

Survey on potential services of benefit to boaters

Dear Boater,

As part of the developing future of London Boaters a number of plans have been suggested that could be of benefit to boaters. Below is a short list of questions that will help form a feasibility study for these proposed services. If you could take the time to fill it out and return it would be much appreciated. Please leave additional comments if you want to expand further. Thanks.

Section 1: About you

1. What is your age range? Please circle as appropriate.

0-20 21-30 31-40 41-50 51-60 60+

2. Do you live on your boat?

Yes No Sometimes (part of the year)

3. If so, how many people live on your boat? 1 2 3 4+

4. What do you think are some of the most important services that you think are missing or could be provided to boaters in the London Area?

- a)
- b)
- c)

Section 2: Additional services for boaters

We currently have access to facilities at Stonebridge Lock Centre. We can use this space to provide facilities for boaters. A cafe has already been set up and is running well.

5. Please circle any that you would be interested in and give details as appropriate.

- a) Group bulk buys of boating equipment, ie: solar panels/wind turbines, etc? (Please state)
- b) Group bulk buys of food and other household necessities?
- c) Fixed location mail box d) Group skills based workshops, eg: 12v electrics
- e) Chandlery f) Community workspace for boat repairs
- g) A service collecting rubbish and recycling? h) A canal based launderette?

Section 3: Toilet Waste

London Boaters have been working with an organisation called Loowatt to come up with an alternative to current boat toilet solutions. Please see <http://www.loowatt.com> for more details.

6. What sort of toilet do you have at the moment?

7. Would you be interested in an anaerobic digesting toilet (a toilet which composts and at the same time creates free biogas, to be used for heating/cooking etc)?

Yes No Maybe

8. Would you be interested in a waterless toilet that seals human waste free of odour into biodegradable bags that are disposed in designated emptying sites? Such a system can also generate energy through an Anaerobic Digester that could benefit the Boaters (free biogas for communal sites, for e.g.)

Yes No Maybe

9. Alternatively, if a regular waste collection was offered, collecting the waste liners described above directly from your boat, would you be willing to pay for it?

Yes No Maybe If yes, how much? (on a monthly basis)

Section 4: Credit union / Mutual Aid Fund

As part of the plans for the eventual creation of a boaters' credit union, a small group has been working on a step towards this called a 'Mutual Aid Fund'. This would offer small loans to the community and prove our competence with handling money.

10. If London Boaters were to set up a fully FSA accredited credit union, would you be interested in banking with it?

Yes No Maybe

11. If London Boaters were to set up a fully FSA accredited credit union, would you be interested in taking out a loan from it? If so, what sort of things would you want the loan for and how much would you want to borrow?

Yes No Maybe

Please give details:

12. Have you taken out a loan within the last 12 months? Yes No
If yes, what type of loan? Payday Loan Up to 12 months 12 months +

13. When you last bought your annual licence, did you
a) Pay the full amount in advance, triggering the reduced price?
b) Take out a loan in order to pay the full fee in advance?
c) Pay in installments?

14. Do you have any further suggestions for projects?

15. Please leave your contact details if you wish to be contacted about any of these ideas.

Name:

Email: