CANAL BOAT CLUB

Becoming a member of Canalboat Club will enable you to take a narrowboat holiday every year from a choice of start locations for life.

When buying a week or more of use you are joining an **exclusive club** of owners who find this an extremely economical and practical way of fulfilling both their boating and holiday dreams.

Find Out More ›

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www.canalboatclub.com

How does it work?

You buy one or more weeks and this entitles you to holiday at any of the 8 Canalboat Club locations from April to the end of October, or you can go out of season if you wish.

Each year you choose where you want to go from and when. Membership is for life* or as long as you want it.

If in any year you wanted to rent out your week yourself, or let friends or family use it - No problem! There are also no restrictions or extra costs involved in doing so.

Over the last few years we have been building new boats for the club. 80% of the fleet has been replaced with new boats so far, with more on the way.

*Or until 2076

What are the fees?

Upon joining, there is a one off cost of just £1160 and for that price you get a lifetime of holidays with the Canalboat club.

Annual management fees
Each year you will pay a management fee which varies depending on the week you have.

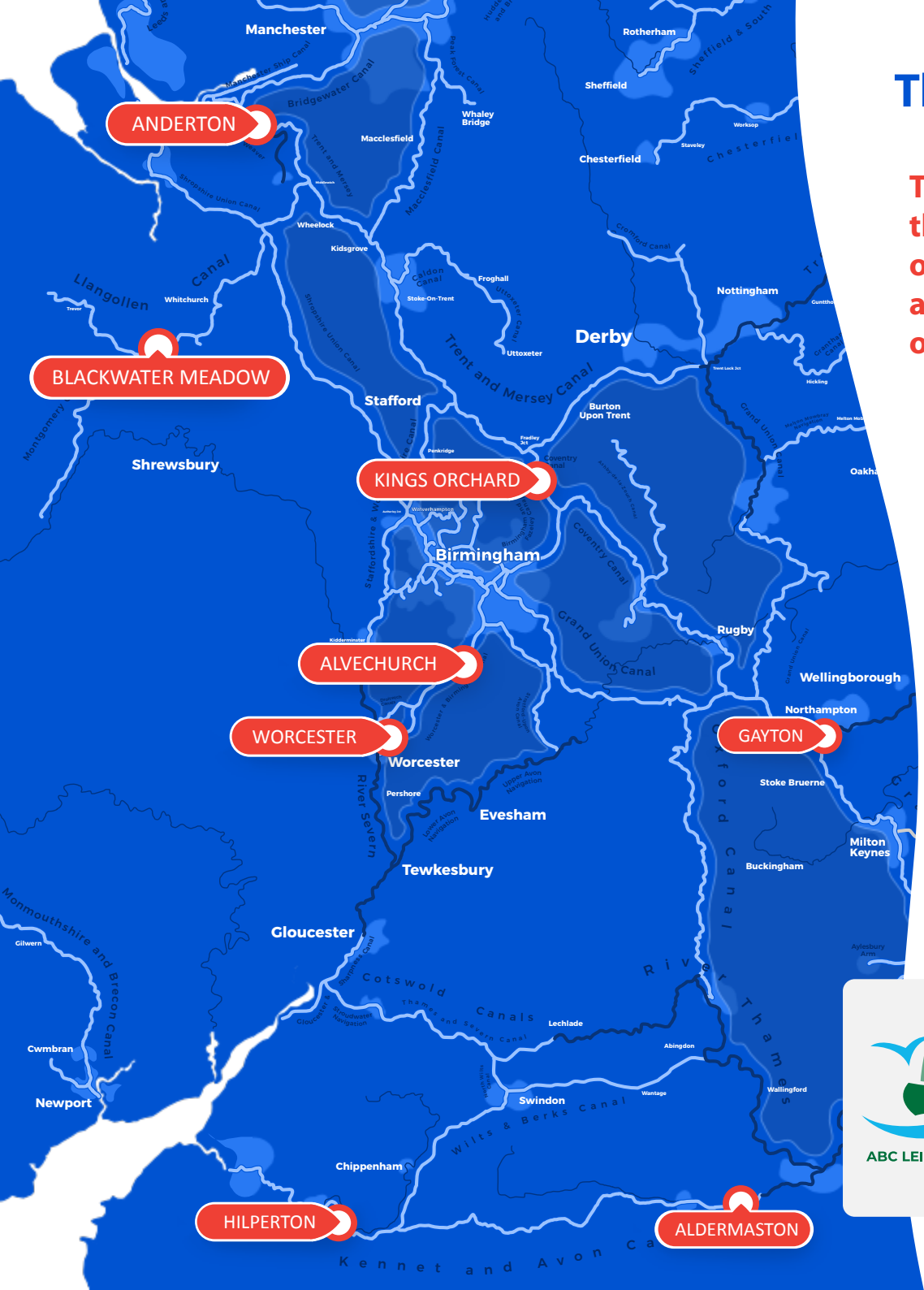
2021 Prices

Red Week Any time of year	**T1** £648 (4 Berth)	**T2** £660 (6 Berth)
White Week Week 1-12 & 44-50	**T1** £636 (4 Berth)	**T2** £648 (6 Berth)
Blue Week Week 1-8 & 48-50	**T1** £624 (4 Berth)	**T2** £636 (6 Berth)

Aside from a fuel deposit of £90 per week and utility fee when you collect your boat of £47.50 for a T1 or £60 for a T2, there are **no other costs** involved.

The annual management fee covers items such as home moorings, the Canal & River Trust boat license, boat insurance, boat cleaning, reservation and administration services, boat maintenance, tuition at the start of each holiday and a 24 hour help line while aboard.

If you wish, you can pay the annual management fees in advance over 12 months by direct debit to spread the cost.



The Narrowboat Holiday Experience

The beautiful canals of England and Wales wind their way through a variety of interesting and distinctive locations offering you the chance to stop off and investigate further at a mooring of your choice or to simply continue cruising onto the next destination.

We have 8 different start locations which cover nearly all the major popular routes across most of the canal network allowing you to really make the most out of your membership.

On a narrowboat holiday you are free to decide whether you want a relaxing escape from it all, enjoying remote rural countryside or would rather an action packed holiday of sightseeing famous cities, attractions and enjoying the associated nightlife.

Or maybe a combination of both? You can be somewhere different every day and you are able to set your own itinerary if you want one at all!

A boating holiday is the fastest way to slow down and relax.

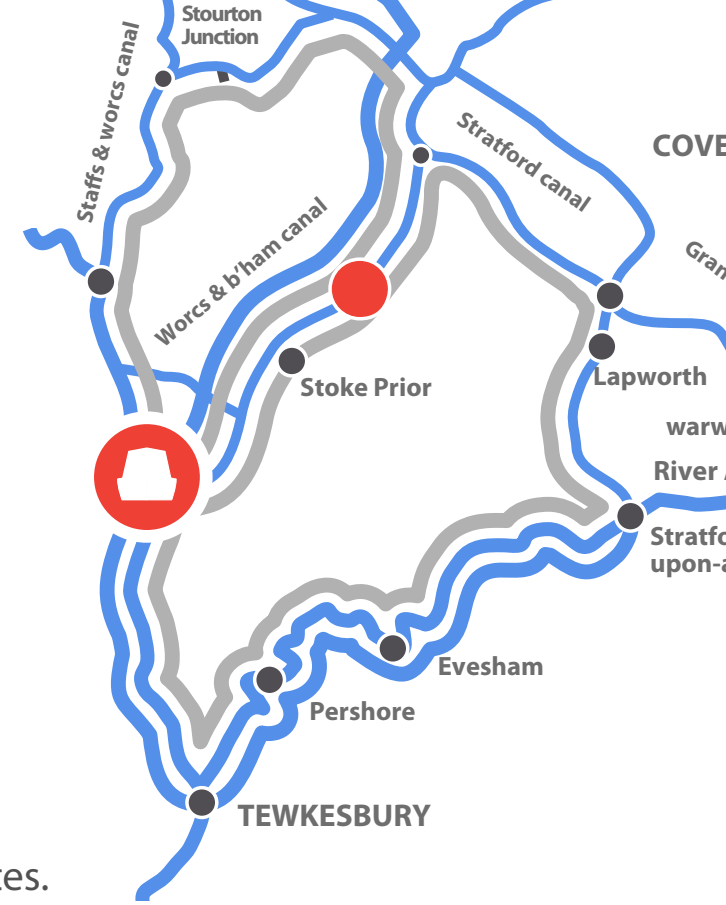
ABC LEISURE GROUP LTD

Canalboat Club boats are managed by ABC Boat Management, a subsidiary of ABC Leisure Group, the largest privately owned specialist operator of narrowboats on the UK's canals and rivers with over 40 years experience of operating boats.

Go to www.abclg.com for more information ❯

Cruising Routes

Our 8 locations enable you to cruise on both canals and rivers completing ring routes and 'there and back' breaks with dozens of options to choose from depending on how long your boating holiday is.



Go to
www.canalboatclub.com
for more information on routes.

Want to stay in the marina where the boat is moored and treat your boat as a floating holiday cottage? No problem, or of course if you have **RCI membership** you can exchange your time on the boat with some other type of holiday or place around the world, giving you total flexibility.

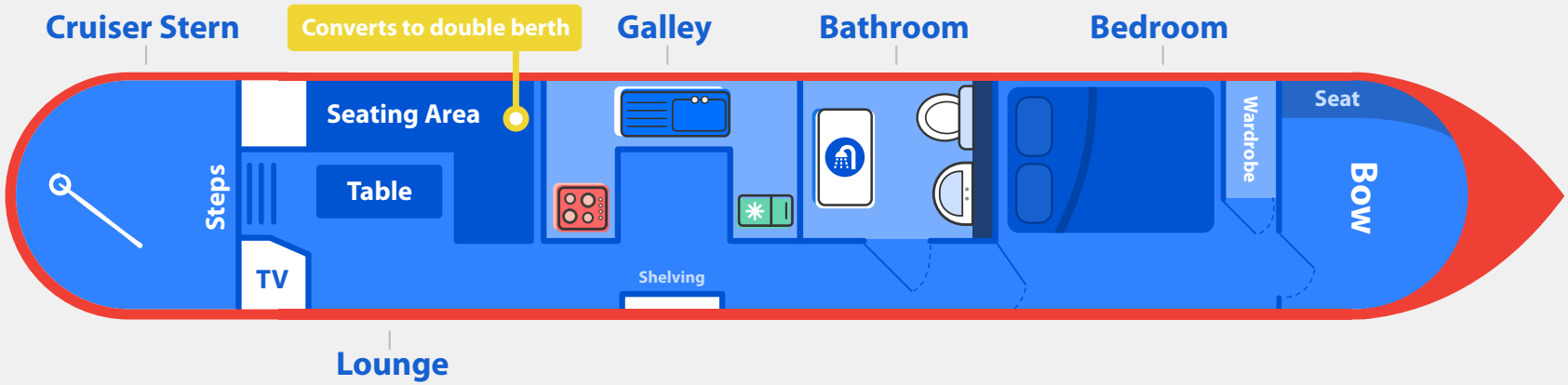
Holiday Exchanges with RCI®

Canalboat Club has chosen RCI (www.rci.com) as it's preferred exchange provider. With membership to RCI you will have the flexibility to exchange your Canalboat Club week to one of tens of thousands of holiday properties worldwide spanning the spectrum from hotel rooms and suites to villas, cottages, bungalows, campgrounds and traditional holiday apartments. **Go to their website for more information.**

Our Boats

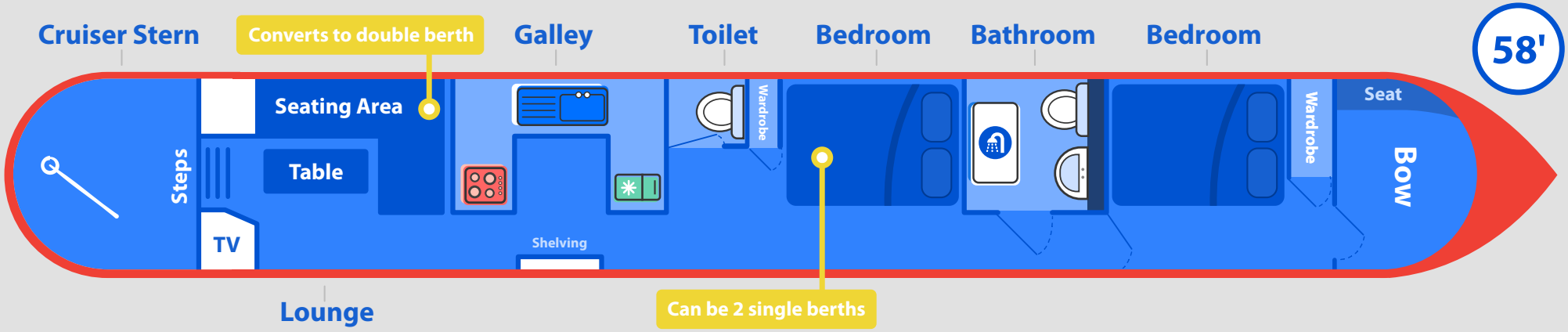
We have 2 types of boat - A 4 berth and a 6 berth.

T1 - 4 Berth



The T1 is a 4 berth cruiser stern narrowboat with lounge, kitchen/galley area, bathroom with shower followed by a double berth, wardrobe and finally, the bow.

T2 - 6 Berth



The T2 is a 6 berth cruiser stern narrowboat with lounge, kitchen/galley area, toilet, wardrobe, followed by a double berth (can be set as 2 singles), then bathroom with shower, another double berth with wardrobe and finally, the bow.

Boat layouts are not to scale

Extra Membership Benefits

As well as boating holidays, being a member of the Canalboat Club enables you to swap your week on the water for a week in a cottage, a luxury hotel, spa or even in an apartment in Spain.

ABC Boat Hire - 16 start locations to choose from

Get a 25% discount and the ability to exchange your Canalboat Club week towards the cost of an ABC boat hire holiday at any of its locations.

How does this work? You pay the normal boat rental charge less the CBC owners discount of 25%. Canalboat Club will pay ABC what you have paid in maintenance fees for that year by you banking your CBC week with the Club, and then you just pay the balance.

www.abcboathire.com

Holiday Cottages - 4 locations to choose from

ABC also have 6 waterside properties at 4 locations which you can see in detail on their website.

If you book one of these canalside properties the Canalboat Club will pay ABC what you have paid in maintenance fees for that year by banking your CBC week and you pay any balance required, mostly its a straight swap with nothing extra to pay. These properties are not eligible for the 25% discount.

www.abcholidaycottages.com

Hever Hotel - Luxury hotel in Kent

For a straight swap we can arrange a week at the Hever Hotel in an executive double room (sleeps 2).

Set in the beautiful Kent countryside and built on the lands originally forming part of the Hever Castle estate, famously owned by Anne Boleyn wife of Henry VIII. An 80 bedroom boutique hotel is just a few minutes walk from Hever Castle and adjacent to a 27 hole Championship Golf Course.

www.heverhotel.co.uk

Fancy a Spa break? - In a 4 star Spa hotel

Nestled in the village of Little Wymondley in Hertordshire, is a recently refurbished 79 room, 4 star boutique hotel.

Situated on beautiful grounds, the hotel includes an 'ESPA' Spa which has a fantastic range of treatment options to ensure guests are fully relaxed during their stay.

Needham House hotel offers exquisite dining in the 2 rosette SG4 Brasserie as well as bar food, room service and traditional afternoon tea.

www.needhamhouse.co.uk

Fancy a holiday in Spain?

As a CBC member, you can have exclusive use of a 2 bedroom apartment on the Costa Del Sol in Spain.

This apartment sleeps up to 4 people and is a straight swap for your Canalboat Club week with last minute bonus weeks available from £450.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need a license to drive the boat?
No, you don't need a license to be able to drive a narrowboat. The boat itself is licensed by us for the Canal & River Trust waterways.

Are pets allowed on the boats?
Yes, all of our boats allow pets however there may be a small fee payable to cover the cost of extra cleaning.

Where can we stop when cruising on the boat?
You can moor up virtually anywhere you like near waterside pubs, villages, towns, cities and remote countryside locations.

We have never boated before.
No previous experiences is required. Narrowboats are very easy to drive and full tuition is given at the start of each holiday.

Where can we park our car?
All of our locations have plenty of parking which is free of charge.

What happens if we have a problem?
In addition to the tuition at the start of the holiday each boat has a comprehensive manual and there is a 24 hour emergency helpline.

I've never operated a lock before.
Locks are easy to operate and are quite enjoyable to go through. Full tuition will be given to you on how to operate locks when you collect your boat.

How does the fuel deposit work?
You only pay for the fuel you use, so when you pay your £90 deposit for a week, if you only use £60 worth of fuel, you'll be refunded the difference. You start with a full tank of fuel so we're able to accurately measure your usage when we fill it back up on your return.

What do I have to bring with me?
We provide everything on board for you such as cutlery, crockery, bedding etc so all you need to bring is food and drink!

What is the utility fee for?
The utility fee covers the cleaning of the boat, the internal and external engineering checks, toilet servicing and gas.

I'm interested in joining the Canalboat Club

If you'd like to join the Club and start your narrowboating adventures simply get in touch with us using the details opposite.

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E-mail sales@abacus-reservations.com

HUTCHINSON TRUSTEES

Canalboat Club has appointed Hutchinson Trustees as the trustee to protect your legal rights of occupation as they hold ownership of the boats on behalf of the members.

Find out more on their website - www.hutchinsontrustees.com

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More online - canalboatclub.com

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