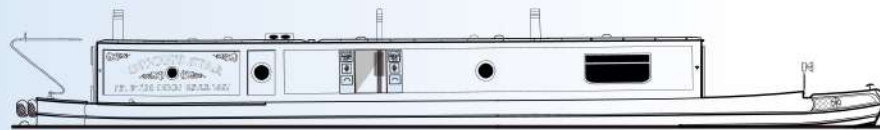




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WIDEBEAM BOAT

DARWEN

Shell by Harland and Wolff
fit-out by Owner(s)

Length: 61ft 1in
Beam: Nominal 14ft 4in
Style: Leeds & Liverpool Short Boat

Year: 1952
Engine: Lister HR3 diesel

Berths: 3 + 1
Registration No: CRT 76476

WIN: Built before RCD
Certification: BSS to 2029

Darwen is a truly unique vessel. Originally built by Harland and Wolff at Woolwich and launched on the Thames in 1952, she is one of a small fleet of Leeds & Liverpool Short Boats constructed for commercial carrying on the L&L Canal. Following conversion in the 1980s she was exported to France. She returned to England in 2012, where her current owners embarked upon an extensive restoration and refurbishment programme.

What sets Darwen apart is her remarkable interior. Designed as a beautiful floating home, every space has been thoughtfully curated with restored and upcycled antiques, bespoke handmade furniture, carefully chosen artwork, lighting, decorative pieces and furnishings. The result is an interior of exceptional character, warmth and individuality that simply cannot be replicated. Practicality accompanies the style, with a fully rebuilt

Lister HR3 diesel engine, a Sandyford Cottage diesel range cooker providing cooking, central heating and hot water, and a Clearview solid fuel stove set within a bespoke steel fireplace. This is a rare opportunity to acquire a historic vessel that combines heritage, craftsmanship and a truly extraordinary living space.

Offered for sale
through ABNB

PRICE: £175,000



230V SUPPLY

230V circuit installed with landline connection

Independent onboard 230V power from batteries via Victron Multiplus 3kW pure sine wave inverter /charger • The inverter determines the 230V source

BATTERIES & CHARGING

Twin alternators: 12V 70A alternator charges 2 x 100Ah wet engine batteries • 12V 160A alternator charges 6 x 225Ah 6V cell cabin batteries • Victron digital monitor displays battery and charging details • Charging also by Victron Multiplus 120A inverter/ charger • Trickle charging from 4 x 305W solar panels with MPPT controller(s)

ELECTRIC FITTINGS

Lights: Tunnel light, navigation lights

Cabin lights: LED, tungsten

SOCKETS & LIGHTS

Additional lights: Bedhead

Cabin	Sockets			Lights		
	D.C.	Mains	USB	Deckhead	Wall	Bulkhead
Fore cabin	-	✓	-	✓	-	✓
Saloon	-	✓	-	✓	-	-
Bedroom 1	-	✓	-	-	-	-
Bedroom 2	-	✓	-	✓	-	-
Bathroom	-	-	-	✓	-	-
Galley	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓
Engine room	-	-	-	-	-	✓

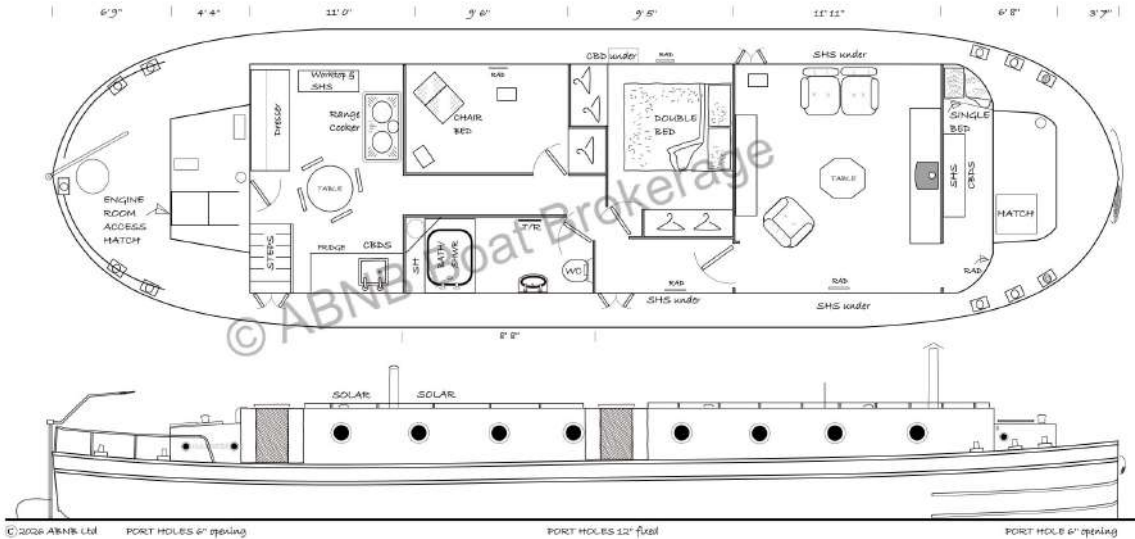
ENGINE

Lister HR3 diesel • 44.25hp at 2,200rpm • Built by Lister and marinised by Lister • Twin lever controls • The engine was fully re-built by Real Diesels of Walsall in 2022

Standard silencer exhaust • Air for engine cooling

Instruments: Hour meter, temperature gauge, voltmeter, oil pressure gauge

Fuel tank: 198 gallon (approx) separate mild steel tank with lockable fuel filler • The original fuel tank is a 24 gallon (approx) mild steel tank



STERN GEAR & TRANSMISSION

Engine solidly mounted • R&D coupling • Blackstone Blackstone gearbox with 3:1 reduction • Remote greaser stern gear lubrication • Electric bilge pump

STEELWORK & STYLE

8/6/4 plating: Shell in Leeds & Liverpool Short Boat style

Fittings that are part of the shell include: Steel raised and inset handrails

Steel cabin over original hold added in the 1980's by previous owner. Extensive doubler plating across the hull (surveyed in 2022)

(Note plating thickness cannot be measured during ABNB visits and is based on reported information)

DECKS

Foredeck & aft decks self draining • Foredeck & aft decks steel

FINISHES

Hull: Burgundy enamel coating above top guard and bitumen to hull sides & bottom

Superstructure: White with light grey framing • Light grey roof • White handrails

TRAD FITTINGS

Brasswork: Ports, mushroom vents • Chromework: Tunnel light

WINDOWS & DOORS

Single glazed brass portholes

Bulls eyes: One

Three sets of side doors, all with large hatches over. Entrance to the vessel through a choice of two side doors, both starboard side, with the main staircase at the aft. A further hatch is located over the fore cabin for emergency escape, and a hatch is also located over the engine room with ladder access



SLEEPING

4 berths in 3 cabins consisting of:

6ft 5in x 4ft 0in - 1ft 1in on tapered end
permanent single in fore cabin

6ft 6in x 4ft 7ft
permanent double in bedroom 1

6ft 3in x 2ft 5in **make-up single chair bed** in bedroom 2

Space for airbed or similar in saloon

BATHROOM

Offset compartment

Acrylic **bath** 48in x 22in with tiled linings including shower over

Pedestal **washbasin**

Thetford C263CS (ceramic swivel bowl) electric flush **cassette toilet** with 3 spare cassettes

APPLIANCES

Diesel cooking • Sandyford Cottage (serviced in 2025) **range**

Leibherr 230V under counter **fridge**

The Sandyford is a cast-iron range featuring twin independent burners. One powers the heating & heats the hot water, & the other is for cooking—including a double oven and dual hotplates

SEATING & EATING

Seating: 1 leather chair in saloon • 1 two seater leather sofa in saloon • 1 chair bed in bedroom 2 • 4 chairs for galley table

Tables: Free standing table in galley

DIMENSIONS

Overall length: 61ft 1in

Foredeck 3ft 7in

Overall cabin length: 50ft 9in consisting of:

Fore cabin 6ft 8in
Saloon 11ft 11in
Bedroom 1 9ft 5in
Bedroom 2 9ft 6in
Bathroom 8ft 8in
Galley 11ft 0in
Engine room 4ft 4in

Aft deck 6ft 9in

FIT-OUT

Linings: Cabin sides & hull sides lined in a mix of oak & ash ply, some painted, and some covered with designer wallpaper, along with painted t&g boarding, with oak ply and pine framing to bedroom one, with **headlining** (ceiling) painted ply with framing, oak ply with pine framing in bedroom one and **bulkheads** (partitions) a mix of painted ply, wallpaper, tiles and reclaimed timber • Framing in oak, American oak and pine

Oak block galley worktops • Washbasin splashbacks in bathroom are tiled

Flooring: French oak boarding

Insulation: Sprayed PU foam

Condition of underfloor space can be checked through the floor by engine room



SYSTEMS

Gas: Gas free boat

Water: Under deck stainless steel 198 gallon (approx) water tank • Belfast galley sink

Water Heating: Calorifier heated by range and immersion with blender valve

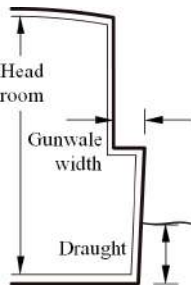
Cabin Heating: Sandyford Cottage (serviced in 2025) **diesel range cooker** controlled by cooker switch, heats five radiators, and one towel rail • Clearview 400 5kW **solid fuel stove** with steel feature fireplace and tiled surround

STORAGE

Additional storage: under berths, under steps

Cabin	Drawers	Cupboards	Wardrobes	Shelves
Fore cabin	-	✓	-	✓
Saloon	-	-	-	✓
Bedroom 1	-	✓	✓	✓
Bedroom 2	-	✓	✓	-
Bathroom	-	-	-	✓
Galley	✓	✓	-	✓
Engine room	-	-	-	-

Headroom: 6ft 8in
Gunwale width: 17in
Draught: 2ft 0in



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OWNERSHIP HISTORY

Number of owners: Two since conversion, possibly four in total

New adventures means that the boat is for sale

MAINTENANCE HISTORY

Hull: Last blacked: 2022

Engine: Last serviced by engineer in May 2025 •
Running hours at ABNB visit: 1,625

Superstructure: Last painted 2022

DOCUMENTATION

A BSS Certificate issued by Jason Starnes expires 12/09/2029, with the following advisory failure points: 8.9.1A - shortfall in low-level fixed ventilation (1175mm sq.)

The craft was built prior to the Recreational Craft Directive

The boat licence is not transferable with the boat and a new licence will be required

A general condition survey by C.P. Heath Marine Consultants dated 18/01/2022 available to read when booking a viewing

A cabin inventory list will be available when viewing

Brochure approved by owner



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