



Peter Le Marchant Trust

Registered Charity No. 273207

PROVIDING DAY OUTINGS AND HOLIDAYS ON WATERWAYS FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES
WITH ANY KIND OF DISABILITY OR SERIOUS ILLNESS

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“MELODY”

“Melody” is a narrow boat, 65’ long and 6’ 10” wide, equipped to take families, or groups of friends, with a seriously ill or disabled member on holidays and is designed to accommodate a manual wheelchair only (not electric). She has the following features:-

- 1) Two toilets and one shower
- 2) Two electric hydraulic lifts for easy wheelchair access to forward and rear decks.
- 3) A First Aid case is provided.
- 4) The galley is fully equipped with cooker, fridge, sink unit, cupboards, and all necessary utensils, crockery, cutlery etc., although you should bring any special needs utensils.
- 5) Side hatches can be opened when required to enable even those who are in bed to enjoy the atmosphere of the water, sun and countryside. The fore and rear deck areas are large and easily accessible to everyone, including those in wheelchairs. A cratch cover (or awning) is provided over the foredeck for shade or additional shelter.
- 6) A television, DVD player, and one radio cassette player are provided.
- 7) The floor is fully covered to provide a non-slip and warm surface.
- 8) Radiators throughout provide central heating.
- 9) Forward cabin windows are low level for easy viewing.
- 10) The boat sleeps up to eight passengers depending on the nature of disability (see layout plan attached) and the age of the passengers. Limited storage is included for personal belongings, and we suggest that suitcases are unpacked on the boat and the cases left in the car in order to save valuable storage space.
- 11) Bedding is provided and consists of an under-blanket, bottom sheet, duvet and cover, one pillow and pillow case per person. Please bring extra bedding, e.g. draw sheets, blankets, if required. Towels are provided.
- 12) Life-jackets/buoyancy aids are provided by the Trust.
- 13) Lights are provided to all berths.
- 14) The electrical supply is 12v. A 240v 2kw supply, via an inverter is provided giving a limited capacity supply. A display gives the supply status.

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) No smoking is permitted on the boat, other than outside on deck.
- 2) Regrettably we are unable to allow **any** pets because of the effects on some of our passengers with allergies.

DATES AND TIMES

The boat is available from 11 am on Friday until 11 am the following Thursday. If you are going to arrive later than 11 am, it is **vital** that you telephone us on 01509 265590, to let us know your expected time of arrival. There is a good main-line train service to Loughborough and taxis are available there to bring you to the base.

The boat **must** (a) be vacated by 11 am on the Thursday so that we can start preparing the boat for the next trip and (b) be returned to us in a clean and tidy condition.

CATERING

It is essential for passengers to bring any special needs utensils e.g. cups with spouts etc. as well as disposable paper towelling and tea towels.

INSURANCE

The boat is insured by the Trust but it is the responsibility of the passengers to ensure that all members of the party have adequate personal insurance cover for the period of the holiday. **NB It is the Hirer's responsibility to take out Cancellation Insurance cover, and we strongly advise this.**

ESSENTIALS FOR PASSENGERS

Passengers are advised to bring waterproof clothing, and non-slip shoes are essential. A torch is also useful.

HIRING CHARGE

is £100 per person per week, with a minimum charge of £600 per week. A £100 booking deposit should accompany the application to hire, with the balance payable six weeks before the holiday date. Please note that a security deposit of £100 is also payable with the booking deposit (see Conditions of Hire). No application will be accepted without a brief note from the ill/disabled passenger's General Practitioner. In the event of cancellation, the booking deposit will not be refundable.

PLEASE NOTE THERE MUST BE A MINIMUM OF TWO ABLE-BODIED ADULTS IN THE GROUP

ALL ENQUIRIES TO: Mrs. Lynn Smith, the Trust Administrator, at the above address.

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“MELODY” - CONDITIONS OF HIRE

- 1) Navigation – it is not permitted for “Melody” to tow another boat, travel after dark, or navigate any tidal waters without prior written permission of the Trust. The Hirer shall at all times comply with instructions given by the Trust or Waterways Authorities.
- 2) Availability of craft – if, due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control, the Trust is unable to provide the Hirer with the boat booked, the Trust will refund all hire charges paid in full but the Hirer shall have no further claims upon the Trust.
- 3) Return of the Boat – the boat must be returned at the end of the holiday in a clean condition and vacated at the agreed time and place. The Hirer is responsible for allowing sufficient margin of time for contingencies. The Trust reserves the right to claim upon the Hirer for any expenses in which it is involved as a result of the late return or for any necessary extra cleaning.
- 4) The boat has sufficient diesel fuel & gas for a minimum of one week's cruising.
- 5) The Security Deposit of £100, payable with the initial booking deposit, will be returned to you by cheque after your holiday, less any deductions in respect of loss or damage, late return or any abnormal cleaning required.
- 6) Bookings will not be accepted from Hirers under 21 years of age.
- 7) Breakdowns – the Hirer shall have no claims upon the Trust as a result of any breakdown or failure of the boat, its engine or equipment. However, the Trust will make every effort to rectify the breakdown/fault with all speed after it has been reported. Where such a breakdown is caused by the negligence of the Hirer, the Trust shall have the right to claim upon the Hirer in respect of expenses involved in rectifying the matter.
- 8) Hirer's Property – the Trust accepts no liability for loss or damage to the Hirer's property whilst on the boat or premises of the Trust, howsoever caused.
- 9) Restricted Cruise – the Trust accepts no liability and shall not be bound to make any financial adjustment in the event of normal cruising waters being restricted through repair, floods, drought or fuel becoming restricted or rationed or any other cause beyond the control of the Trust. In the event of cruising being impossible, the boat shall be treated as a moored houseboat and the hire charge shall be reduced by one third.

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“MELODY” - CONDITIONS OF HIRE (Contd.)

- 10) Instruction – the boat will not be allowed out to the Hirer until instruction has been given, the Trust is satisfied as to the Hirer’s competence, and a statement to that effect is signed by the Hirer. If competence by the Hirer cannot be demonstrated, the Trust reserves the right to cancel the booking and refund all hire charges paid in full or have the boat treated as a moored houseboat and reduce the hire charge by one third. In either case the Hirer shall have no further claims upon the Trust.

- 11) Waterway Rules – any breach of the Waterway Authorities’ Rules and Regulations will mean termination of the Hire Contract by the Trust.

- 12) Accidents – the Hirer must report immediately by telephone to the Trust and, where appropriate and necessary, to River Canal Rescue Ltd. any accident to the boat or its equipment or to waterways property, whether or not other boats are involved, and shall then proceed as instructed by them. The Hirer shall not at any time admit to any liability for any accident to any third party and shall not put any repairs into the hands of any person or company without the Trust’s consent.

- 13) The Hirer undertakes to report, and may be requested to pay for, any equipment lost, broken, stolen or damaged. Unsuitable substitutes will not be acceptable.

- 14) The Hirer should leave a mobile contact number with the office before departing.

BOOKING FORM – “MELODY”

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A LETTER CONFIRMING DISABILITY/ILLNESS FROM A GENERAL PRACTITIONER. NO BOOKING WILL BE CONSIDERED UNLESS THIS IS PROVIDED.

1. Your choice of dates:

1st choice from to

2nd choice from..... to

2. Please give medical details of the disabled/ill person/people concerned, including age:

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Wheelchair – Yes/No

3. Please enclose your initial payment of £200 (Deposit £100 plus Security Deposit £100 - see page 2). Cheques should be made payable to PETER LE MARCHANT TRUST.

4. Your name and address:

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss (initials).....

Surname.....

Address.....

.....Postcode:.....

Home telephone..... Work telephone.....

I agree to be responsible for the balance of hire due and payable six weeks before the commencement of the holiday date. I declare that I am over 21 years of age, and understand and agree that this booking is made in accordance with the Conditions of Hire set out on pages 3 and 4 above.

Signed..... Date.....

5. Members of your party: -

Please give the names of all members and the ages of children under 16.

1..... 2.....

3..... 4.....

5..... 6.....

7..... 8.....

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

DEPOSIT/SECURITY DEPOSIT OF £.....RECEIVED & ACKNOWLEDGED ON...../...../.....

BALANCE OF £..... RECEIVED & ACKNOWLEDGED ON/...../.....

SECURITY DEPOSIT RETURNED ON/...../.....
