

# Great Haywood Boat Sales



## Guide to Narrow Boating

## Useful information for the first-time buyer and every boat owner.

### Stern:

3 basic types of stern:

**Trad** Ideal for live aboard, typified by short back deck of 2-3 Feet in length, giving more room inside for living.

**Cruiser** An ideal holiday boat, a back deck of between 4-8 Feet in length, providing ample space on the back for several people to stand and socialise.

**Semi-Trad** A good compromise between the above two. The looks of a Trad, with the space of a cruiser.

**Trad**



**Semi-Trad**



**Cruiser**



### Length of Boat:

The length of boat that you require obviously depends on the number of people who will be using the boat and the length of time that you will spend on the boat.

Generally speaking 30-40 Feet is ample for a holiday boat, while 50 Feet plus is ideal for extended cruising or liveaboard.

A further point to bear in mind with regards to length is lock dimensions. There are a number of locks around the country that restrict access to certain waterways, the lengths are as follows:

Leeds & Liverpool	60 Feet (62 Feet can just fit through)
Calder & Hebble	57 Feet 6 Ins

### Steel Plate:

With regards to the steel thickness, the figures that you will see will be for example, 10/6/4mm, these figures relate to 10mm (bottom plate) 6mm (hull sides) 4mm (cabin).

Today's standard spec is 10/6/4mm but steel thickness of 8/6/4mm and 6/5/3mm if well looked after will provide you with many years of service, so do not rule them out.

Also used on boats are Wood and GRP(glass reinforced plastic) mainly for the cabin. These are more commonly seen on older boats and are not as desirable as all steel, but provide a cheaper option for those wishing to get onto the waterways.

### **Engine:**

An obvious consideration is the choice of engine, here you have 3 categories

1. Air cooled (eg: Lister ST2)
2. Water cooled (eg: BMC 1.5)
3. Vintage engine (eg: Russell Newbury)

The type of engine you choose depends on a number of factors, including Mechanical knowledge, spare time and size of boat. If you are after simplicity then consider one of the modern water-cooled diesel engines or the older and slightly louder Air cooled diesel engine. Both of these offer ease of use and reliability. The Vintage engine will suit the enthusiast who likes to tinker with the engine, it is also only suitable for larger boats (40ft +) due to the size of the engine.

### **Heating:**

Once again you have 3 main choices:

1. Solid Fuel Stove (eg: Squirrel)
2. Gas Central Heating (eg: Alde)
3. Diesel Fired Heating (eg: Eberspacher, Mikuni, Webasto)

The type of heating you have is down to personal preference many people prefer the solid fuel stoves authenticity and dry heat, but on the negative side is the time spent preparing the fire, where as gas and diesel provide almost instant heat. The question of hot water can be answered in one of two ways, through a heating unit eg: Paloma or from your central heating system. The second route being from a calorifier using the excess hot water from the engine cooling system or from a central heating boiler.

### **Electrics:**

Nearly all boats will have a 12-volt system installed. To have a 240-volt system you have a number of options, Inverter, Landline or Generator.

1. Landline. A connection to plug in at a marina when a electric supply is provided
2. Inverter. This is a device that converts your 12-volt battery supply to a 240-volt supply for domestic use, an average price will be in the region of £300 to £1500, but is dependant on size.
3. Generator. Either a petrol, gas or diesel generator will give you a 240 volt supply. The prices vary considerably with a petrol generator costing in the region of £500-900, while a diesel one will cost around £2,500 to £12,000.

### **Toilet:**

The two types of toilets fitted are Pump Out and Cassette. Pump out toilets are considered more hygienic but a cost is involved of around £12 per pump out. While the chemical or Porta Potti is free to empty.

### **Surveys:**

With such an important purchase as a narrowboat, it is essential to get an independent qualified surveyor to inspect your potential vessel. The cost of this varies according to different surveyors. On average the cost is between £400-650 for the surveyor and around £170 for the haul out. For an official list of recommended surveyors please contact British Waterways on 01923 201120

British Waterways Safety Certificate (BWSC), Certificate of Compliance (C of C), and Boat Safety Certificate (BSC). These are all generally the same item, the BWSC is the updated version of the C of C. In basic terms the BWSC is an MOT for a boat and covers the safety aspects like gas and electrical installations but not the Hull or engine condition. This certificate lasts for 4 years, and a re-inspection is in the region of £100-150. Every boat needs to have a valid certificate and if the boat fails you have 6 months to rectify these problems.

## ***Cost of Owning a Narrowboat***

### **Licence:**

For a yearly licence on British Waterways canals, sample costs are:

30 Ft -	£476.00
40 Ft -	£452.00
50 Ft -	£630.00
60 Ft -	£707.00
70 Ft -	£785.00

### **Insurance:**

Premiums vary greatly according to insurance companies but on average the costs would be as follows:

Value of vessel-	£25,000 -	£150.00
	£40,000 -	£200.00
	£60,000 -	£250.00

### **Moorings:**

Again this varies greatly on location and facilities provided at the marina, but as a guide, budget between £35-45 per foot plus VAT per year. See last page for examples of our mooring charges –

### **Maintenance:**

Very hard to judge, but budget for a figure in the region of £550 per year, to include £150 for an engine service, £290-450 for bi-annual blacking, and £200-300 for general repairs.

## ***Running Costs***

### **Fuel:**

Once again this is very hard to judge, but it is dependant on usage, but look for typical costs of around £95 for diesel and a similar figure for Gas per year. Diesel is approximately 64p per litre = 40 gallon tank = 180 litres, Engine 1.5 litres per hour, maximum 120 hours on a full tank.

## ***Finance for Boats***

Marine finance can be easily arranged. For sale prices over £15,000 you can borrow up to 80% of the purchase price. Rates are competitive and quotations are available on request.

**If this has answered some of your questions, but you would like to know more about buying a boat please contact either the Sales staff on 01889 881 960 or e-mail [enquiries@greathaywoodboatsales.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@greathaywoodboatsales.co.uk)**

***You can also visit our web site at [www.greathaywoodboatsales.co.uk](http://www.greathaywoodboatsales.co.uk)***

## Mooring Rates for Great Haywood Marina

*The costs below are for 12 months rent based on the length of the finger jetties and includes VAT (non-Residential)*

	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Quarterly</b>
12 metre Jetty Max 40ft boat	£1,480	£405.00
15 metre Jetty Max 50ft boat	£1,850	£506.25
18 metre Jetty Max 60ft boat	£2,220	£607.50
21 metre Jetty Max 70ft boat	£2,590	£708.75

Additional Rates for end Jetties:

- 12 metre plus £150 per annum
- 15 metre plus £170 per annum
- 18 metre plus £205 per annum
- 21 metre plus £240 per annum

There is also a one-off registration fee of £250 for moorers booking from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007.