

HOW TO SURVIVE YOUR FIRST NARROWBOAT WINTER

Narrowboating can be one of the most idyllic lifestyles in Britain.

However, as the evenings get darker and sub-zero temperatures start to set in, it can be less so. Here are our top 6 critical tips to consider, so you can survive your first Winter with ease.

1 KEEPING WARM



Narrowboaters have said that the biggest concern when living aboard during Winter is how to keep warm.

Your heat source is one of the most important considerations, with many narrowboaters opting for an easy to install and use multi-fuel stove. But there are more ways to keep warm than just your stove.

[FIND OUT HOW TO KEEP WARM >](#)

2 SAFETY



Staying safe on your narrowboat and the canal network mainly relies on you being aware of what's going on around you.

Our top 5 safety tips will give you everything you need to ensure you stay safe this Winter:

- 1 Avoiding slips and trips
- 2 Keeping safe at the locks
- 3 Watching out for crushing
- 4 Protecting your pets
- 5 What to do if someone goes overboard

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3 MAINTENANCE



Keeping your boat maintained is vital all year around, but particularly in Winter when the frost and freezing can easily cause damage to your boat.

Our handy guide covers daily and monthly tips, plus extra preparations you need to make for Winter.

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4 ETIQUETTE



Every boater knows that there's an unwritten code of conduct while cruising the waterways.

Here's our top 5 canal etiquette tips:

- 1 Sharing is caring
- 2 Being a good neighbour
- 3 Rules from the Canal and River Trust
- 4 Considerate cruising
- 5 Mindful mooring

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5 STORAGE SOLUTIONS



Living aboard doesn't leave much room for storage, so you need to get creative in order to have everything you need close by.

We've got 7 clever and creative narrowboat storage solutions for you:

- 1 Hang it up
- 2 Seek out dead space and use it
- 3 Using the space under your bed
- 4 Make use of your roof
- 5 Utilising your stairs
- 6 Expand your shelving
- 7 Baskets and boxes

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6 PROTECT IT



Having insurance isn't just there to protect you in case you have an accident and damage another boat.

With our Narrowboat insurance, we include Winter cover as standard and you can add Frost cover to protect your boat should you experience loss or damage as a result of frost or freezing. Plus, you can add Contents cover to protect your possessions against theft, loss or damage and we'll allow you to have your wood burning stove onboard at no extra cost.

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