





Your boat · Our expertise

Buying a boat through ABNB

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Initially, visit abnb.co.uk to check our boat listings: you have a choice of whether to view a summary of boats on our Boats for Sale in a Grid View, or our more detailed List View.

The website is updated daily, and for your convenience you can sign up for an email alert of boats added. You can also follow and 'like' us on social media. Read reviews from our past customers on Google, Trustpilot or Facebook.

When you see a boat you like on the website, social media or in one of our magazine adverts, you can either download the brochure from the website, request a brochure via the email alerts form, or call us so that we can post you the full brochure.

Every boat is complimented by a comprehensive full colour sales brochure; 4 pages packed with information, photos and a detailed line drawing of the boat. The photos are taken by us and show the boat in its current state - not when it was launched! Similarly the written detail is the result of our careful inspection of each boat we spend around four-five hours on board each boat in order to obtain the detail for our brochures.



Your visit

Buying a narrowboat is just the start of your journey! Remember there's licencing, mooring fees, servicing and maintenance costs also!

Should the brochure whet your appetite further, contact us to arrange to view the boat. Remember that some boats may be more local than others as we specialise in selling boats from their own moorings, so check on the website to gain a general idea of the area where the boat is moored. We will make an arrangement to view suitable to both you and the owner.

ABNB exhibits at Crick Boat Show and Boat Broker Boatlife Live

Your decision

If you decide the boat is for you - call us to discuss your desire to purchase, your means of funding the purchase and whether the decision is subject to survey or demo, for example. When agreement is reached you will be asked for a deposit of £1,000 - this will take the boat off the market whilst things are sorted, such as demo, survey or finance. Your deposit is paid into our Client Account, named as such and kept at all times separate and distinct from our trading account.



Deposits are fully refundable up to the date of exchange of contracts. PLEASE NOTE: We will not accept an offer from you if the purchase funds are being raised from the sale of a house or boat UNTIL you have exchanged signed contracts with a completion date.

The Contract

Once an offer has been accepted and your deposit paid, you will be asked to sign a binding Sale and Purchase Agreement (S&P) contract. This specifies the conditions of the sale, and outlines when the balance of the purchase price has to be paid and how ownership transfer will take place. Final payments must be by electronic transfer such as CHAPS or Internet Banking into the ABNB Client Account. To avoid delays, it is worth checking with your bank for any daily limits as to the amount you can transfer.

Your Payment



When the funds have cleared into our Client Account, and the ownership transfer has been completed, you are the proud owner of your boat! Your ASSURANCE - For your peace of mind, we are able to offer 2 months free membership to RCR, River Canal



Rescue a waterways recovery breakdown service.

The boat is now yours!

Now you have bought a boat, perhaps you need an engine service, a bit of boiler maintenance, or maybe you are looking for a few alterations to the woodwork. Whatever you may need, the tradesman page on our website has contact details for engineers, carpenters, cleaners, painters and even boat movers.





In accordance with BRBA* code of practice, the brokerage service is supported by well established administration procedures and monies paid by buyers are held in a named Client Account, kept separate from ABNB's trading activities.

Payment to owners is made promptly. Every step of the sale process involves clear documentation; brokerage agreement, sale and purchase agreeement and bill of sale.

For added protection, ABNB holds full Professional Indemnity Insurance.

*Visit www.britishmarine.co.uk for more information about the Boat Retailers and Brokers Association.

We produce our own sales brochures

We take our own photos

We prepare the drawings

We collate all the details



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Don't just take our word for it ... check out some testimonials from just a few of our happy customers.



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