

Ouse on Board – Health and Safety Policy (Training)

Areas of Responsibility

Ouse on board take responsibility for all persons undergoing training while on our own vessel and in our workshop. The instructor is responsible for students at all times. The instructor shall:

- Ensure students understand the dangers of operating and navigating our boat.
- Ensure students are aware of Ouse on Board's safety, protection, and lifejacket policies.
- Be suitably equipped for the required training and where possible make any necessary changes to accommodate students learning abilities or styles.
- Make any final decisions due to adverse weather or other situations which may jeopardise the safety of the group.
- Ensure all students are aware of any dangers and hazards in the workshop and ensure that they remain safe at all times.

In the event of an accident/incident:

- The instructor will stop any training and deal with the situation. The session may/may not continue after depending on the decision of the instructor.
- The instructor will assist with any first aid requirements where necessary or delegate if any students are suitably qualified. When afloat, if there is immediate danger to all onboard, the instructor will use their judgement but should prioritise getting the boat to safety before dealing with an individual casualty.
- All major incidents will be reported to the relevant governing body no more than 48 hours after the incident took place, and to OOB Chair/Principle Instructor no more than 24 hours. This will be the responsibility of the instructor.
- The instructor will make a note of the incident as soon as possible in the accident book.
- Any incident involving another craft will be dealt with separately via OOB insurance providers.

Operating Limits:

- Narrow Boat training will be carried out on the River Great Ouse and River Cam. The principle training area will be in the vicinity of Upware where a mobile phone signal is present. No training shall take place on the tidal waters. Training may take place on any area of the River Great Ouse or Cam where there are suitable facilities (locks, moorings) to provide adequate experiences for the students and where emergency services can be contacted if required.
- Narrow Boat Training will not take place at night.
- No students or Instructors shall teach/be under tuition while under the influence of alcohol or drugs – See Alcohol/Drugs policy for more details.
- Diesel Engine training will take place in our workshop in Witchford, Cambridgeshire.

Safeguarding

Ouse on Board instructors have current DBS checks. For more information see Vulnerable Adult and Child Protection Policies.

Instructor Training

All instructors will be trained to RYA standards and maintain currency as well as have a First Aid qualification current at time of instructing.

Every three months Instructors will be updated about any incidents or policy changes as required. All new instructors will undergo a basic induction with OOB and observe one training session prior to instructing solo. Throughout a two year cycle instructors are recommended to observe another instructor at least once to provide standardisation across all instructors.