

BOATS ON SHOW

A number of the boats on show are subject to a booking process – simply because they are now in private hands, with the owner ‘loaning’ the boat to the exhibitor for the event. If you want to see a particular boat, we recommend you contact the builder in advance of the show to book a slot. Phone numbers are for contact before or after the show, not during it. We have tried to ensure accuracy, but details may change before the event.

NB Narrowboat

WB Wide-beam boat

AINTREE BOATS

🌐 aintreeboats.co.uk

☎ 0151 523 9000

With a workforce offering over 100 years of combined experience, Liverpool-based Aintree Boats builds an array of hand-crafted boats. The company prides itself on taking full control of each build, from the moment the 10mm base plate is laid to the last stroke of the signwriter’s brush. The team also helps customers plan their boats through one-to-one discussions.

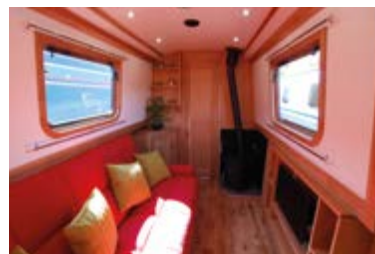
❖ **BOATS ON SHOW**



- A 57ft semi-trad narrowboat
- A 30ft Aintree Beetle



An Aintree Beetle will be on display at Crick again this year.



An example of an Aintree Boats’ fit-out.

BANKS MARTIN

🌐 banksmartin.com

☎ 01299 832187

Previously known as Beaulieu Boats and based near Kidderminster, Banks Martin produces a range of river cruisers that take inspiration from high-quality seagoing vessels. Owners Tony Banks and Paul Martin established the company in 2015 and employ local skilled craftspeople who use equipment and materials sourced as much as possible from British manufacturers. They work with clients to design each individual craft and promise to deliver comfort, luxury and the latest technology on board.

AQUA NARROWBOATS

🌐 aquanarrowboats.co.uk

☎ 01283 701041

Based at Mercia Marina on the Trent & Mersey Canal, Aqua Narrowboats produces new bespoke narrow- and wide-beam boats. The company promises clear time frames for builds and has a comprehensive list of standard features and fittings, plus plenty of optional extras to make each boat unique to the customer. Also on offer are luxury canal-boat hire holidays and a marine repairs service providing narrowboat engineering, electrics and refurbishments.

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Riverside is a 65ft bespoke cruiser stern narrowboat with four berths and a Beta 50 engine. It boasts a large, square transom rear deck, double-



Aqua Narrowboats’ display craft, *Riverside*.

glazed windows, solar panels, satellite dish, onboard wifi, bow-thruster and a complete battery management system. The interior is modern with white and grey treated oak and ash

woodwork, and lots of reflective surfaces. It has a large galley with granite worktops and breakfast bar, a separate day room/study, king-sized crossbed and stainless steel radiators.



The bright interior of *Riverside*.

BCBM BOAT SHARE

🌐 bcm.co.uk

☎ 01270 813901

With bases in Cheshire and Northampton, BCBM manages 50 shared-ownership narrowboats on English canals, as well as share schemes and boats on the Norfolk Broads, River Thames, French canals and in the Mediterranean. Whether it’s a full- or half-share scheme, the company aims to take the hard work out of boat-ownership to allow its customers to simply enjoy the waterways.

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Apperley is a 58ft six-berth semi-trad narrowboat, purpose built for BCBM’s boat-share scheme. The newly painted craft is installed with a Beta 43 engine, has central heating plus a stove, and is fully equipped for cruising.



Apperley is one of BCBM’s most popular share-boat models.



BCBM’s narrowboats are fully equipped for holidays afloat.

BEARBOATING

🌐 bearboating.co.uk

☎ 07969 901383

Based on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal, Bearboating offers luxury canal-boat holidays on its small fleet of narrow- and wide-beam craft. The owners have designed and fitted out the boats themselves, opting for high-end finishes such as solid oak woodwork, granite worktops and tiled floors. Operating from two marinas – Apperley Bridge and Barnoldswick Lower Park – Bearboating offers holidaymakers the opportunity for one-way cruising, with return transport included. The team also provides RYA training courses that can be taken on their own or as part of a holiday.

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The Little Duke is a 45ft by 10ft wide-beam built on a Tyler Wilson shell. It's fitted with a Barrus Shire 50 engine, bow-thruster and wheel steering. Outside, the unique stern design allows for a large rear deck with space for alfresco dining, while inside it has a king-sized bed (convertible into two singles) overlooking bifold bow doors. There's also a shower room with heated towel rail, saloon area and fully fitted kitchen with tiled floors and granite worktops.

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BOATING LEISURE SERVICES

🌐 boatingleisure.com

☎ 01604 833599

Part of Heyford Fields Marina at Bugbrooke, Northampton, Boating Leisure Services has been providing mechanical and electrical services to boatyards since 1998. It began fitting out and building narrowboats in 2013. The boats combine traditional features and innovative technology, and the company boasts close relationships with suppliers and customers to ensure each build is carried out to the highest standard.

❖ BOAT ON SHOW

A 60ft semi-trad narrowboat on a Tyler Wilson shell with a traditional exterior and modern interior. It has a reverse layout with a galley, saloon, walk-through bathroom and cabin, and oak woodwork predominates throughout. It's powered by a Beta Marine 43hp diesel engine, and has a domestic battery bank and 24V appliances. It's on sale for £135,000.

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Oak fittings in the saloon and galley of Boating Leisure Services' boat.

BICKERSTAFFE BOAT COMPANY

🌐 bickerstaffeboatcompany.co.uk

☎ 07801 632215

This family-owned business has 25 years of automotive industry expertise that it brings to the boat-building world. The small team of craftspeople builds a limited number of narrowboats each year that are sold as they become available and include everything you need to get cruising straight away – right down to the ropes and fenders. The company encourages customers to see current builds in progress and offers a comprehensive after-sales service for owners of 'Bickerboats', as well as the opportunity to complete RYA Helmsman training.

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- The Basic Boat is hand-built with bespoke joinery throughout, and is powered by a Vetus 42hp engine with a 3kw combi inverter charger, bow-thruster and extra heavy-duty leisure batteries. Inside it features solid oak worktops, a Pullman dinette that converts to a double berth, L-shaped seating area with plush upholstery, a Morso Squirrel stove, two TVs, and large amounts of clever storage space. The exterior is professionally sprayed with a two-pack paint scheme and it has full navigation lighting as well as a handy forward-facing helmsman's camera.

- The Limited Edition model features all of the above, as well as roof-mounted solar panels, a washing machine, an extra large insulated stainless steel water tank, and more.

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The large cruiser stern of Bickerstaffe's show boat.



There's plenty of storage space on board a Bickerstaffe boat.

BOURNE BOAT BUILDERS

🌐 bourneboatbuilders.co.uk

☎ 01785 714692

This Staffordshire-based family-run company has over 40 years of combined boat-building experience. As well as providing new-build shells, sailaways and completed boats, Bourne Boat Builders also offers a range of services, including: refurbishment, coach-painting, mechanical and electrical repairs, dry-docking and upholstery.



BRAIDBAR BOATS LTD

🌐 braidbarboats.co.uk

☎ 01625 873471

Based by Bridge 15 on the Macclesfield Canal, Braidbar Boats has been building narrowboats for more than 30 years. Producing just seven luxury boats each year, the company takes particular pride in its interior craftsmanship, which it describes as "traditional and timeless". Braidbar actively encourages people to meet the team, see how they work and discuss their ideas.



Traditional paintwork on Braidbar Boats' Elizabeth Anne.



Elizabeth Anne has integrated appliances and useful storage in the galley.

❖ BOAT ON SHOW

Elizabeth Anne is a 66ft 6in trad stern narrowboat with a hybrid engine. The red-and-green paintwork and sign writing give the exterior a traditional look, while inside are modern appliances powered by 24 2V lead acid 800A/hr batteries. It also features a moveable dinette and bike shed.

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BURSCOUGH BOAT TRADING LTD

🌐 burscoughboats.com
☎ 01704 891675

This Lancashire-based company prides itself on the high standards of its boats' steelwork and the ability to realise customers' design dreams. The family-run business uses a team of welders, joiners, electricians and plumbers to construct bespoke boats from the hull up. They work closely with clients to produce the perfect craft and can guarantee delivery of a completed boat within the UK in just 15 weeks.

COLLINGWOOD BOAT BUILDERS

🌐 collingwoodboatbuilders.co.uk
☎ 0151 298 9602

With 30 years' experience in the industry, this Liverpool-based company offers a bespoke service for wide-beams and narrowboats, available as basic hulls or fitted out to any stage. You can design your own boat from scratch or use one of Collingwood's ready-made sailaways as a basis for your ideal floating home.

❖ BOATS ON SHOW



Eight craft in collaboration with New & Used Boat Co and Narrowboats Ltd, among which will be a selection of narrow- and wide-beams including the Baby Euro (10ft beam), Euro Cruiser (12ft beam), Abode (12ft beam), Hoxton, Monarch and Pioneer (9ft beam) models. There will also be two boats completed to sailaway level.

Collingwood's Hoxton has a rustic tongue and groove-lined interior.



The extra large galley on *Caress of Steel*.

BWML

🌐 bwml.co.uk
☎ 0115 907 7400

BWML has 18 inland and coastal marinas across the country, and operates a brokerage from its head office in Sawley, Nottinghamshire. Following the success of last year's budget boating display, BWML will once again be showcasing some GRP cruisers as an attractive alternative to more expensive craft. There will also be the opportunity to learn more about getting afloat for less in a daily seminar (see the timetable on page 2).

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- *Takin Time* is a 1989-built Viking 23 priced at £10,495. It's fitted with a Honda 15hp outboard petrol engine and benefits from recent upgrades including new fenders, water tank and cockpit seating. It has four berths, a dinette, galley with a two-burner gas hob, sink and 12V fridge, and a Thetford Porta Potti toilet.

- *Willow* is a 22ft by 7ft 6in Viking 22 with a trailer and a Evinrude 15hp outboard petrol engine. It's priced £12,995 and has had a number of recent improvements including new batteries, canopy water system, cassette toilet and fenders.



Innovative electric boat *Ampere*.

ELECTRIC BOAT ASSOCIATION

🌐 electric-boat-association.org.uk
☎ 01491 681449

The Electric Boat Association, founded in 1982, is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the promotion of electric-powered cruising in the UK. The quiet, emission-free engines are environmentally friendly and therefore beneficial to all waterways users and wildlife.

❖ BOAT ON SHOW



Ampere is a 57ft 6in BCN tug-style narrowboat with electric propulsion. It's built on a Roger Farrington shell with a fit-out by Wharf House Narrowboats and electrical engineer Tim Scoones. The interior features oak tongue and groove, Honister green slate and underfloor heating. It's powered by a 15kW Tema three-phase motor, electronically driven from the 48V 1,250 Ahr battery bank. As well as a shore line, it has an onboard Fischer Panda generator and solar panels. While the focus is on its electrical systems, you can also view traditional artwork by the renowned boat painter Ron Hough on its cabin doors.

FINESSE BOATS LTD

🌐 finesseboats.co.uk
☎ 07852 201375

Established in May 2016, this company nevertheless has a wealth of knowledge behind it having been founded by Louis Wilson and Ricky Lee – son and son-in-law of Jonathan Wilson of well-known boat-builder Tyler Wilson. The Sheffield-based company only has a few boats under its belt but is quickly making a name for itself in the industry.

❖ BOAT ON SHOW



Caress of Steel is a 60ft semi-trad narrowboat with a tug deck and Josher-style bow. It's powered by a Beta 50hp engine and boasts a bow-thruster plus a hydraulic motorbike lift on the tug deck. Inside, the extra large galley is fitted with Corian work surfaces and features Smeg appliances, while there is clever storage in the cabin utilising the space under the long deck. It has a Nest central heating system and a Lockgate diesel stove in the saloon, and there is a full HDR CCTV system installed for extra security.

BUDGET BOATING



ELTON MOSS BOATBUILDERS

🌐 eltonmoss.com
☎ 01270 760160

This Middlewich-based company is at the heart of the network and specialises in custom-designed wide-beams and Dutch barges, as well as producing narrowboats. It supplies the craft for sister company Carefree Cruising's shared-ownership fleet, with the boats withstanding up to 46 weeks of travel a year, under 12 different owners.

❖ BOAT ON SHOW



- A 70ft by 12ft Kingsley barge with electric propulsion, solar panels and a bow-thruster. It features an electrically powered collapsible wheelhouse and a rear cabin with a seating area above. Inside there are three bedrooms, a bathroom and en suite, and it's fitted out in oak.

- A 65ft cruiser stern narrowboat that sleeps up to six, with a walk-through tiled bathroom and two bedrooms. The interior is fully painted and boasts Italian stone worktops. It also has solar panels and wifi.



Elton Moss will once again be displaying one of its Kingsley barges.

FERNWOOD BOATS LTD

🌐 fernwooddesigns.co.uk
☎ 01476 500118

Based in Lincolnshire, Fernwood Boats is a small, specialist company with a team of highly experienced craftspeople who are committed to producing boats to suit their customers' individual needs. The company launched its first boat in 1997, and since then has earned a reputation for taking on unique design and engineering challenges.

INNOVATIVE ECO HOMES

🌐 innovativeecohomes.com

☎ 07773 890851

New boat-builder Sam Roy will be making his debut at the Crick Boat Show this year. Having previously undertaken complete refits of his own craft, he recently produced his first narrowboat for commercial sale, which was well reviewed in *Waterways World*.

❖ BOAT ON SHOW

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Based on a 57ft Graham Reeves shell, *Comet* is a two-berth narrowboat powered by a Beta 43 engine. Inside, the boat is finished in an array of contrasting colours and materials, giving it a homely, rustic feel. It features underfloor heating, a Morso Squirrel stove, gold-plated thermostatic bathroom taps, LED lighting and USB charging ports.



Innovative Eco Homes' display boat *Comet* is based on a Graham Reeves shell.

NEW & USED BOAT CO

🌐 newandusedboat.co.uk

☎ 01283 707357 or 01905 794445

Based at Mercia Marina and Droitwich, the New & Used Boat Co is a 'one-stop shop' concept, offering a full range of boats for all budgets, and suitable for both newcomers and those with more experience of the waterways. The company has a strong emphasis on tailoring everything to its customers' needs – from the boats themselves to the financial arrangements.

❖ BOATS ON SHOW

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A selection of craft including the Euro Cruiser, Abode and Monarch wide-beam models.

NOTTINGHAM BOAT CO

🌐 nottinghamboatco.com

☎ 0115 972 8125

Formerly known as Standard Narrowboats, and based at Ratcliffe-on-Soar, Nottingham Boat Co specialises in manufacturing a whole range of narrowboats, barges and wide-beams, as well as sailaways, for both liveaboard and holiday use. Fully fitted boats are ready to cruise and a member of the team will accompany customers on their maiden voyage to guide them round the boat's equipment and services.

❖ BOAT ON SHOW

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- The Jupiter Flag Ship barge is a four-berth 70ft by 12ft wide-beam powered by a Vetus 80hp engine. It boasts a hardwood wheelhouse and three Webasto BlueSky electric sliding roof hatches. The luxurious fit-out includes slate grey worktops in the galley, a dual-purpose office space with a Rock n Rolla sofa-bed and corner desk, and lots of under-gunwale and under-bed storage in the cabin.



Nottingham Boat Co's Jupiter Flag Ship in build.

- Nottingham Boat Co will also be showcasing a new boat for the first time. The 60ft by 12ft wide-beam barge was designed using CAD, has sleek lines making it easy to manoeuvre and will be displayed as a sailaway.



Inside the craft showcased by JD Narrowboats last year.

JD NARROWBOATS

🌐 jdnarrowboats.com

☎ 01332 792271

Since 2003 this Shardlow-based company has been building and repairing an array of narrowboat shells up to 68ft in length. As well as being a bespoke narrowboat fit-out and sailaway specialist, the company also undertakes work on wide-beam boats, and offers an array of services, including hull blacking, repairs, refits and much more. All work is completed on site.

❖ BOAT ON SHOW

NB

A 57ft bespoke semi-trad narrowboat with a reverse layout, featuring a hand-built galley with solid oak work surfaces.

NARROWBOATS LTD

🌐 narrowboatsltd.co.uk

☎ 01606 47078

This Cheshire-based company has a selection of new and used narrowboats and wide-beams ready for sale. It offers a comprehensive range of on-site services including repaints, surveys, joinery and overplating, and provides a boat transportation service utilising a distinctive cradle lifter at Wincham Wharf for taking craft in and out of the water.

❖ BOATS ON SHOW

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Two boats including the slim wide-beam Pioneer model (9ft beam).



Ortomarine's show boat will be similar in design to its previous craft.

ORTOMARINE

🌐 ortomarine.co.uk

☎ 01299 489424

Part of Ortomader Ltd, a one-stop shop for electrical control systems established in 2001, Ortomarine boasts over 20 years of boat-building experience. The all-British built boats are constructed on Tyler Wilson hulls and come with a variety of stern style and layout options. The company

promises to "balance affordability and quality" on its low-maintenance, handcrafted narrowboats.

❖ BOAT ON SHOW

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Sloop John T is a 57ft, four-berth semi-trad narrowboat built on a Tyler Wilson 'Mike Christian' shell and finished in dark blue and shades of grey. Ortomarine's bespoke monitoring system includes wifi and

KINGS LOCK CHANDLERY

🌐 kingslock.co.uk

☎ 01606 737564

Kings Lock Chandlery is a shop and boatyard based on the Trent & Mersey Canal at Middlewich. It sells a large range of boating items from its canal-side premises and website, and provides a fitting service for many of its products. From small items such as paint and brassware, to systems for central heating and air-conditioning, Kings Lock Chandlery has it all. It is also a supplier to some of the biggest boat-builders in the country.

❖ BOAT ON SHOW

NB

Kings Lock Chandlery will be showcasing its range of products, including bow- and stern-thrusters and air-conditioning units, on board a display craft fitted out by Graham Cunliffe. (Please note this boat is not part of the Favourite Boat in Show competition.)

LIFESTYLE BOAT SOLUTIONS

🌐 lifestyleboatsolutions.co.uk

☎ 07859 832830

Specialising in high-end bespoke canal boats, Lifestyle Boat Solutions tailors its craft specifically for each individual customer's requirements. Building every boat from the hull up allows clients to choose all aspects of the design, from the positioning of the windows to the finished layout. Luxury features on offer include underfloor heating, solar panels, fully integrated kitchen appliances, granite work surfaces and heated stern seating.

❖ BOAT ON SHOW

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A 60ft by 10ft reverse layout wide-beam fitted with a Canaline 60 engine and a bow-thruster. The large galley is fully equipped with a washing machine, tumble dryer, fridge, freezer and oven, and has granite worktops. Other features include underfloor heating, solar panels, double-glazed windows, a rear canopy and a wood-burning stove.

GPS and allows, for example, remote operation of central heating and monitoring of the boat while away for extended periods. An Eberspacher D4W Hydronic central heating system with anthracite grey column radiators and a wood-burning stove provide warmth, while other interior features include Shaker-style galley units, a washing machine and a multi-function duplex dinette.

PINTAIL BOATS

🌐 pintailboats.co.uk

☎ 07980 607070/07582 252262

Based on the Lancaster Canal, the team at Pintail Boats designs and builds bespoke narrowboats and wide-beams. It has produced craft for the hire-boat side of its business, as well as trip-boats for local organisations and liveboard vessels for individual customers. The company boasts over 50 years of engineering experience and prides itself on attention to detail and quality control through each stage of the build, from the steel supplied and welding to the paintwork and interior fittings.

❖ BOAT ON SHOW

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Elusion is a 54ft by 9ft 3in slim wide-beam with a cruiser stern. It has been designed and built for the luxury canal-boat holiday market and being only slightly wider than a standard narrowboat means it's easy to handle on the water – helped by the Vetus bow-thruster. There's space for up to six people to sleep on board, with king-sized beds that easily convert into singles, and there are two bathrooms. The interior is fitted with oak below the gunwales, with cream paintwork above, and a selection of portholes and hopper windows keep the space light and airy.



Pintail Boats will be displaying narrowboat *Elusion*.

TINGDENE MARINAS

🌐 tingdene-marinas.co.uk

☎ 01933 449090

Tingdene has seven inland marinas around the UK offering great facilities in idyllic surroundings. Alongside its brokerage service, Tingdene Boat Sales creates new and bespoke narrowboats, wide-beams and Dutch barges. High-quality traditional hulls are fitted with hand-picked materials and finished in a contemporary style.

❖ BOATS ON SHOW

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- A new 52ft narrowboat with a contemporary finish and handpicked interior materials.

- An Admiral open day-boat requiring minimal maintenance and powered by a Mariner outboard.



Tingdene Marinas will be bringing an Admiral day-boat to the show.

SMITHWOOD NARROWBOATS

🌐 smithwoodnarrowboats.co.uk

☎ 07786 378061

Established in 2015, Smithwood Narrowboats has been a regular at the Crick Boat Show ever since. It's based at Swan Lane Wharf, Coventry, so is well positioned in the heart of the network, and offers bespoke, quality narrowboats and sailaways for a range of budgets. Design planning and end-to-end project management are just some of the services included as standard to ensure that customers' individual needs are met.

❖ BOAT ON SHOW

NB
A 58ft narrowboat on a Tim Tyler semi-trad Josher-style shell, fitted out to the highest standards with solid oak carpentry and a modern interior. It boasts an automatic Pullman dinette, quartz floors and worktops, a Reflex diesel stove and Webasto central heating. It's powered by a 42hp Canaline engine, and has a bow-thruster and electric ballast adjustment.



Smithwood Narrowboats' show craft in build.



Onboard Viking Canal Boats' 2017 show craft.

VIKING CANAL BOATS LTD

🌐 vikingcanalboatsltd.com

☎ 01245 421021

Operating from London but with a production shipyard located in Poland, Viking Canal Boats specialises in the construction of narrowboats and wide-beams. Since 2007 the company has rapidly expanded, with the aim of producing "boats to the highest standards of craftsmanship and quality, with a reliable after-sales service and unbeatable prices".

STEM TO STERN

🌐 stemtostern.co.uk

☎ 01785 257272

With over 15 years' experience in the industry, Stem to Stern produces quality, bespoke narrow- and wide-beam craft. The small team has a 'hands-on' approach to projects, with all construction, except steelwork, done in-house. The company welcomes regular visits from customers to check how builds are progressing.

❖ BOAT ON SHOW

NB
A 57ft semi trad narrowboat with a reverse layout and a modern interior.

WHARF HOUSE NARROWBOATS

🌐 wharfhouse.co.uk

☎ 01788 899041

Situated in a historic canalside building near the Bottom Lock at Braunston, Wharf House Narrowboats is a builder of distinctive and bespoke narrowboats. It specialises in boats intended for long-term cruising or residential use, and also undertakes refits and boat stretches on existing craft.

❖ BOAT ON SHOW

NB
A 48ft semi-trad narrowboat with a reverse layout and fully fitted interior with oak trims. It's powered by a Beta 38 engine and has the added benefit of a bow-thruster.



Wharf House Narrowboats' 2017 display boat.

SEEING THE BOATS

With so many boats on show at Crick, and thousands of visitors eager to see the most popular ones, it's essential to make the best use of your time.

Some boat-builders welcome all-comers, but a fair number require that you book a place in advance, and some others will give you the chance to make an appointment for an extended view. The boats are quietest at the start and the end of each day, but remember that there can be long queues to get into the show

before the 10am start time. Traditionally Saturday is the 'buyers' day' at Crick and Monday the 'locals' day'.

Many of the boats on show have been built for individual customer's requirements, so are not available to buy on the day. Instead, treat them as a showcase for the builders' work.

If you're seriously considering a purchase, we recommend you take along a pen and notebook, a digital camera, and a bag for leaflets and brochures -

plus easy-to-slip-off shoes, in case you're asked to remove them before treading mud into someone's carpet. Prospective buyers have even been observed toting dictaphones.

Most people will see all they want in one day at the show, but the prospective boat-buyer may want to consider two or even three days.

Though Crick attracts many narrowboat builders, there are several more in the local area who do not exhibit at the show.

Coupling a day at Crick with visits to local boat-builders is a well-established technique, but don't forget to contact them first.

And remember, though it's easy to fall in love with your dream boat, don't get carried away. The buying advice in the *WW Annual* and the *Inland Boat-Owner's Book* will help you on the way to a safe and sensible purchase. And if you don't have either of those books, you can pick up a copy at the *Waterways World* stand!