



# **BOAT DOCUMENT**

## **LEAMINGTON**

### **INFORMATION for HIRERS**

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## **Linlithgow Union Canal Society (LUCS)**

### **INFORMATION for HIRERS of LEAMINGTON**

*Leamington* is a 35ft long, day hire boat that can carry a maximum of twelve passengers. It is powered by a diesel engine and is capable of approximately 4 mph.

There is no cover at the stern, so it is advisable to have appropriate clothing for the driver.

As a guide, a day hire, (during hours of daylight and allowing for the return trip to the basin, and short breaks) could comfortably cover a total distance of around 25 miles. There are only two locks on the Union Canal (near the Falkirk Wheel) and Scottish Canals staff will always be on hand to assist boats navigating there.

The vessel's cabin contains the toilet, sink, worktop, first aid kit, lifejackets and bench seating.

The forward seating area comprises an open area with bench seats on both sides. Blinds, with clear panels, can be rolled up or down as appropriate. There is also a table available for this area if required.

One car parking space is normally available at Manse Road Basin, but this cannot be guaranteed at busy times. The nearest off-site parking may be some distance away. Loading and unloading is almost always possible directly beside the boat, but under no circumstance can a car be left parked on the slipway.

A "Skipper" and second in command must be nominated on the day of the hire and they will be responsible for driving, for the safety of the vessel and for all passengers aboard.

Full instruction on operating the boat and the "rules of the road" will be provided by a member of the Canal Society on the day of the hire. This can take up to half an hour, so this should be factored into your program. Only the nominated Skipper and the second-in-command is required to attend this, so you might wish to ask the other passengers to arrive some 20 minutes after the Skipper.

**The nominated Skipper will be required to sign the Handover Form covering the training session and his responsibilities.**

You are welcome to bring aboard the vessel any food and refreshments that you wish, however the nominated Skipper and **anyone** steering the boat must at all times be in a fit state to handle the vessel. The limits for alcohol for the Skipper and helmsman are the same as for car driving.

It is recognized that letting young people drive the boat is part of the fun and a useful learning experience, but any children steering (under the age of 16) must be properly supervised at all times by the skipper.

A LUCS presence at handback is not always practical. Consequently, if there are no LUCS volunteers available on the return of the boat, it is respectfully requested that the hirer should carry out the Handback procedure outlined in the **Boat Manual** in the red folder in the cabin slot.

Linlithgow Union Canal Society looks forward to welcoming you to the boat and wishes you a very pleasant cruise along the Union Canal.