ✓ Use of ropes in lock – do not tie!
- ✓ Turn engine off in locks
- ✓ Ropes tied to stake/ring – not across towpath
- ✓ Person Overboard procedure – out of gear!
- ✓ Recovery from water via bank not to boat
- ✓ Rivers – currents/ flow, slower upstream!
- ✓ Rivers – leave slack ropes when mooring
- ✓ Use of throttle: neutral/forward/back
- ✓ Turning Left and Right
- ✓ Steering position
- ✓ Maximum cruising speed and wash
- ✓ Normal cruising speed
- ✓ Slow down BEFORE moored boats
- ✓ Centre channel/ outside river bends
- ✓ Slow down approaching bends
- ✓ Warning – loss of steerage in reverse!
- ✓ Landing crew/ mooring up
- ✓ Warn other crew of low bridges/ branches
- ✓ Courtesy/Compliance – lock keeper
- ✓ No mooring at locks/ on outside sharp bends
- ✓ Mooring up – crew ready to jump off – approach slowly with bow into edge first
- ✓ Mooring stakes banged right in 45 from boat
- ✓ Beware of lock cill/ watch bow of boat
- ✓ No running/ tomfoolery!
- ✓ Person steering boat is in charge!
- ✓ Rivers – heed level/flood indicators
- ✓ Slow down! Speed limit 4mph!
- ✓ No minor may drive the boat without adequate supervision which means an adult (over 21) standing next to them being able to reach the steering wheel/helm without moving