



## Guidance notes for passengers on Angel II of Islington during the Covid-19 pandemic (third edition)

**This guidance is effective from 14 September 2020 until the Covid Rules change**

1. We do hope you enjoy your trip and have the opportunity to relax and enjoy the experience. Because of the unusual situation created by Covid-19, there are several important matters which you must be aware of which will affect your activities during the trip.
2. A detailed risk assessment with preventative measures is available on line at [www.angelboat.org](http://www.angelboat.org). You may well wish to read it before the trip and a copy will be provided to you if requested.
3. Whereas previously we stated that groups of in excess of six people are unlikely to be acceptable, the Covid Rules have now changed and as from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September there is a fixed maximum number of passengers permitted during the Covid pandemic of 6 (including children and babies) or alternatively one household (which includes a 'bubble' consisting of two 'linked' households), in which case, because of the layout of the boat we impose a limit of a maximum of 8 people (save in exceptional circumstances).
4. There are special rules for some youth groups. 'Gatherings' of youth groups of more than 6 are permitted if the gathering is reasonably necessary as part of supervised activities provided for children. Do discuss with us if you consider your youth group may come within these provisions.
5. The boat's cabin and the outside area (cockpit or fore deck) which you may use together with points of access to the boat will all be sanitised prior to your trip. We ask that you use the hand sanitiser provided before boarding the boat, and that you regularly wash your hands while on the boat and use sanitiser. We also ask that you wipe down any points of contact in the toilet compartment with the provided antibacterial wipes after use.
6. Before boarding you will be asked to confirm (unless you are a permitted youth group – see para 4 above):
  - a. Your party consists of:
    - i. No more than 6 people (of all ages); or
    - ii. One household (which may be a 'bubble' consisting of two 'linked' households) and the total number is not more than the number agreed in advance of the trip (normally a maximum of 8).
  - b. None of you are experiencing, and no one in your household is or has in the last seven days experienced, any symptoms which could be attributable to Covid-19
  - c. None of you are experiencing a raised body temperature
  - d. None of you are required under Government guidance or regulations to self-isolate



7. The skipper will introduce one of your party to the facilities on the boat, and will give a safety briefing to you all. At all times, save in the unlikely event of an emergency, the skipper will remain socially distanced from members of your party. For much of the trip he will be at the rear of the boat while you are at the front. If he cannot at any time be communicated with by simply speaking to him, he can be called on his mobile on 07970 175 488.
8. You will be asked to complete a list of the people in your party. This is our normal practice, and is subject to our [privacy policy](#), but it is even more important that we have this information during the Covid-19 pandemic.
9. While you are welcome to use the saloon and galley area of the boat and the toilet, please do not go further back in the boat than the toilet compartment and as indicated by signs (except in an emergency when you may need to do so to access alternative means to exit the boat). Do not try to access the cupboards or drawers on the boat, the contents of which will not be sanitised before your trip. Some of you may know that there are sleeping compartments, a second toilet and side doors further back on the boat, but these are not available for use on day trips during the Covid-19 pandemic. You should maintain social distancing between members of the different households in your group. Government guidance is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-safe-outside-your-home/staying-safe-outside-your-home>. The government recommends that you keep two metres away from people as a precaution or one metre when you can mitigate the risk by taking other precautions such as:
  - a. Avoid being face-to-face
  - b. Wash your hands/use hand sanitiser as often as possible and do not touch your face
  - c. Keep indoor spaces well ventilated
  - d. Avoid shouting or singing near others
  - e. Consider the use of face coverings

In practice, therefore, whilst on Angel Boat we recommend that people from different households follow these guidelines:

- When you are seated near people from a different household, sit alongside them, subject to social distancing guidelines, rather than opposite them
- Weather permitting, open the doors and the windows in the boat's interior cabin to increase ventilation
- Make use of both the outside fore deck area and the cabin to enable members of different households to meet social distancing guidelines
- On occasions, it may be difficult to meet distancing guidelines, for example, moving past someone from another household to use the toilet or moving from the fore deck into the inside cabin. Where this is the case, we strongly



recommend you bring and use face masks for these moments. Please note we do not provide face masks for hygiene reasons

- Clearly it is impossible to wear a face mask whilst eating or drinking. Again, if your party comprises more than one household, we suggest you arrange any refreshment breaks so as to avoid members of different households sitting in close proximity.
10. You must bring with you anything you wish to eat and drink during the trip together with any utensils including knives, forks, plates, cups and glasses. You may use the fridge, and boil the kettle on a gas ring. Please dispose of all used materials, litter etc. that you do not take away with you in the black bag provided. The sink is available for hot and cold water and for washing up.
  11. You are welcome to join in working the boat through locks. However:
    - a. Do not get off the boat to do so, or get back on, until the skipper indicates it is safe to do so, and he is in a position that enables you to get on or off the boat while maintaining social distancing from him and from members of any other household
    - b. You should use gloves when using a windlass (lock key) or pushing or pulling lock gates. Dispose of the gloves after each lock
    - c. When returning back onto the boat, wash your hands and/or use sanitiser
  12. When passing through locks, all occupants of the boat must maintain social distancing from the nearest other person, either on the land or on another boat.
  13. We will provide some gloves for your use on the trip together with hand sanitiser and soap.
  14. At the end of the trip, please do remove all of your belongings and as much of your rubbish as you are able to take (but do leave unused gloves, our hand sanitiser, hand towels etc. for others to make use of).

**Quick check list of what to bring with you:**

- Anything you wish to eat or drink during your trip
- Cups, glasses, plates, cutlery etc. you will want to use
- Face masks (where the group comprises two households)
- Whilst we provide sanitiser and surface wipes, you may want to bring your preferred type/brand

*Angel II of Islington is operated by a charity (Angel Community Canal Boat Trust) and is a not-for-profit organisation dependent on donations and grants in providing subsidised trips for young people, elderly and isolated people and other local residents.*