

bearBOATING

CANAL BOAT HOLIDAYS AND TRAINING

RYA Inland Waterway Helmsman's Course

bearBOATING's base at Apperley Bridge Marina is ideally situated for an RYA Inland Waterways Training Centre.

Travelling East towards Leeds we have a clear canal for several miles ideal for taking the helm for the first time.

Travelling West we have a selection of locks and bridges that provide an opportunity for students to encounter examples of all the obstacles to be found on the Leeds Liverpool Canal.



All bearBOATING courses take place on our truly luxurious holiday hire boats.

The RYA course is a two day course and costs from £300 per person and includes a copy of the RYA Inland Waterways Handbook. The boat is available for overnight stay for students booking on the course, please contact Andy for details on 07969 901383.

bearBOATING provide light refreshments during the day but students may wish to bring a packed lunch which will normally be taken at a convenient location along the towpath.

The courses are taken by fully qualified RYA Inland Waterways Instructors.

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Thanks to Sue for the following revue of a bearBOATING training course.

"What a weekend, wall to wall sunshine, 5 star accommodation and 1st class tuition. We have just spent 2 very enjoyable days aboard Molly Moo carrying out The Inland Waterways Helmsman's Course under the expert guidance of Andy. Our initial concern was our capability to physically carry out the tasks required. however by undertaking the training course & being shown the correct & safe way to carry out these tasks, we found no unrealistic physical exertion is necessary. we started out clueless and ended the course confident Bar-gees. Steve & myself thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are now looking forward to a week next summer cruising the Leeds/Liverpool Canal in Yorkshire, thanks to Andy."

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Day One

Introductions

Light refreshments and general introductions between the students and the instructor followed by a tour of the boat. An Introduction to Personal Safety and Boat Safety which will then be added to and reinforced during the duration of the course. Life vests to be issued to all students.

Preparing to Leave the Marina

An introduction to deckwork and engines including engine checks, familiarisation with the boat controls and the use of ropes.

Return Cruise to Rodley

An introduction to Helmsmanship and Boat Handling. Instruction in mooring and leaving a mooring and turning the boat in a winding hole.

Cruise to bridge 211B Winding Hole and return to Base

Pass through Swing Bridge No 214 and climb through Dobson Two Rise Locks. Expand on boat handling and introduction of collision avoidance and care of the environment. Travel down through Dobson Two rise Locks and turn the boat at Apperley Bridge Marina.

Moor the Boat and debrief

A discussion of the day's events and a questions and answer session regarding the course.

Day Two

Introductions

Light refreshments and general introductions between the students and the instructor followed by a tour of the boat. Personal Safety and Boat Safety refresher and issue life vests to all students.

Preparing to Leave the Marina

A refresher of deckwork and engines including engine checks, familiarisation with the boat controls and the use of ropes.

Cruising to Bridge No 218

Expand on all aspects of the course syllabus whilst passing through Swing Bridge Numbers 214, 211B and 209 and rising through Dobson Two Rise Locks and Field Three Rise Locks.

Lunch Stop at Shipley

Refreshments on board.

Cruise to Apperley Bridge Marina

Further expand on all aspects of the course syllabus whilst passing through Swing Bridge Numbers 214, 211B and 209 and climb down through Field Three Rise Locks and Dobson Two Rise Locks.

Moor the Boat and debrief

A discussion of the day's events and a questions and answer session regarding the course. Award the certificates to the successful students.

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