

**Welcome aboard  
Islington's Community Canal Boat  
"Angel II of Islington"**



**Important information**

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# ANGEL II *OF* ISLINGTON



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# Arriving on Angel

## What should I do?

The skipper has overall responsibility for the boat and will ensure that you are briefed on all that you need to know for a safe trip  
BUT the group leader is responsible for the safety and for the behaviour of the members of the group

Listen to the **safety briefing** from the skipper – this is important. Ask questions if you are unclear or uncertain about anything

**Familiarise yourself with the boat** – where the exits are, where the fire extinguishers and fire blanket are, how the cooker works, how the toilets work etc

**Stow away** what you have brought on board for the trip – clothes, food or whatever. Make sure the passageways are kept clear at all times

Ensure that **life jackets** are worn by anyone under 16 when they are outside the boat, anyone who is not confident about swimming and anyone who would prefer to

### Be particularly careful

- getting on and off the boat – do not even try to unless the boat is stationary
- when the boat is in locks
- when working locks



Let the skipper know if your group has any **special requirements** or needs.

**Discuss** with the skipper what it is that you and your group want to get out of the trip and how we can best help you to do so.

***Have a great trip!***

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# Safety on the trip

A trip on a slow moving canal boat will be very safe as long as you follow a few sensible rules and use your common sense! Every trip starts with a safety briefing from our experienced skipper who is in charge at all times.

***If the skipper tells you to do something, listen! It's for your own safety and he knows what he is talking about, having taken many groups on trips before.***

***The group leaders are responsible at all times for the safety and behaviour of the members of the group.***

## What to do if you fall in

Best of all, don't! But remember the boat and lock sides will get slippery when wet. If you fall in, try not to panic. The water often isn't as deep as you think. If you can, swim **away** from the boat and shout for attention. Someone will throw you a rope or lifebuoy. Hold onto it and do what the skipper tells you. Lifejackets are provided for under 16s and non-swimmers and are available for all.



## Locks

Locks can be dangerous and must be treated with respect. A lock contains 60,000 gallons of water – your bath holds 10 gallons, yet they take the same time to empty! Think of the suction on that plug hole! And the boat weighs the same as 3 buses. Walk. Take your time. Think! If you are helping with the lock, you'll be given a chance to get off the boat before it goes into the lock and you can get on again when it comes out of the lock. So be careful at locks, whether you are on the lockside, winding paddles or staying on board. Never throw a windlass (lock key) to anyone – look after it well as you will have to pay for it if it falls in the canal!



## On the boat

**SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME ANYWHERE ON THE BOAT.** Fire spreads very quickly on a boat and can be devastating.

The skipper's job is to keep everything in working order. A boat is a very small space for a lot of people and it really is important for your own safety and comfort to keep the inside clean and tidy at all times.

## Joining in

Everyone can have a go at steering the boat and can join in at operating the locks, subject to the skipper's discretion. Just ask!

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### **Be considerate to others**

Angel often travels the same route on the canals.

- Don't upset local shopkeepers or we won't be allowed in again.
- Don't make a lot of noise where there are other boats.
- Never climb onto a moored boat – it may be someone's home.



### **Please note:**

Because he has overall responsibility for the safety of the boat and all passengers, if for any reason, whether because of unforeseen difficulties with the boat or the waterway or because of the behaviour of any one or more persons on the boat, and in his absolute discretion he considers it necessary to do so, the skipper is entitled to terminate the trip at any time.

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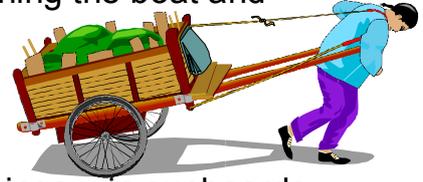


# Leaving Angel

## What should I do at the end of my trip?

The skipper and crew are **not** responsible for cleaning the boat and clearing up after you.

- Take away everything you brought
- Check through the boat for your groups' belongings – in cupboards, under mattresses, in the fridge, everywhere!
- Remove all of your rubbish
- Leave the boat clean and tidy for the next group.



If you don't leave the boat clean and tidy, we will have to employ someone to do it for you, and we will have to charge you for the cleaner.

- Complete the "User satisfaction survey" form
- Tell the skipper what has worked particularly well for your group and if you have had any difficulties or problems – we are interested in making sure you get the most out of your trip and that you come again!

Your deposit will be returned as soon as possible after the trip. We aim to return deposits within 28 days.

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## **HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

1. The management committee is responsible for health and safety of staff and of user groups whilst using the boat. The committee will review the policy and all risk assessments at least once each year
2. Day to day health and safety is the responsibility of the skipper, who is responsible for the safety of user groups while using the boat. To that end, his word on the use of the boat during a hire is final. If necessary and in extreme cases he will terminate the hire immediately if that is necessary for reasons of health and safety.
3. The skipper will give all user groups an induction talk as soon as possible after their arrival at the boat. There are different induction talks for non-residential and residential trips. The contents of the induction talks will be set out in writing so as to ensure consistency and to ensure that all essential points are covered.
4. All user groups will be made aware of the fact that there are hazards which cannot be avoided by the Association by the nature of the canal infrastructure and of essential canal activities such as locking and the variable nature of the canal side against which the boat will be moored, and that it is necessary therefore for all user groups and in particular group leaders to be aware of these hazards.
5. The boat and its equipment will be maintained and regularly inspected in order to reduce the risk of malfunction to a minimum.
6. Smoking is forbidden at all times on board the boat.
7. User groups are not permitted to enter the engine room or to be on the boat forward of the front cockpit.
8. A first aid kit is carried on board.
9. The hoist is only to be used by trained staff and in the presence of adequate numbers of helpers.
10. Food hygiene is the responsibility of user groups who are expected to use practices such as taught on a basic food hygiene certificate course. Waste must be disposed of regularly. Deep fat frying is forbidden.
11. User groups must remove all unused foodstuffs on leaving the boat, and ensure that the boat is left clean. Further guidance for groups is provided in written notes for users.
12. All user group leaders must carry out their own risk assessments in advance of the hire and must report any risk areas particular to their group to the skipper before boarding the boat.
13. All accidents affecting user groups and staff must be reported in the accident book which is maintained on the boat.

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