

# Boaters' code of conduct

## An independent initiative developed by the K&A boating community

As live aboard boaters, the canal is our home. The way we lead our lives can make the canal a wonderful, colourful and interesting place for people to visit. For us, to share the canal and towpath and to show consideration for others is very important. It demonstrates how vibrant our community and the canal are. We hope that, if we all try to follow this simple code of conduct, we will continue to build good relations and co-operation between ourselves and others who use the canal.

I agree to:-

- Move at least every 14 days to another place, unless I have a genuine reason not to.
- Avoid where possible short stay moorings (24, 48 and 72 hours) in summer season (April to September).
- Move off the service point (water, sanitary) when I have finished using it.
- Whilst moored, only run my engine/generator between the hours of 8.00am to 8.00pm.
- Keep the towpath next to my boat free of litter and obstructions.
- Not drive or park vehicles on the towpath.
- Cycle with consideration, be prepared to slow down or stop for other users.
- Clean up after my dog/s.
- Limit discharges into the canal that may cause harm to water life and the environment (e.g. detergent, milk, oil, diesel).
- Use environmentally friendly energy supplies (wood, solar etc) when I can.
- Leave reusable items at the recycling points for others to take away.
- Make use of recycling points where they are provided.
- Offer assistance to any boater when it seems appropriate (e.g. hirers, novices, single-handers).
- Support local shops, pubs, services and businesses including canal-based traders.

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