



ANGEL COMMUNITY CANAL BOAT TRUST



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1. Purpose

Our Boat Maintenance policy sets out Angel Community Canal Boat Trust's (ACCT) approach to maintenance of both 'Angel II of Islington', owned by Angel Community Canal Boat Trust ACCT, and 'Long Tom' (formerly 'Blue Swan').

2. Principles

Long Tom is owned jointly and in equal shares by ACCT and the London Canal Museum (LCM) and operated under an agreement dated 9th January 2023. Under this agreement (paragraph 16) "ACCT shall be responsible for arranging:

- Appropriate insurance, CRT business licence and mooring;
- Basic (non-mechanical and non-specialist) maintenance to keep the boat in a reasonable serviceable condition and carrying out the same without making any charge for any labour provided by ACCT;
- Contractors to carry out non-basic maintenance works when required."

3. Policy

3.1 Boat Safety Scheme Certificate

A Boat Safety Scheme (BSS) certificate will be maintained current at all times. The skipper is responsible for making arrangements for its renewal.

The current BSS certificates are:

- Angel II of Islington: Number: BSSER-477561/24. Expiry date: 25/3/2028
- Long Tom: Number BSSER-436742/22. Expiry date: 24/6/2026



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3.2 Marine Gas Report

A Marine Gas Report is required for Angel II of Islington as part of the BSS process (see 3.1. *Boat Safety Scheme Certificate*). (Long Tom has no gas appliances).

3.3 Engine Maintenance

The engine in each boat will be maintained as advised by the manufacturer or a suitable diesel engineer with appropriate daily, weekly, six-monthly and annual checks.

As appropriate, maintenance will be carried out by ACCT staff or by appropriately trained and qualified engineers.

3.4 Fire Extinguishers

The fire extinguishers on both boats will be inspected and revalidated by a competent contractor annually in March.

3.5 Annual checks

Both boats will be subjected to the following at the beginning of each season (generally in February or March):

1. Engine service by a suitable diesel engineer;
2. Fire extinguisher inspection by a competent contractor.

3.6 General Maintenance

- The hull and all parts normally under water of each boat will be examined regularly, normally when the hull is blacked, and approximately every three years.
- The boats will be docked at other times as required and as approved by the management committee.
- So far as is practical, major maintenance will be carried out on each boat annually between 1st November and mid-March in accordance with a schedule of works drafted by the skipper (in the case of Long Tom, following discussions with the London Canal Museum Trustees), reviewed by the ACCT Trustee (if any) appointed as maintenance officer and approved by the Management Committee.

3.7 Reporting

The skipper will report to the Management Committee on maintenance requirements of each boat at least quarterly. The report in relation to Long Tom will take into account any request or recommendations from the London Canal Museum Trustees.

4. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by ACCT's Management Committee to ensure it continues to reflect its needs and any changing requirements.