

(My address)

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Martin Skinner  
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Dear Mr Skinner,

I write in reply to your letter of 29 June about (My Boat)

I have always complied with British Waterways' legal requirements regarding movement of the above boat and I intend to continue complying with these legal requirements.

I have always cruised in compliance with Section 17 (3) (c) of the British Waterways Act 1995 and with Condition 2 (Use of the Boat) of the General Terms and Conditions for Boat Licences. I do not understand why you think I have not done so.

I have cruised over XXXX lock miles in the past X years. I have genuinely used the boat for navigation and the boat has not remained continuously in any one place for more than 14 days (except when XXXXXX and this was cleared with Mr/Ms X of BW).

You mention the Mooring Guidance for Continuous Cruisers. This states quite clearly that it is guidance, that it is an interpretation of the law, and "does not have the force of law" (Note 1). Therefore, it is not a legal requirement. The 1995 Act and Condition 2 of the boat licence do not require boats to conform to a particular cruising pattern.

Yours sincerely,

(My Name)