

CONDITIONS OF HIRE

1. **THERE IS NO USE OF LOCKS** The boat can navigate between Foxton Locks, Market Harborough and Kibworth Top Lock.
2. **HIRE DURATION** is one day, between the hours of either 9am - 5pm (Foxy) or 9.30am– 5.30am (Foxcub) unless otherwise agreed. Late return of the boat will be charged at £30 per hour or part thereof.
3. **BOOKING:** - The boat is not booked until the hire fee has been paid IN FULL. Receipt of the hire fee, confirms the hirer agrees to these conditions of hire. The boat shall not be released until a completed BOOKING FORM has been received. Bookings will not be accepted from persons less than 18 years.
4. **A DAMAGE DEPOSIT OF £100** (cash) is payable on arrival. This will be refunded provided there are no losses or damage, and the boat is returned on time, with no outstanding third party claim. We reserve the right to deduct for extra cleaning costs if the boat is left in a dirty condition.
5. **CANCELLATION/NAVIGATION:** - In the event of cancellation, the hirer should notify the Company immediately, if the boat can be re-let, the money will be refunded less 20% administration costs. If the boat cannot be re-let no monies will be refunded. Cancellation by us or restrictions on routes may be necessary for reasons beyond our control such as water shortage, severe weather/ice or closure of waterways, etc. In such cases, should no route at all be available, all hire money paid will be refunded. No liability will be accepted for any other expenses or consequential damages or costs, howsoever incurred by the Hirer.
6. **INSURANCE:** - Insurance of the boat and its equipment and against hirer's liability to other parties is included in the hire charge, but the Hirer is responsible for the first £100 of any claim. Hirer's personal property is not covered. The Company accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to Hirers property, however caused.
7. **HANDOVER:** - The Skipper is the person nominated by the user group and deemed by us as responsible for the operation and safety of the boat and its passengers. This includes the behavior of all group members where this is likely to impact on the safety of the boat, any or all group members or the waterway and its users. If the role is to be undertaken by more than one person during the hire period, each must attend the handover session and it must be clear who is acting as skipper at any one time. Hirers must satisfy our requirements regarding the appropriate training or experience of the skipper prior to the start of the hire period, failing which we shall be entitled to cancel the hire. We reserve the right to refuse to hand over the boat to any person who, in our opinion, is not suitable to take charge of it.
8. **CAR PARKING** is available in the Canal & River Trust pay and display car parks at both the bottom and top of the locks. The Company accepts no liability for loss or damage to customer's vehicles or their contents. Should you arrive late/early, you may be expected to wait while other parties are dealt with.
9. **ACCIDENTS:** - The Hirer is solely responsible for the safe and sensible handling of the boat. Any accidents to the boat, waterways property, or to any other boat, property or person, must be reported to the Company immediately. NO LIABILITY SHALL BE ADMITTED.
10. **BREAKDOWN:** - If, owing to circumstances beyond our control, we are unable to provide the boat, or a suitable alternative, we will refund all monies in full, and the Hirer shall have no further claim against us. The Hirer shall have no claim on the Company as a result of any breakdown or failure of the boat during hire, and where such breakdown is caused by the negligence of the Hirer or by failing to carry out instructions given by the Company, the Company shall have the right to claim in respect of rectifying the matter.
11. **BARBEQUES:** - Whilst you are welcome to bring these with you, under no circumstance must any BBQ or fire be alight on board the vessel at any time. Please also respect towpath users if BBQ'ing on the bank.
12. **NO MORE THAN 12 PERSONS** may be on the boat by law. Failure to comply with this will lead to confiscation of the boat. THERE MUST BE NO PERSONS ON THE ROOF OF THE BOAT WHILST IT IS TRAVELLING AS THIS IS DANGEROUS.