

Day Hire Commencement Acceptance – White Horse Boats

BOAT: Moonlighting **HIRER:** _____ **HIRE DATE:** _____

This certificate forms a Contract between Us (White Horse Boats) and You (the Hirer). It may be used as a legal document in the case of any dispute or incident. Please read its conditions carefully and only sign when you are fully confident you have received adequate demonstration/training in the subjects listed:

1. **Booking Conditions:** The boat is hired subject to the Booking Conditions as published online.
2. **Cleanliness:** The boat is, and is to be returned, in a clean and tidy state. Rubbish to be taken off the boat to the bins on the wharf and the floor to be swept. All crockery, cutlery, glassware and surfaces to be cleaned and dry. In the event of a dirty boat being returned the deposit will be kept to cover extra cleaning time/staff overtime.
3. **Damage/ Loss:** No damage/scratches other than usual wear and tear are apparent at commencement of hire. Wear and tear allows for rubs along black paintwork, footwear on decks. Excludes rips to seats and carpets & canopies, scratches/dents to upper paintwork, roof and bows, and damage to fenders, loss of or damage to any equipment on board, or stern gear/rudder damage. A charge for missing or broken items, or damage, will be deducted from your deposit, but should such damage exceed this amount extra recompense will be chargeable to You.
4. **Capacity/ Manifest:** The boat is limited to 10 persons maximum. All members are listed on the Manifest. No extra passengers are allowed on board other than those listed, at any time.
5. **Hirer's Responsibility:** You, and at least one other member of your party, are over 18. You, and at least one other member of your party, shall remain unencumbered by alcohol, drugs or any other reason at all times for the Period of Hire. You shall remain on or adjacent to the boat at all times whilst underway and, in signing this Contract, accept full and complete liability for your actions and those of all members of your party.
6. **Alcohol & General Behaviour:** No member of the party shall behave in such a way as to compromise the safety of the boat or its occupants, nor shall any member be allowed to become inebriated and irresponsible for their own actions. Loud music i.e. music which can be heard at volume from the towpath is not permitted. Should any report or complaint be received about such behaviour we reserve the right to terminate the hire immediately and you are required to vacate the boat at that point regardless of where the boat is located. Your deposit shall be forfeit in such circumstances and you shall be responsible for making your own way back to your vehicles.
7. **Use of Toilet:** Note that the toilet has capacity for a normal day's hire by a party of ten. Should large amounts of alcohol be consumed and the toilet thus used excessively to the point of becoming full/ overflowing upon return £100 shall be deducted from your deposit to cover the unpleasant task of emptying and cleaning the toilet and affected areas.
8. **Children and Non-Swimmers:** Please indicate on the Manifest all children under 16 and non swimmers. A buoyancy aid is required to be issued to every such person. All such persons shall remain your responsibility, and be supervised at all times, especially to ensure that arms and legs are not hanging over the sides at any time.
9. **Demonstrations: You are happy that we have adequately demonstrated to you:-**
 - 4.1 Safe boarding/ disembarking from the boat – do not use the bows to board/disembark. Use a handhold every time.
 - 4.2 Gas: Lighting cooker, emergency isolation
 - 4.3 Water: Drinkable water – BEWARE of HOT water...mix first! Emergency isolation.
 - 4.4 Toilet: Method of operation and flushing. See also (7) above.
 - 4.5 Engine: Start/stop. Engine to be stopped if warning lights/alarms come on.
 - 4.6 Throttle: Neutral/forward/reverse. DO NOT thrash the engine.
 - 4.7 Steering: Position clearly demonstrated and hazards explained. Turning the boat round – avoid banks!
 - 4.8 Roof/Gunwales: Signed Crew Areas. No member of the party to go onto the roof under any circumstances.
 - 4.9 Ropes: Coiling, safety and knots.
 - 4.10 Mooring: Safe mooring, use of stakes, where to moor
 - 4.11 Navigation: Correct cruising speed, passing moored boats at tickover, passing other craft, use of swing bridges.
 - 4.12 Use of Lifebuoys and Fire Extinguishers.
10. **Route Description:** on board and available for all guests to read.
11. **Return time is 5.30 pm.** This is the LATEST return time. Boats returning after this time will lose you £50 for the first half hour or part thereof, or the entire deposit after 6pm. Should you be delayed during your return journey, caused *exclusively* by circumstances outside your control, you must contact us immediately to advise us of your likely return time to prevent your deposit being forfeited. Our recording of your return time is final. Note that if the boat is not returned by 6pm we shall mark this as such below – no argument will be entered into as to the exact return time in such circumstance.

DECLARATION: I accept full responsibility for the safe and courteous navigation of this Dayboat, being satisfied that I have been given adequate demonstration and training. I accept the Booking Conditions and the above Contract by signing below:-

Signed: _____ in the presence of: _____ for WHB

WHB Use Only: Arrived on site: _____ Demo Started: _____ Demo Complete: _____ Return Time: _____