



Cam

Price: £49,995

Key Features

Location:	Saul Junction Marina
Berths:	4
Length:	71ft
Type:	Narrowboat
Year:	1957

Description

Step aboard Cam, a 71ft traditional narrowboat that carries the soul of a working boat with all the rustic charm of its original design. Built in 1957 by Thames Launch Works Ltd in Twickenham, Cam was delivered in November 1958 to the British Transport Waterways, South Eastern Division Carrying Fleet, before transferring to the British Waterways Board on January 1st, 1962. Constructed as a welded all-steel butty boat measuring 71'6" x 7'0", Cam has lived many lives, each chapter adding to its enduring character.

After its service with British Waterways, Cam was sold to the Aylesbury Boat Company, before changing hands again in 1965 when it was acquired by the Manchester Ship Canal Company's Bridgewater Department. Renamed Bank Boat No. 8, it was used in the maintenance fleet with staging fitted mid-boat to support bricklayers working on canal infrastructure. In 1983, Cam passed into private ownership and was lovingly restored by Ian Kemp as a carrying boat, with its original name proudly reinstated. A full-length cabin conversion was added around 2010, allowing Cam to evolve into a fully liveable, heritage-rich narrowboat. In 2025, it underwent a sensitive refit to preserve its traditional charm while embracing modern comfort.

Cam retains her trad stern, classic lines, and timeless fittings, making her an ideal choice for anyone seeking an authentic narrowboating experience steeped in history.

The interior of Cam is a thoughtful blend of traditional functionality and comfort, with 2+2 berths offering cosy sleeping arrangements. The master bedroom features a hand-built fixed double bed complemented by wall-mounted cupboards for smart storage. The boatman's cabin includes a traditional drop-down 4'6" bed, providing a nostalgic nod to historic narrowboat living, as well as a snug place to unwind or host guests.

Every space aboard Cam is crafted with purpose, balancing usability with warmth and heritage.

The galley embraces Cam's vintage roots while ensuring modern-day practicality. A solid teak worktop, Belfast sink, and Rayburn cooking range bring period authenticity to the space, complemented by charming touches like a Welsh dresser and retro cabinetry.

Meanwhile, a fitted washing machine and fridge/freezer have been subtly integrated, preserving the boat's classic look. A side hatch allows for ample natural light and fresh air, enhancing the comfort of this charming space.

The lounge invites you to slow down and enjoy life on the water. Featuring a free-standing chaise-lounge and solid wood floor, it's a serene setting that reflects the boat's storied past. The traditional features continue throughout, offering a warm and welcoming environment where history and relaxation meet. Another side hatch fills the lounge with daylight, making it a bright and airy place to unwind.

A true highlight, the boatman's cabin has been preserved as a traditional gem, showcasing handcrafted cupboards with glass fronts, a floor-to-ceiling wardrobe, and a boatman's range for additional warmth. The drop-down bed adds both function and charm, while the fitted stern steps maintain the classic working boat layout. This space captures the very essence of heritage narrowboating.

Cam's bathroom continues the traditional theme while meeting all modern living needs. It features a full-sized shower unit, Thetford cassette toilet, vanity unit with sink, and a full-height cupboard housing the immersion heater for reliable hot water. Practical yet characterful, the bathroom ensures comfort without compromising on authenticity.

Cam is more than just a narrowboat—she's a living piece of canal history, restored with care, refitted with craftsmanship, and ready to offer a unique experience for those who appreciate heritage, comfort, and life on the water.

Additional Specs

Hull by / Fit out by:	Andy Still	External Covers:	Fibreglass sliding cover over deck sitting area.
Layout Stern to Bow:	Boatmans cabin/bathroom/galley/saloon/workspace	Batteries:	1 starter 3 domestic
Engine & Gearbox:	Canaline 52hp	Electric Supply:	240v – Shoreline, twin alternator, 2kw inverter, 12v lighting throughout
Boat Safety Certificate:	Will come with new	Hot Water Supply:	Immersion heater, engine, Rayburn
Last Blacking & Type:	Feb 2017 2 pack epoxy	Cabin Heating:	Rayburn to 4 radiators, 2 in saloon, 1 x bedroom, 1 x bathroom
Inspection Hatch & Location:	Rear under steps	Central Heating Type:	Rayburn
P/Out or Cassette:	Cassette	Gas Cylinders No+ Type:	2 x 13kg
Internal Cabin Height:	68" in boatmans 73" in main cabin	Water Tank Capacity:	Stainless steel fitted in bow
Insulation:	Spray foam	Additional Information:	Additional Info: Internal refit just completed 2025
Last Survey:	August 2017		



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