MK Afloat Questions & Answers

Q: What time should we arrive: The boat will be ready for you at 9.30am. A person will be waiting to greet you and go through the hand over procedure with the nominated skipper; this will take approximately 10 minutes.

Q: Can we arrive later than 9.30am: Yes, but please call the office and let us know what time you will be arriving (Tel: 01908 672672). If you don't let us know the boat master will be here waiting for you to arrive.

Q: Where should we park: There is car parking at the front of the marina.

Q: Where should we report to when we arrive: The marina office – this can be found on the north side of the marina workshop building.

Q: Do we need to wear life jackets: Life jackets are on-board for children and adults. It is not a requirement of hire to wear a life jacket.

Q: Can we pay the deposit by card: No – a cash deposit is required.

Q: Where to most hirers go: North from the marina. How far you go will depend on how much cruising you want to do, and if you plan to stop at a pub, or have a picnic on-board. See website for approximate cruising times and distances.

Q: Are there any cups etc on-board: Yes – each boat has a kettle, mugs, glasses, plates, saucepan and cutlery. Washing up liquid and t-towels are provided.

Q: Is there a fridge on-board: Yes.

Q: Is there a toilet on-board: Yes – toilet paper is provided.

Q: Is there a first aid kit on-board: Yes.

Q: Can we moor up anywhere: No – you can only moor up on the towpath side of the canal, and where public moorings are provided. Mooring pins, hammer, and ropes are on-board for mooring up.

Q: Can anyone drive the boat: No – the nominated skipper will be shown how to drive the boat. The skipper must be 21 ages or over. The skipper can supervise other adults aged 21 years and over in driving the boat. Nobody aged under 21 ages is allowed to drive the board – this include steering the boat with the tiller.

Q: Is there any locks: No – the first lock north is at Cosgrove (9 miles away), the boat is not allowed to go through this lock – the boat is not licensed in go through any locks.