

BOATS ON SHOW

Our guide to the fantastic craft on display at the Crick Boat Show this year

TRADE & PREVIEW DAY

Ticket-holders for the Trade & Preview Day on Friday 24th May now have exclusive access to an online booking system for boat viewings. Visit crickboatshow.com to find out more.

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 vessels.

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- A 57ft semi-cruiser stern narrowboat with a Josher-style bow and Beta 43hp engine. It features a solid-oak floor, Pullman dinette, Webasto diesel heating and a 3kW Victron inverter.

- A 40ft Aintree Beetle.

BANKS MARTIN

🌐 banksmartin.com

☎ 01299 832187

Situated near Kidderminster, Banks Martin produces a range of river cruisers that take inspiration from high-quality seagoing vessels.

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- Beaulieu 30: a luxury, wide-beam river cruiser. This 30ft craft has six berths and provides panoramic views thanks to a large, opening glass roof and deck windows. Various finishes and layouts are available, and it can be fitted with an inboard or outboard engine.



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

GRP GRP cruiser



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.

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- *Jolly Good*: a 60ft, four-berth narrowboat with stunning paintwork and bespoke cratch cover. Look out for the corian breakfast bar, stained-glass doors, Prebit lighting, Charnwood stove and Webasto heating.



AQUA NARROWBOATS

🌐 aquanarrowboats.co.uk

☎ 01283 585718

Based in new premises in Foston, Derbyshire, Aqua Narrowboats produces bespoke narrow- and wide-beam boats.

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- *Shuffle Hop Toe*: a bespoke 60ft, four-berth semi-trad narrowboat with a Beta 43hp engine and a bow-thruster. It's fitted with four 150W solar panels, a Victron MPPT charge controller and a separate battery monitor. Inside it features upholstery and furnishings carried out in-house by the Aqua Furnishings branch of the company.

BICKERSTAFFE BOAT COMPANY

🌐 bickerstaffeboatcompany.co.uk

This family-owned business has 25 years of automotive industry expertise that it has brought over to the boat-building world.

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- *Cubed Caboose*: a 57ft cruiser-stern powered by a 42hp Vetus engine. Features include solid oak worktops and pull-out storage in the galley, 12-volt LED lighting throughout, a 500W solar charging system, unique pram and cratch covers and a full-sized quadrant shower.

- A 57ft, four-berth cruiser-stern with hand-built, bespoke joinery throughout, boasting massive amounts of clever storage and a forward-facing helmsman camera.



Bickerstaffe will be bringing this 57ft narrowboat to Crick.



BOATING LEISURE SERVICES

🌐 boatingleisureservices.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, and building narrowboats since 2013.

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- *Two Hoots*: a 60ft, reverse-layout, cruiser-stern built for comfort, convenience and long-term cruising. The interior is fitted out predominantly in solid ash. It's powered by a Beta Marine diesel engine and has a lithium-ion domestic battery system.



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The spacious galley on board Collingwood's Abode wide-beam.

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.

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NB - A 60ft sailaway cruiser-stern narrowboat with a Joshua-style bow and fitted with a Canaline 52hp engine, 95kgf bow-thruster, freshwater tank

and glazed back doors.

WB - Abode: a 70ft by 12ft 3in Euro cruiser with a Canaline 70hp engine and Vetus bow-thruster. Features include a jacuzzi bath, Smeg galley appliances and wheel steering.

- Baby Euro: a 60ft by 10ft two-berth cruiser stern with wheel steering, a Canaline 60hp engine and 95kgf bow-thruster. Inside are cream tongue-and-groove ceilings, oak, Shaker-style galley cabinets, double anthracite radiators and a multi-fuel stove.

- Hoxton: a 65ft by 12ft wide-beam with a wraparound bow powered by

a Canaline 60hp engine and fitted with a 95kgf bow-thruster. The industrial-style interior has a walk-in wardrobe, free-standing bath, granite-composite sink and breakfast bar.

- A 60ft by 12ft 6in sailaway cruiser-stern wide-beam with a Canaline 60hp engine and 95kgf bow-thruster. The reverse-layout interior is fitted with a shower, pump-out toilet and Webasto heating.

- A 60ft by 12ft 6in sailaway with a Canaline 52hp engine and 95kgf bow-thruster. It has chrome windows, tiller steering and glazed bow doors.



Finesse's wide-beam Brigantine in progress.

FINESSE BOATS

🌐 finesseboats.co.uk
☎ 01143 270404

Established in May 2016, this Sheffield-based company has dedicated workshops for fabrication, paint, upholstery and engineering, and all aspects of boat builds are carried out in house.

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NB - A 57ft semi-trad narrowboat on a Tyler Wilson shell fitted with a Vetus 42hp engine and a bow-thruster. This standard spec craft features Karndean flooring, oak laminate furniture, corian worktops and a built-in entertainment unit.

- A bespoke, electric tug-style narrowboat.

WB - *Brigantine*: a 70ft by 13ft Sheffield keel with two bedrooms and a collapsible wheelhouse.



Inside Finesse's standard spec narrowboat.

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.

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NB - *Camulodunum*: a 58ft, semi-trad Kensington model narrowboat powered by a Canaline 42hp engine. It has a fixed double berth plus an L-shaped dinette that converts into a further double. There are Italian stone worktops in the galley, a separate washbasin in the bedroom, and appliances include a washing machine, fridge, freezer and chiller drawer.

WB - A Category C Eco Kingsley barge with a 12ft beam. It has dual propulsion: the Canaline 82hp diesel engine is suited to seagoing journeys, while the electric motor has been installed with inland use in mind. Features include a collapsible wheelhouse, king-sized cabin with en suite facilities, double cabin, breakfast bar, underfloor heating and built-in media centre.



An example of an Elton Moss-built narrowboat.

J.D. NARROWBOATS

🌐 jdnarrowboats.com
☎ 01332 792271

Since 2003 this Shardlow-based company has been building and repairing an array of narrowboat shells up to 65ft in length.

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- A 58ft semi-cruiser narrowboat with an enclosed front end. The open-plan interior layout features underfloor heating, a fixed king-sized bed, spacious shower and corian worktops.

MOTHERSHIP MARINE

🌐 mothershipmarine.com

This Australian company began by making solar-powered and hybrid houseboats and river cruisers, and set up an office in the UK in 2015 to build eco-friendly narrowboats.

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- *Shine*: a 57ft semi-trad stern with a 10kW electric drive, 2kW solar panels integrated seamlessly into the roof and a 7kW back-up generator. A quality recycled timber interior boosts its eco credentials, and decorations featuring the designs of William Morris add a little luxury.



NARROWBOATS OF DISTINCTION

📍 narrowboatsofdistinction.co.uk

☎ 01949 851403

Narrowboats of Distinction has been creating bespoke narrowboats from its Newark-on-Trent-based workshop since 2007.

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- *Sea Glass*: a 65ft semi-cruiser stern narrowboat with a Beta Marine 43hp engine and a digital boat management system providing information on diesel, water, gas and composting toilet levels. The reverse layout interior has five berths, a utility room with washing machine and an illuminated wine cellar in one of three floor lockers.



NEW CONCEPT BOATS

📍 newconceptboats.co.uk

☎ 01606 354692

With over 40 years of boat-building experience, New Concept Boats creates a wide range of traditional and modern-style narrowboats and wide-beams, from sailaway stage to fully fitted.

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- A 57ft trad-stern narrowboat with an electric engine.



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.

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- *Watt Knot*: A 58ft 6in semi-trad with a Hybrid Marine propulsion system, bow-thruster and large provision of solar panels. Designed for residential use, it has a bright, reverse-layout interior with white-gloss built-in furniture.



The spacious saloon of the Eurocruiser.

NEW & USED BOAT CO

📍 newandusedboat.co.uk

Mercia Marina 01283 707357/Hanbury Wharf 01905 794445

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.

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WB - Aqualine Canterbury: a 68ft cruiser-stern with four to six berths and a Barras 70hp engine.

- Eurocruiser: a 60ft, four-berth wide-beam with a square cruiser stern. It's powered by a Canaline 60hp engine and features a new bathroom design.

- Monarch Additions: a 60ft, two- to four-berth cruiser-stern with a Canaline 70hp engine and wheel steering. The interior is not fitted out so would suit a DIY enthusiast.

NB - Aqualine Madison: a 60ft cruiser-stern with four berths. It has a spray-painted finish and is powered by a Barrus Yanmar 45hp engine.

- Shearwater: a 60ft four-berth with an extended cruiser stern and a Canaline 42hp engine.



Aqualine Canterbury has a curved cruiser stern.



The Shearwater model.

PETER SACKETT

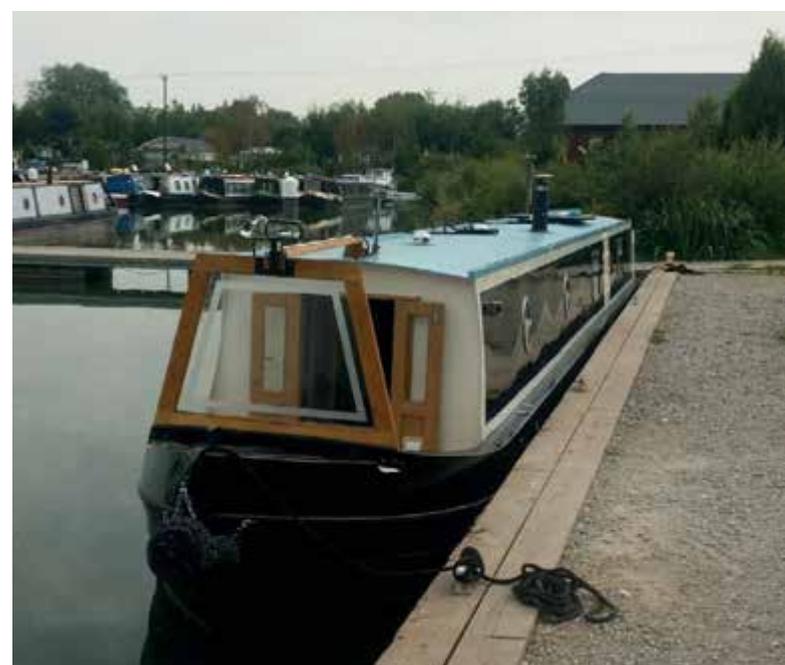
☎ 07973 524823

A first-time exhibitor at the Crick Boat Show, Peter Sackett has a background in roofing and building services. He's now put his skills towards fitting out a bespoke narrowboat.

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- *Pejo*: a 57ft cruiser-stern with four berths. The bespoke fit-out has glass sliding doors, grey oak Karndean flooring and chrome-edged windows with black-out blinds. It also features an inline bed that electronically opens up to a double, 250W solar panels, a glass shower surround and two full-sized wardrobes.



SMITHWOOD NARROWBOATS

🌐 smithwoodnarrowboats.co.uk
☎ 07786 378061

Established in 2015, Smithwood Narrowboats is based in Coventry so is well positioned in the heart of the network, and offers bespoke, quality narrowboats and sailaways for a range of budgets.

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- *Lady Penelope*: a 58ft, four-berth semi-trad on a Tim Tyler hull. It's fitted with a Canaline 42hp engine and features electronic ballast adjustment. Inside there is oak cladding, an electric cross-bed and a TV that can be hidden within a purpose-built unit.

Modern, muted greys for *Lady Penelope's* interior.



SWAN BOAT BUILDERS

🌐 swanboatbuilders.co.uk
☎ 07762 841511

Situated close to the River Mersey and Leeds & Liverpool Canal, the company produces affordable narrowboats on Aintree Boats shells with tailor-made interiors.

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WHARF HOUSE NARROWBOATS

🌐 wharfhouse.co.uk

Situated in a historic canalside building near the Bottom Lock at Braunston, Wharf House Narrowboats is a builder of distinctive and bespoke narrowboats.

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TINGDENE MARINAS

🌐 tingdeneboatsales.net
☎ 01933 551622

Alongside its brokerage service, Tingdene Boat Sales creates new and bespoke narrowboats, wide-beams and Dutch barges.

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NB - A 52ft, four-berth cruiser-stern powered by a Beta 38hp engine. This brand-new design has a contemporary fit-out, large skylight in the saloon and a spacious seating area on the rear deck.

WB - A 66ft by 10ft cruiser-stern with four berths in two separate cabins and a Beta 75hp engine. With plenty of space and a bright interior, it's an ideal liveaboard vessel.

Skylights keep Tingdene's display craft bright and airy.



TRISTAR

🌐 tristarboatslimited.weebly.com
☎ 07976097042 or 07759246551

Based at Redhill Marina on the River Soar, this husband-and-wife business has many years' experience of designing and constructing boats of all shapes and sizes, including wide-beams, Dutch barges and narrowboats.

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- *Ohm from 'ome*: a 57ft, four-berth trad stern equipped with an enhanced hybrid engine package based on a Beta 43hp unit. It also has solar panels, a combination stove, wet central heating and electric heating. The boat is lined in oak, has made-to-measure composite work surfaces, a built-in sofa, lots of storage and full-sized domestic appliances.



Tristar's hybrid-engine narrowboat *Ohm from 'ome*.

VIKING CANAL BOATS LTD

🌐 vikingcanalboatsltd.com
☎ 01245 421021

Operating from Chelmsford but with a production shipyard located in Poland, Viking Canal Boats specialises in the construction of narrowboats and wide-beams.

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- *May Contain Nuts*: a 58ft by 12ft 6in, four-berth apartment-style wide-beam with a wrapped cruiser stern. It's powered by a Beta 60hp engine and has a 95kgf bow-thruster. The exterior is sandblasted and finished with a two-pack paint system. Inside it's lined in tongue-and-groove and features a walk-in shower and bunkbed with desk.



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.

The boats are quietest at the start and 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 customers' 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 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.

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!