



Self-Drive Boat Hire Agreement

Whilst we want you to have a great time, we ask you to read and sign the following Hire Agreement, boating must be taken seriously, or it can be dangerous.

- Today you will be driving – **Meander** / **Whisper** / **Scoop**

Basic Rules offered for Self-Drive Hire.

- The nominated captain (identified below) is responsible for all passengers on board.
- As Captain keep your focus- **Drive carefully!**
- All children 10 and under must wear the allocated life jacket allocated before departure.
- Adult life jackets are in the locker at the rear of the boat and available in case of emergency.
- **DO NOT GO THROUGH ANY LOCKS**
- Always keep to the right of the river but avoid weeds and fishing lines by the riverbank.
- Keep to the main river unless shown otherwise on the map, avoid tributaries.
- Vessels coming downstream have right of way, give way at the bridge.
- At the bridge use main arch only indicated by arrows
- Pay attention to rope management a stray rope can caught in a propeller and is dangerous.
- Avoid collisions with other boats, jetties, or obstruction in river sidings, if unsure **GIVE WAY.**
- Ask your passengers to be 'lookouts', there may be logs or other debris in the river.
- Be Aware of swimmers in the water and always **GIVE WAY**
- A boat hook is always available on board, use properly if needed.
- A life ring and throw rope are on the boat and should only be used during emergencies.
- Read the Emergency Procedure on the back of the map before departure.
- ST Ives Electric Riverboat Co. do not accept responsibility for death or injury during the hire period.
- The company accepts no liability for loss / damage to the hirer's property.
- It is against the law for anyone in charge of a boat to drink alcohol whilst driving.
- **NO DRUNKEN UNRULY OR DANGEROUS BEHAVIOUR ON BOARD!**
- The boat must be returned in the condition it was received and any rubbish removed.
- Be Aware of Weils disease, it is contracted from the urine of infected rats. The bacteria get into your body through cuts and scratches or through the lining of the mouth, throat, and eyes after contact with infected contaminated water. Stay out of the water.

Additional Charges

- Any boat damage is charged at £100 minimum.
- Late boat returns will be charged at £50.00 per half an hour.
- Any hirer rescue is charged at £65.00; this include clearing the prop from weeds.

	Hirer	Captain (if not Hirer)
Name		
House No. or Name and postcode		
Contact No.		
Date		
Signature (signatory agrees to abide to the terms of Self-Drive Boat Hire Agreement)		