



Dear Boat Club Captain

As the new owner of Camboats and skipper of the passenger narrowboat 'Rosie' I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. As a long-term user of the river Cam I am sure you agree it is important to work together to ensure a safe and enjoyable river experience for all.

The previous owner Liz Sheehan is retiring and is important to establish a clear communication process between us. The email address and onboard mobile number remain the same – (see below)

It is planned to continue offering the 40-45 minute public cruises from the Jesus Green lock/swimming pool area to Queen Elizabeth Way bridge and return, approx on the hour from 10am to dusk Friday and Saturday during the Spring, then from Easter as a trial to gauge demand, extend this to 5 or 6 days a week for the Summer/Autumn.

Sundays will be a similar operation based at our home mooring of The Plough, Fen Ditton going either downstream to Baits Bite lock and back, or upstream to about the Penny Ferry and return. Cruises on Sundays will start at 11am through to dusk in the Spring and from Easter 11am-4pm on the hour.

At other times there 'hopefully' will be private groups or specials doing Fish and Chip cruise, Pirate parties or other themed events as Liz has done in the past.

Pip Noon at the conservators office has made me aware of the 'bumps' dates and the calendar of other race events as published on the Conservators website, however I would appreciate more detailed itinerary of your events to avoid booking cruises that clash with race activity. If you need to meet face-to-face to discuss this feel free to contact me by email or phone to set up a meeting with you and/or anyone else in your organisation that may benefit from such a dialogue. Please drop us an email with your direct contact details too, so that I have them for future reference.

As more of an introduction to us, my wife and I have extensively travelled the inland waterways network for many years as holidaymakers on hire narrowboats covering key parts of the canal network including the Stourport Ring, Grand Union and Oxford canals as well as cruisers on the Broads. Having become hooked on the whole narrowboat experience I have for some time been seeking an opportunity to combine my previous business skills in Retail and the Leisure industries with my passion for narrowboats. We also previously lived and worked in Cambridge at the beginning of our marriage for a few years. Camboats therefore ticked all the boxes. I hold the RYA Helmsman Certificate and 'Rosie' meets all the safety requirements for a Cam Conservators licence and Boat Safety Scheme (BSS) Certificate.

I trust we can have a long and successful working relationship.

Yours faithfully

Peter Watson
Skipper

