

# Ouse on Board – Safety Policy - Hire

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## Areas of Responsibility

### **The Skipper in charge of the vessel has responsibility:**

- To practice all requirements as stated in the "Handover Book."
- For ensuring all group members on board are aware of Ouse on Board's safety rules.
- For correct use and safe navigation of the vessel and operation of waterway facilities
- For the safety of the group while cruising.

### **The Party Leader in charge of the group has responsibility:**

- For the responsible conduct of the members at all times having regard for the exercise of social education in a residential setting.
- To supervise members of the group in the correct use of catering and all domestic services.

### **Where Ouse on Board provides a skipper for a group whose Leader does not hold the necessary qualifications, the Leader is further responsible:**

- To co-operate with and assist the Skipper in navigation of the vessel as required.
- For ensuring the co-operation of members of the hire group, with the Skipper.

## **Ouse on Board**

Ouse on Board are committed to carrying out regular and ongoing risk assessments and will train all steerers and volunteers in their responsibility towards health and safety.

## Conditions of Use

No vessel managed by Ouse on Board shall be navigated on the waterways unless the following conditions are met:

- A Skipper is in charge of the vessel.
- The Skipper has successfully completed a course of training in boat management on the type of vessel they will be steering, in this case a 48ft Narrowboat.
- The Skipper is to exercise absolute control of the boat at all times.
- In addition to the Skipper there must be at least one adult leader exercising responsibility on board.
- An application form for use of the craft (booking form) must have been received and approved by Ouse on Board, the operating authority.
- Payment for this use has been agreed in advance, and there are no outstanding debts from previous hires.
- An acceptance of responsibility for the conduct of the group has been signed by the Group Leader.
- No lock shall be worked through after dark unless authorised by a member of Ouse on Board staff.
- No vessel shall be navigated after dark unless authorised by Ouse on Board Chairman.
- Ouse on Boards life jacket policy is adhered to at all times.