

BRITISH



WATERWAYS

South Eastern Division

St. Pancras Yacht Basin

The basin is situated on the Grand Union Canal within ten minutes walk of King's Cross and St. Pancras Stations, and is easily accessible to craft from the River Thames via Thames Lock, Brentford, and the Regent's Canal Dock, Stepney; and from the River Lee via the Hertford Union Canal. Accommodation is available in the basin for craft up to approximately 50 feet in length, and the ruling dimensions of the approaches to the basin are: Beam 14 feet 6 inches, draught 4 feet 6 inches, maximum clearance above water 9 feet.

There are full toilet facilities and fresh water supply at the site. Craft are moored stern-to to the cat-walk surrounding the basin with lines to off-shore buoys, thus permitting independent slipping of moorings.

Mooring charges are:

For a period of 12 months	5d.	per foot length	per week.
" " 6/12 "	6d.	" "	"
" " 3/6 "	7d.	" "	"
Casual moorings of less than 12 weeks.	8d.	" "	"

Slipway and Workshop

There is a slipway, to take vessels up to 40 feet in length, together with owners' workshop and store.

Owners are required to provide necessary labour and assistance for hauling out/re-launching, which must be carried out under British Waterways supervision.

Charges :

Use of slipway for hauling out and re-launching	£6 0 0
Occupation of slipway up to and including 7 days	10/- per day.
For each day over a total of 7	£1 per day.

Subject to space, laying-up of small craft on hard-standing adjacent to slipway will be permitted for limited periods at a charge of 5/- per boat per week, additional to hauling out/re-launching charge plus usual mooring fees.

The basin is solely for the use of cruising vessels which will be accepted subject to inspection as to appearance and general condition.

Residential craft will not be accommodated.

For further particulars please apply to

Divisional Traffic Office (Pleasure Craft Section)

British Waterways, South Eastern Division

Willow Grange, Church Road, Watford, Herts

Telephone : WATFORD 26422

BRITISH WATERWAYS



HIRE CRUISERS

“WATER” CLASS CRUISERS

Accommodate from four to six persons and are fitted throughout to the highest standard, including electric lighting, running water and foam rubber mattresses.

“WATER BABY” CLASS CRUISERS

Designed primarily for two persons, they can accommodate a third adult or two children in the large well which has a fully waterproof cover. They provide an ideal cruising holiday at very low cost.

Both classes are available for hire throughout the country at British Waterways bases. At most bases “one-way” cruisers can be hired (subject to availability), which enable much longer cruises to be undertaken, without the necessity of returning to the starting base.

HIRE CHARGES

Weekly Rates for 1961, inclusive of all British Waterways tolls.

	4 Berth*	2 Berth
Period A—Weeks commencing March 25th, April 8th to May 6th inclusive and September 23rd onwards ...	£ 21	£ 10
Period B—Weeks commencing April 1st and May 13th ...	28	11
Period C—Weeks commencing May 20th to June 10th inclusive and September 16th	32	12
Period D—Weeks commencing June 17th to July 15th inclusive and September 9th	35	13
Period E—Weeks commencing July 22nd and August 12th to September 2nd inclusive	38	14
Period F—Weeks commencing July 29th and August 5th ...	41	15

* In most 4-berth cruisers, 1 or 2 berths may be fitted at an extra charge of £2 per week, per berth.

Full details of all craft may be obtained from any Divisional Office.

South Eastern Division :

**“Willow Grange”
Church Road
Watford, Herts.**

Tel.: Watford 26422.

South Western Division:

**16, Bridge Street,
Birmingham, 1.**

*Tel.:
Birmingham Midland
4961.*

North Eastern Division :

**P.O. Box No. 9,
1, Dock Street,
Leeds, 1.**

Tel.: Leeds 20957.

North Western Division:

**Lime Street Chambers,
Lime Street,
Liverpool, 1**

*Tel.:
Liverpool Royal 7030.*

**BRITISH
WATERWAYS
FOR
CRUISING
HOLIDAYS
AND
PARTY
OUTINGS**

BRITISH



WATERWAYS

Zoo Water Bus Service

**PADDINGTON (Little Venice), DELAMERE TERRACE
TO LONDON ZOO**

SERVICE OPERATES:

MONDAY, 27th MARCH, 1961.

to SATURDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1961

FROM PADDINGTON TO ZOO

WEEKDAYS ON EACH HOUR COMMENCING 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

SUNDAYS ON EACH HOUR COMMENCING 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

FROM ZOO TO PADDINGTON

WEEKDAYS ON EACH HOUR COMMENCING 10.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

SUNDAYS ON EACH HOUR COMMENCING 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

TRIPS At Intervals from ZOO through REGENTS PARK and
Return to Zoo.

ORGANISED PARTIES for thirty persons and
upwards book in advance by arrangement with:

BRITISH WATERWAYS, WATFORD OFFICE

CHARGES Tickets Issued on Board. From Paddington including
Admission to Zoo: Adults 5s. 0d., Children 3s. 0d.

Reduced on Mondays (except Bank Holidays) Adults 3s. 6d., Children 2s. 0d.

Zoo to Paddington: Adults 1s. 0d., Children 9d.

Trips from Zoo and Return: Adults 2s. 6d., Children 1s, 6d.

EMBARKATION POINT few minutes from Edgware
Road Fire Station :: Harrow Road Bridge :: Bishops Bridge Road:
Warwick Avenue, Edgware Road and Paddington Stations.

INFORMATION FROM BRITISH WATERWAYS

PLEASURE CRAFT DEPT.,

**WILLOW GRANGE,
CHURCH ROAD,
WATFORD**

Telephone: WATford 26422.

TRAFFIC OFFICE,

**DELAMERE TERRACE,
PADDINGTON.**

Telephone: CUNningham 6101.

BRITISH**WATERWAYS***South Eastern Division*

Day Cruises for Organised Parties

TRIPS BY MOTOR NARROW BOAT FOR PARTY OUTINGS

From *April* to *October* traditional narrow-boats, converted to carry 50 persons in modern comfort, may be hired to carry parties on the Grand Union Canal, which winds through the little-known and picturesque scenery of London's immediate countryside.

Light refreshments served on board : Licensed bar provided if required.

Craft are based at Southall, Middlesex but starting points within reasonable distance of the base can be arranged to meet hirers' requirements. Advice on planning a particular outing or journey will gladly be given upon request.

Charges for hiring a boat—including provision of crew :

	<i>Weekdays</i>	<i>Saturdays</i>	<i>Sundays</i>
Period of 4 hours	£10 0 0	—	—
„ „ 6 „	£14 0 0	£16 0 0	£18 0 0
Full day	£25 0 0	£27 0 0	£28 0 0

Coaches to and from craft can be arranged if desired.

For further particulars please apply to

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British Waterways, South Eastern Division

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HOLIDAYS ON INLAND WATERWAYS

Full information obtainable from above address.

BRITISH TRANSPORT COMMISSION

Telephone:
HUNter 1272

222, MARYLEBONE ROAD,

LONDON, N.W.1.

Ext. 5468

9 March 1961.

Dear Sir,

British Waterways are staging their third and largest display of canal pleasure craft at "Little Venice" on the Grand Union Canal, Paddington, from Friday, March 17, to Saturday, March 25. Twenty craft, representative of the wide range of vessels now available for holidays afloat on Britain's canals, will be "on view", including up to 7-berth hire cruisers and luxury cruising vessels.

For the first time in London, vessels belonging to some of the independent hirers who operate from canal-side bases will be displayed alongside craft of the British Waterways' fleet.

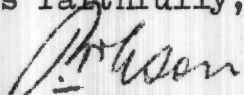
I have pleasure in inviting you, or your representative, to a preview of the display, and to attend a Press conference starting at 11.0am. on Friday, March 17. The conference will be taken by Sir Reginald Kerr, Chairman and General Manager of British Waterways, who will be accompanied by Captain L.R. Monk, Chairman of the Association of Pleasure Craft Operators, an organisation representing many of the private firms operating canal pleasure craft.

For the benefit of news photographers, and television and newsreel services, the display will be opened at 9.0am., and special demonstrations with some of the craft will be held between 9.30 and 10.45am.

I should be grateful if you would let me know if you accept so that adequate accommodation can be provided at the press conference.

The News Editor,
Associated British Pathe,
142 Wardour Street,
W.1.

Yours faithfully,


J.R. Hodson
Press Officer

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13th March, 1961.

J. R. Hodson Esq.,
Press Officer,
British Transport Commission,
222 Marylebone Road,
London, N.W.1.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks indeed for your letter of March 9th,
advising us of the display of canal pleasure craft to be
held from Friday March 17th to Saturday March 25th.

We have diaried these dates and hope to be able
to cover.

Yours faithfully,
ASSOCIATED BRITISH-PATHE LIMITED

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FOR PRESS INFORMATION

March 13, 1961

BRITISH WATERWAYS.
DISPLAY OF CANAL PLEASURE CRAFT
TO BE HELD AT
"LITTLE VENICE", LONDON
(March 17-25)



An open-air display of canal pleasure craft - the third and largest to be staged by British Waterways - opens at "Little Venice", on the Grand Union Canal, Paddington, next Friday, (March 17) and will continue until Saturday, March 25. It will show the wide variety of craft now available for holidays afloat on some of the 2,000 miles of canals and inland waterways controlled by British Waterways.

For the first time in London craft belonging to member of the Association of Pleasure Craft Operators - an organisation representing many of the independent craft hirers who operate from canal-side-bases - will be on show alongside vessels of the British Waterways' fleet.

Among the twenty boats "on view" will be the highly popular "Water Baby" class - sturdy little two-berth cabin cruisers designed for "low-budget" holidays afloat. These "easy-to-handle" cruisers will be demonstrated throughout the display. "Family" size cruisers with four, six, and seven berths, the luxury cruise vessel, "Water Rambler", and "Fair Lady", a unique day cruiser designed to operate on London's waterways with business as well as pleasure parties, will be among other craft in the display. Visitors will be able to sample a canal cruise at first hand in one of British Waterways' 46-seater waterbuses which will be operating short trips on the Grand Union Canal.

The canal basin at "Little Venice", in which the display will be held, is being given a gala "air" for the occasion with flags and bunting. After dark, the whole site will be ringed with coloured lights and the exhibits and a fountain in the centre of the basin, will be floodlit. Pontoon bridges will enable visitors to walk round the entire basin and eighty foot long floating piers will provide additional berthing space at the main quay.

The display will be open to the public from
2.30pm to 9.0pm on Friday, March 17, and from 10.0am
to 9.0pm on following days (including Sunday, March 19)
until Saturday, March 25.
Prices of admission: adults 1s.0d., children 6d.

A map of the display site is enclosed

Birmingham. Another cruise, between Nottingham and Boston, is undertaken by m.v. "Water Wanderer", a much larger vessel which has air-conditioned cabins for sixteen passengers, a spacious lounge, and a sun-deck. Because of her size "Water Wanderer" cannot navigate the narrow waterways leading to the display site and so cannot be shown here.

British Waterways' pleasure fleet also includes a number of day cruising vessels which are in great demand throughout the country. These vessels which can carry up to 50-60 passengers, have their own galleys from which light refreshments are served, and licensed bars. One of these day-cruisers is included in the display together with a similar craft used on the highly popular London Zoo Waterbus service between "Little Venice" and the zoo in Regent's Park. The well known 60-seater narrow boat, "Jason", also in the display, is typical of a privately-owned vessel of this class. Since 1951, "Jason" has carried many passengers on cruises starting from a point near the display site to either Camden Town or Greenford in Middlesex.

The largest and most luxurious of British Waterways' day cruisers is the unique motor vessel "Fair Lady" - the first inland waterway cruiser to be specially equipped for business as well as pleasure cruising parties. The saloon can comfortably seat up to 24 when cruising with luncheon, dinner, or business parties, or accommodate a much larger number for cocktails, receptions, and other similar functions. "Fair Lady" can be chartered for cruises on the Grand Union Canal between London and Berkhamsted, and on the Lee Navigation to Hertford.

"ONE-WAY-CRUISES"

Introduced by British Waterways last year, the "One-Way-Cruise" scheme offers week-long "point-to-point" cruises along a variety of routes. As they are "one way only" cruises, the maximum distance can be covered during a holiday for the hirer does not have to retrace to return the craft to the point of departure. The routes have been chosen to include attractive and mainly unspoilt countryside. They are also among the easiest to navigate. Car owners can have their vehicles transported to await their arrival at the end of the cruise.

THE WATERWAYS

Substantial and widespread improvements to the busy commercial waterways include new, and improved locks, many with "push-button" control, deeper, wider, and re-aligned channels, and many miles of bank protection work, all of which benefit commercial and pleasure user alike. In addition, British Waterways have done much to improve canals used mainly by pleasure craft. On these, which are mainly narrow canals, the work includes repair

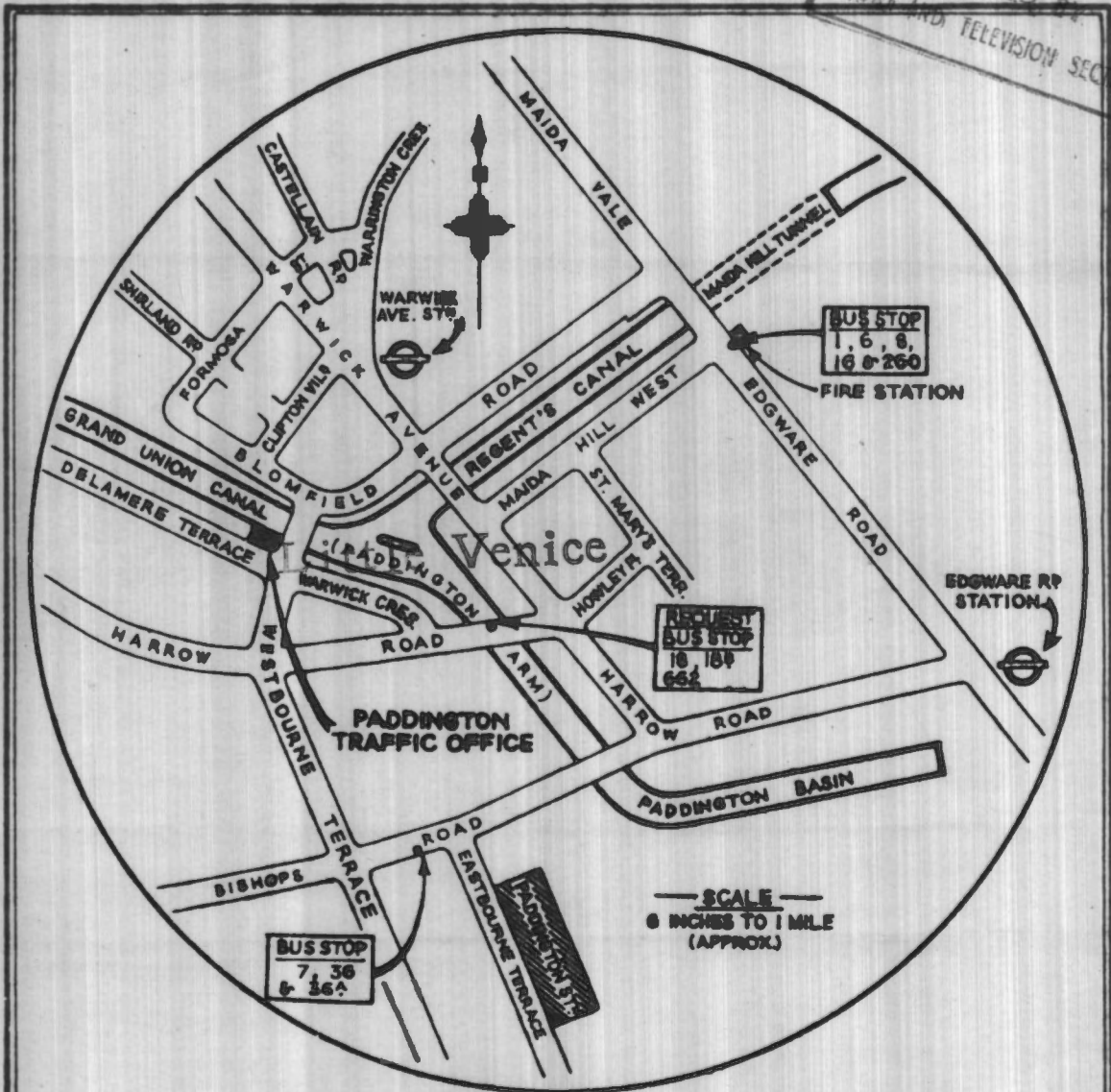
and maintenance of locks, bank protection, and extensive weed clearance. More floating equipment has been introduced to combat weeds which are a serious obstacle to navigation on little used waterways. Apart from the navigational improvements pleasure boating amenities have been greatly improved and extended. New yacht basins and hundreds of additional moorings have been provided. Freshwater supply points have been put in at frequent intervals along most cruising waterways, and litter disposal facilities have been increased. A dual purpose key has been devised to simplify lock navigation, and signposts have been erected at most waterway junctions. A comprehensive series of cruising booklets has been produced to help the pleasure boater. As well as being navigational guides to fourteen main cruising waterways, they also contain general and historical information about towns and villages through which the waterways pass.

YACHT BASINS AND MOORINGS

Three new and well-equipped yacht basins have been constructed at St. Pancras (in the heart of London), Stourport-on-Severn, and Worcester, to provide safe anchorage throughout the year for hundreds of pleasure craft including sea and river-going classes as well as canal boats. Some of these new basins have dry-docks or slipways where owners can undertake their own repairs and maintenance.

Many hundreds of additional moorings have also been provided along the waterways and this year, for the first time, British Waterways are to provide a new type of mooring giving temporary overnight accommodation away from the established mooring areas. These new moorings, which are now being prepared and signposted in time for the coming season, have been planned to save pleasure boaters from having to undertake unnecessary cruising to reach permanent moorings by nightfall. Details of their locations will be made available to all pleasure boaters.

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BUSES

REQUEST BUS STOP (HARROW RD. BRIDGE) FROM EDGWARE TO LONDON BRIDGE, 16;
 BRENT ST. TO LONDON BRIDGE, 184; SUDBURY TO PADDINGTON GREEN, 662;

BUS STOP (BISHOPS ROAD, PADDINGTON STATION) FROM MARBLE ARCH, 7, 36 & 36A

BUS STOP (EDGWARE RD. FIRE STATION) FROM PICCADILLY, 6, 260; FROM HOLBORN, 8;
 FROM TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD, 1; FROM VICTORIA, 16.