Marina View Boat Hire Handover Procedure

Due to the boat being a short narrow boat, there are no formal qualifications required for hire but a good knowledge or representation of being able to handle the boat is desirable. We provide a short induction on boat safety and handling including active demonstration of using mooring ropes and a short journey on the canal including a turn in the cut. Throughout the induction the hirer will be assessed on their confidence and ability to safely manage the boat.

Boat introduction

Clients will be welcomed and informed of all applicable boat and personal safety requirements, with parameters including the ‘non lock bound’ policy, ‘no standing on the roof’, speed limits, cruise lane direction and slowing down to pass other boats. Life jackets will be provided at this point. Clients will be introduced to the boat and points relevant to their journey and safe travel. Engine hours will be recorded with an explanation of policies and procedures regarding the engine area.

Deposits and checks

A check list of items aboard the boat will be provided for clients to confirm. Deposits will be required upon confirmation of the check list unless deposits have been placed and held online. Information about the cruising area and time limits will be imparted to the client with the return time and location clearly set.

Induction

The induction will include instruction on the boats’ engine controls, mooring ropes and a short cruise and turn within the vicinity of the marina area. The handover handbook will be made available to the clients with details of swing bridges. For clients who book online, they will be referred to online videos of swing bridges and other relevant tutorials. If the clients require more tuition or guidance, we can provide online videos in the induction or take clients to swing bridge 214 and demonstrate. Once we are satisfied the client has demonstrated a sufficient level of ability, the boat can be handed over for the day, following checking completion of all relevant paperwork.