

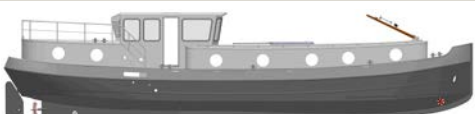
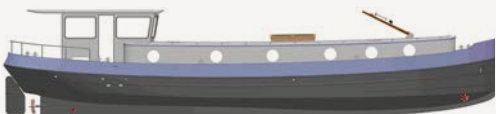


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49M —

MOTOR CLASS DUTCH BARGE

OVERALL LENGTH: 49FT / 14.95M
OVERALL BEAM: 13FT 10IN / 4.23M
AIR DRAFT: 2.95M
DRY WEIGHT: 29 TONNE

GUIDE COST PRICE

£370,000*



SPECIFICATION

HULL

- Shipbuilding Quality Grade A steel plate according to EN10204 / 3.2 LRS
- Shipbuilding plate blasted to SA 2.5 and primed by Dutch supplier
- Spray foam insulation
- 12mm keel plate
- 8mm chines & hull sides
- 6mm decks
- 5mm superstructure
- 1750L water tank with level indicator
- 1240L main propulsion fuel tank with level indicator
- 230L gravity auxiliary fuel tank with level indicator (if reflex stove installed)
- 875L black waste tank with level indicator
- 16L grey waste buffer tank with pump (divertible to black tank)

EXTERIOR

- Stainless steel hand rails and bollards
- Jotun approved external marine paint system (choice of colours, specification available on request)
- Double glazed & thermally broke windows to wheelhouse
- Double glazed & thermally broke portholes to cabin
- Automated hardwood mast with powder coated stainless steel tabernacle
- Welded steel dog box with hardwood lining & canvas cover
- Front barge fender
- Navigation lights (port, starboard, stern, anchor, steaming) & headlight
- Basic mooring lines 14mm thick x 15m long

ENGINE, GENERATOR & HEATING

- Beta 105hp engine with PRM 280 gearbox keel cooled
- Kabola pressure jet central heating boiler
- 50L calorifier
- 1.5kw immersion heater
- Heating via radiators
- 5kVA soundproof enclosed marine generator
- ROLLS AGM 2-volt cells in excess of 1150 a/hr (c20 rate)
- VETUS AGM batteries for thrusters & engine start
- 3kW Victron Quattro inverter/charger
- Victron Isolation Transformer 3.6kW
- Victron Battery and Remote Management system with touchscreen panel

- Twin alternators 12v
- 125kg.f electric bow thruster
- 95kg.f electric stern thruster
- Electric anchor winch

WHEELHOUSE

- Fixed steel wheelhouse
- Lined with sapele
- Removable table with drop down leaf converts into a double bed
- Seating for 4 people
- Access to engine room via the steps under the seating

DASH

- Raymarine 7" chart plotter with basic mapping
- Raymarine VHF Radio DSC
- RPI (Rudder Position Indicator) + Depth Gauge
- Engine panel & controls
- Thruster controls
- Hydraulic steering with bypass

GALLEY

- Fitted with premium oak plywood
- Shaker style hardwood oak doors
- Composite work tops with waterfall edges
- Stainless steel inset sink
- Gas hob and oven with an extractor hood
- Built in microwave
- Vittrifigo marine fridge freezer 12v
- Slimline Dishwasher (Customer to supply)
- Washer/dryer (Customer to supply)
- Engineered wooden flooring
- Central heating radiator

SALOON

- Under floor storage/cellar
- Engineered wooden flooring
- TV & Audio (Customer to supply)
- Reflex 2000KT diesel stove (stove included in one bedroom layout only)
- Large central heating radiator

MASTER BEDROOM

- King size bed
- Cupboards and drawers to port and starboard
- Full height wardrobe

- Marine Aircon
- TV point
- Central heating radiator
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

SECOND BEDROOM

- Second bedroom applicable to certain layouts only
- Sliding privacy hatch into saloon
- Dinette table and seating which converts to a double bed
- Overhead storage and small wardrobe
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

ENSUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM

- Walk in shower with glass screen
- Thermostatic shower valve
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Heated towel radiator
- Vanity unit with integrated basin & waterfall edging

DAY LOO

- Day loo applicable to certain layouts only
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Heated towel radiator
- Washbasin

Optional one bedroom layout

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LUXEMOTOR CLASS DUTCH BARGE

— 49 L



OVERALL LENGTH: 49FT / 14.9M

OVERALL BEAM: 13FT 10IN / 4.23M

AIR DRAFT: 2.925M

DRY WEIGHT: 31 TONNE

GUIDE COST PRICE

£429,000*



SPECIFICATION

HULL

- Shipbuilding Quality Grade A steel plate according to EN10204 / 3.2 LRS
- Shipbuilding plate blasted to SA 2.5 and primed by Dutch supplier
- Spray foam insulation
- 12mm keel plate
- 8mm chines & hull sides
- 6mm decks
- 5mm superstructure
- 1750L water tank with level indicator
- 1110L main propulsion fuel tank with level indicator
- 230L gravity auxiliary fuel tank with level indicator (if reflex stove installed)
- 680L black waste tank with level indicator
- 8L grey waste buffer tank with pump (divertible to black tank)

EXTERIOR

- Stainless steel hand rails and bollards
- Jotun approved external marine paint system (choice of colours, specification available on request)
- Double glazed & thermally broke windows to wheelhouse
- Double glazed & thermally broke portholes to cabin
- Automated hardwood mast with powder coated stainless steel tabernacle
- Welded steel dog box with hardwood lining & canvas cover
- Front barge fender
- Navigation lights (port, starboard, stern, anchor, steaming) & headlight
- Basic mooring lines 14mm thick x 15m long
- Secondary helm position

ENGINE, GENERATOR & HEATING

- Beta 105hp engine with PRM 280 gearbox raw water cooled
- Kabola pressure jet central heating boiler
- 65L calorifier
- 1.5kw immersion heater
- Heating via radiators
- 5kVA soundproof enclosed marine generator
- ROLLS AGM 2-volt cells in excess of 1150 a/hr (c20 rate)
- VETUS AGM batteries for thrusters & engine start
- 3kW Victron Quattro inverter/charger
- Victron Isolation Transformer 3.6kW
- Victron Battery and Remote Management system with touchscreen panel

- Twin alternators 12v
- 150kg.f proportional electric bow thruster
- 90kg.f proportional electric stern thruster
- Electric Anchor Winch.
- Electro-hydraulic power steering

WHEELHOUSE

- Fixed steel wheelhouse
- Lined with sapele
- Removable table with drop down leaf converts into a double bed
- Seating for 4 people
- Access to engine room via passageway under wheelhouse

UPPER HELM

- RPI (Rudder Position Indicator) + Depth Gauge
- Engine panel & controls
- Joystick proportional thruster controls
- Raymarine 7" chart plotter with basic mapping

DASH

- Raymarine 7" chart plotter with basic mapping
- Raymarine VHF Radio DSC
- RPI (Rudder Position Indicator) + Depth Gauge
- Engine panel & controls
- Joystick proportional thruster controls

GALLEY

- Fitted with premium oak plywood
- Shaker style hardwood oak doors
- Composite work tops with waterfall edges
- Stainless steel inset sink
- Gas hob and oven with an extractor hood
- Built in microwave
- Vittrifigo marine fridge freezer 12v
- Slimline Dishwasher (Customer to supply)
- Washer/dryer (Customer to supply)
- Engineered wooden flooring
- Central heating plinth heater

SALOON

- Under floor storage/cellar
- Engineered wooden flooring
- TV & Audio (Customer to supply)
- Reflex 2000KT diesel stove (stove included in one bedroom layout only)
- Large central heating radiator

MASTER BEDROOM

- King size bed
- Cupboards and drawers to port and starboard
- Full height wardrobe
- Marine Aircon
- TV point
- Central heating radiator
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

SECOND BEDROOM

- Second bedroom applicable to certain layouts only
- King size bed
- Full height wardrobe
- Cupboards and drawers to port and starboard
- Marine Aircon
- TV point
- Central heating radiator
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

ENSUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM

- 760 x 760 shower enclosure
- Thermostatic shower valve
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Heated towel radiator
- Vanity unit with integrated basin & waterfall edging edging

ENSUITE TO SECOND BEDROOM

- Walk in shower with glass screen
- Thermostatic shower valve
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Heated towel radiator
- Vanity unit with integrated basin & waterfall edging

DAY LOO

- Day loo applicable to certain layouts only
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Heated towel radiator
- Washbasin

Optional one bedroom layout

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55L — LUXEMOTOR CLASS DUTCH BARGE

OVERALL LENGTH: 55FT 9IN / 17M

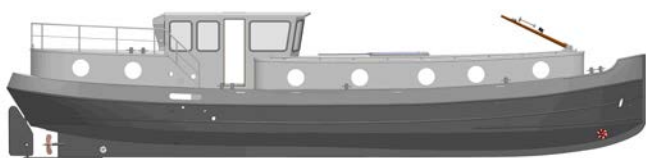
OVERALL BEAM: 13FT 11IN / 4.24M

AIR DRAFT: 2.925M

DRY WEIGHT: 33 TONNE

GUIDE COST PRICE

£485,000*



SPECIFICATION

HULL

- Shipbuilding Quality Grade A steel plate according to EN10204 / 3.2 LRS
- Shipbuilding plate blasted to SA 2.5 and primed by Dutch supplier
- Spray foam insulation
- 12mm keel plate
- 8mm chines & hull sides
- 6mm decks
- 5mm superstructure
- 1750L water tank with level indicator
- 1170L main propulsion fuel tank with level indicator
- 230L gravity auxiliary fuel tank with level indicator (if reflex stove installed)
- 800L black waste tank with level indicator
- 16L grey waste buffer tank with pump (divertible to black tank)

EXTERIOR

- Stainless steel hand rails and bollards
- Jotun approved external marine paint system (choice of colours, specification available on request)
- Double glazed & thermally broke windows to wheelhouse
- Double glazed & thermally broke windows & portholes to cabin
- Automated hardwood mast with powder coated stainless steel tabernacle
- Welded steel dog box with hardwood lining & canvas cover
- Front barge fender
- Navigation lights (port, starboard, stern, anchor, steaming) & headlight
- Basic mooring lines 14mm thick x 15m long
- Secondary helm position

ENGINE, GENERATOR & HEATING

- Vetus 120hp engine with ZF45 gearbox raw water cooled
- Kabola pressure jet central heating boiler
- 75L calorifier
- 1.5kw immersion heater
- Heating via radiators
- 5kVA soundproof enclosed marine generator
- ROLLIS AGM 2-volt cells in excess of 1150 a/hr (c20 rate)
- VETUS AGM batteries for thrusters & engine start
- 3kW Victron Quattro inverter/charger
- Victron Isolation Transformer 3.6kW

- Victron Battery and Remote Management system with touchscreen panel
- Twin alternators 12v
- 150kg.f proportional electric bow thruster
- 90kg.f proportional electric stern thruster
- Electric Anchor Winch.
- Electro-hydraulic power steering

WHEELHOUSE

- Fixed steel wheelhouse
- Lined with sapele
- Removable table with drop down leaf converts into a double bed
- Seating for 4 people
- Access to engine room via passageway under wheelhouse

UPPER HELM

- RPI (Rudder Position Indicator) + Depth Gauge
- Engine panel & controls
- Joystick proportional thruster controls
- Raymarine 7" chart plotter with basic mapping

DASH

- Raymarine 7" chart plotter with basic mapping
- Raymarine VHF Radio DSC
- RPI (Rudder Position Indicator) + Depth Gauge
- Engine panel & controls
- Joystick proportional thruster controls

GALLEY

- Fitted with premium oak plywood
- Shaker style hardwood oak doors
- Composite work tops with waterfall edges
- Stainless steel inset sink
- Gas hob and oven with an extractor hood
- Built in microwave
- Vitrefrigo marine fridge freezer 12v
- Slimline Dishwasher (Customer to supply)
- Washer/dryer (Customer to supply)
- Engineered wooden flooring
- Central heating plinth heater

SALOON

- Under floor storage/cellar
- Engineered wooden flooring
- Reflex 2000KT diesel stove
- TV & Audio (Customer to supply)
- Large central heating radiator

MASTER BEDROOM

- European King size bed
- Cupboards and drawers to port and starboard
- Full height wardrobe
- Marine Aircor
- TV point
- Central heating radiator
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

SECOND BEDROOM

- European King size bed
- Full height wardrobe
- Cupboards and drawers to port and starboard
- Marine Aircor
- TV point
- Central heating radiator
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

ENSUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM

- 800 x 800 shower enclosure
- Thermostatic shower valve
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Heated towel radiator
- Vanity unit with integrated basin & waterfall edging

ENSUITE TO SECOND BEDROOM

- Walk in shower with glass screen
- Thermostatic shower valve
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Heated towel radiator
- Vanity unit with integrated basin & waterfall edging

DAY LOO

- Day loo applicable to certain layouts only
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Heated towel radiator
- Washbasin

Optional one-bedroom layout

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NIVERNAIS CLASS DUTCH BARGE

— 55N



OVERALL LENGTH: 55FT 2IN / 16.85M

OVERALL BEAM: 12FT 6IN / 3.81M

AIR DRAFT: 2.875M

WHEELHOUSE DOWN: 2M*

DRY WEIGHT: 30 TONNE

GUIDE COST PRICE

£345,000*



SPECIFICATION

HULL

- Shipbuilding Quality Grade A steel plate according to EN10204 / 3.2 LRS
- Shipbuilding plate blasted to SA 2.5 and primed by Dutch supplier
- Spray foam insulation
- 12mm keel plate
- 8mm chines & hull sides
- 6mm decks
- 5mm superstructure
- 1260L water tank with level indicator
- 1015L main propulsion fuel tank with level indicator
- 750L auxiliary fuel tank with level indicator
- 1020L black waste tank with level indicator
- 16L grey waste buffer tank with pump (divertible to black tank)

EXTERIOR

- Stainless steel hand rails and bollards
- Jotun approved external marine paint system (choice of colours, specification available on request)
- Double glazed & thermally broke windows to wheelhouse
- Double glazed & thermally broke windows & portholes to cabin
- Automated hardwood mast with powder coated stainless steel tabernacle
- Welded steel dog box with hardwood lining & canvas cover
- Front barge fender
- Navigation lights (port, starboard, stern, anchor, steaming) & headlight
- Basic mooring lines 14mm thick x 15m long

ENGINE & HEATING

- Beta 90hp engine with PRM 280 gearbox keel cooled
- Kabola pressure jet central heating boiler
- 75L calorifier
- 1.5kw immersion heater
- Heating via radiators
- ROLLS AGM 2-volt cells in excess of 1150 a/hr (c20 rate)
- VETUS AGM batteries for thrusters & engine start
- 3kW Victron Quattro inverter/charger
- Victron Isolation Transformer 3.6kW

- Victron Battery and Remote Management system with touchscreen panel
- Twin alternators 12v
- 125kg.f electric bow thruster
- 95kg.f electric stern thruster
- Electric anchor winch

WHEELHOUSE

- Fixed steel wheelhouse
- Lined with sapele
- Removable table with drop down leaf converts into a double bed
- Seating for 4 people
- Access to engine room via the steps under the seating

DASH

- Raymarine 7" chart plotter with basic mapping
- Raymarine VHF Radio DSC
- RPI (Rudder Position Indicator) + Depth Gauge
- Engine panel & controls
- Thruster controls
- Hydraulic steering with bypass

GALLEY

- Fitted with premium oak plywood
- Shaker style hardwood oak doors
- Composite work tops with waterfall edges
- Stainless steel inset sink
- Gas hob and oven with an extractor hood
- Built in microwave
- Vittrifigo marine fridge freezer 12v
- Slimline Dishwasher (Customer to supply)
- Washer/dryer (Customer to supply)
- Engineered wooden flooring
- Central heating radiator

SALOON

- Under floor storage/cellar
- Engineered wooden flooring
- TV & Audio (Customer to supply)
- Large central heating radiator

MASTER BEDROOM

- King size bed
- Cupboards and drawers to port and starboard
- Full height wardrobe

- TV point
- Central heating radiator
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

SECOND BEDROOM

- Sliding privacy hatch into saloon
- Dinette table and seating which converts to a double bed
- Overhead storage and small wardrobe
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

MAIN BATHROOM

- 800 x 800 shower enclosure
- Thermostatic shower valve
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Vanity unit with integrated basin
- Heated towel radiator

* Optional collapsible hardwood wheelhouse

Refleks 2000KT diesel stove available at extra cost

5kW soundproof enclosed marine generator available at extra cost

Marine aircon unit to bedroom available at extra cost

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57N —

NIVERNAIS CLASS DUTCH BARGE

OVERALL LENGTH: 57FT 2IN / 17.45M

OVERALL BEAM: 12FT 6IN / 3.81M

AIR DRAFT: 2.875M

WHEELHOUSE DOWN: 2M*

DRY WEIGHT: 31 TONNE

GUIDE COST PRICE

£385,000*



SPECIFICATION

HULL

- Shipbuilding Quality Grade A steel plate according to EN10204 / 3.2 LRS
- Shipbuilding plate blasted to SA 2.5 and primed by Dutch supplier
- Spray foam insulation
- 12mm keel plate
- 8mm chines & hull sides
- 6mm decks
- 5mm superstructure
- 1750L water tank with level indicator
- 600L main propulsion fuel tank with level indicator
- 1000L auxiliary fuel tank with level indicator
- 1020L black waste tank with level indicator
- 16L grey waste buffer tank with pump (divertible to black tank)

EXTERIOR

- Stainless steel hand rails and bollards
- Jotun approved external marine paint system (choice of colours, specification available on request)
- Double glazed & thermally broke windows to wheelhouse
- Double glazed & thermally broke windows & portholes to cabin
- Automated hardwood mast with powder coated stainless steel tabernacle
- Welded steel dog box with hardwood lining & canvas cover
- Front barge fender
- Navigation lights (port, starboard, stern, anchor, steaming) & headlight
- Basic mooring lines 14mm thick x 15m long

ENGINE, GENERATOR & HEATING

- Beta 105hp engine with PRM 280 gearbox keel cooled
- Kabola pressure jet central heating boiler
- 75L calorifier
- 1.5kw immersion heater
- Heating via radiators
- 5kVA soundproof enclosed marine generator
- ROLLIS AGM 2-volt cells in excess of 1150 a/hr (c20 rate)
- VETUS AGM batteries for thrusters & engine start
- 3kW Victron Quattro inverter/charger
- Victron Isolation Transformer 3.6kW

- Victron Battery and Remote Management system with touchscreen panel
- Twin alternators 12v
- 160kg.f electric bow thruster
- 95kg.f electric stern thruster
- Electric anchor winch

WHEELHOUSE

- Fixed steel wheelhouse
- Lined with sapele
- Removable table with drop down leaf converts into a double bed
- Seating for 4 people
- Access to engine room via the steps under the seating

DASH

- Raymarine 7" chart plotter with basic mapping
- Raymarine VHF Radio DSC
- RPI (Rudder Position Indicator) + Depth Gauge
- Engine panel & controls
- Thruster controls
- Hydraulic steering with bypass

GALLEY

- Fitted with premium oak plywood
- Shaker style hardwood oak doors
- Composite work tops with waterfall edges
- Stainless steel inset sink
- Gas hob and oven with an extractor hood
- Built in microwave
- Vittrifigo marine fridge freezer 12v
- Slimline Dishwasher (Customer to supply)
- Washer/dryer (Customer to supply)
- Engineered wooden flooring
- Central heating radiator

SALOON

- Under floor storage/cellar
- Engineered wooden flooring
- Refleks 2000KT diesel stove
- TV & Audio (Customer to supply)
- Large central heating radiator

MASTER BEDROOM

- King size bed
- Cupboards and drawers to port and starboard
- Full height wardrobe

- Marine Aircon
- TV point
- Central heating radiator
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

SECOND BEDROOM

- Sliding privacy hatch into saloon
- Dinette table and seating which converts to a double bed
- Overhead storage and small wardrobe
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

ENSUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM

- Walk in shower with glass screen
- Thermostatic shower valve
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Heated towel radiator
- Vanity unit with integrated basin & waterfall edging

MAIN BATHROOM

- 800 x 800 shower tray wetroom
- Thermostatic shower valve
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Vanity unit with integrated basin
- Heated towel radiator

*Optional collapsible hardwood wheelhouse

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MOTOR CLASS DUTCH BARGE

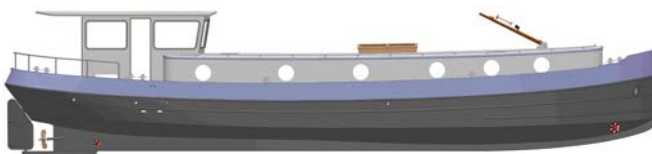
— 60M



OVERALL LENGTH: 60FT / 18.3M
 OVERALL BEAM: 13FT 10IN / 4.23M
 AIR DRAFT: 2.975M
 WHEELHOUSE DOWN: 2M*
 DRY WEIGHT: 35 TONNE

GUIDE COST PRICE

£425,000*



SPECIFICATION

HULL

- Shipbuilding Quality Grade A steel plate according to EN10204 / 3.2 LRS
- Shipbuilding plate blasted to SA 2.5 and primed by Dutch supplier
- Spray foam insulation
- 12mm keel plate
- 8mm chines & hull sides
- 6mm decks
- 5mm superstructure
- 1870L water tank with level indicator
- 800L main propulsion fuel tank with level indicator
- 1000L auxiliary fuel tank with level indicator
- 805L black waste tank with level indicator
- 16L grey waste buffer tank with pump (divertible to black tank)

EXTERIOR

- Stainless steel hand rails and bollards
- Jotun approved external marine paint system (choice of colours, specification available on request)
- Double glazed & thermally broke windows to wheelhouse
- Double glazed & thermally broke portholes to cabin
- Automated hardwood mast with powder coated stainless steel tabernacle
- Welded steel dog box with hardwood lining & canvas cover
- Front barge fender
- Navigation lights (port, starboard, stern, anchor, steaming) & headlight
- Basic mooring lines 14mm thick x 15m long

ENGINE, GENERATOR & HEATING

- Vetus VD.120 heat exchanger
- Kabola pressure jet central heating boiler
- 75L calorifier
- 1.5kw immersion heater
- Heating via radiators
- 5kVA soundproof enclosed marine generator
- ROLLS AGM 2-volt cells in excess of 1150 a/hr (c20 rate)
- VETUS AGM batteries for thrusters & engine start
- 3kW Victron Quattro inverter/charger
- Victron Isolation Transformer 3.6kW
- Victron Energy Orion-Tr Smart 12/12V 18A DC-DC
- Victron Battery and Remote Management system with touchscreen panel

- Twin alternators 12v
- 160kg.f electric bow thruster
- 95kg.f electric stern thruster
- Electric anchor winch

WHEELHOUSE

- Fixed steel wheelhouse
- Lined with sapele
- Removable table with drop down leaf converts into a double bed
- Seating for 4 people
- Access to engine room via the steps under the seating

DASH

- Raymarine 7" chart plotter with basic mapping
- Raymarine VHF Radio DSC
- RPI (Rudder Position Indicator) + Depth Gauge
- Engine panel & controls
- Thruster controls
- Hydraulic steering with bypass

GALLEY

- Fitted with premium oak plywood
- Shaker style hardwood oak doors
- Composite work tops with waterfall edges
- Stainless steel inset sink
- Gas hob and oven with an extractor hood
- Built in microwave
- Vittrifigo marine fridge freezer 12v
- Slimline Dishwasher (Customer to supply)
- Washer/dryer (Customer to supply)
- Engineered wooden flooring
- Under floor storage/cellar
- Central heating radiator

SALOON

- Under floor storage/cellar
- Engineered wooden flooring
- Refleks 2000KT diesel stove
- TV & Audio (Customer to supply)
- Large central heating radiator

MASTER BEDROOM

- King size bed
- Cupboards and drawers to port and starboard
- Full height wardrobe
- Marine Aircon

- TV point
- Central heating radiator
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

SECOND BEDROOM

- Twin single beds with drawer storage underneath
- Overhead storage and small wardrobe
- Central heating radiator
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

ENSUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM

- Walk in shower with glass screen
- Thermostatic shower valve
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Heated towel radiator
- Vanity unit with integrated basin & waterfall edging

DAY LOO

- Marine remote flush toilet
- Heated towel radiator
- Washbasin
- Compact 700 x 800 shower enclosure

Optional one bedroom layout

*Optional collapsible hardwood wheelhouse

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60L — LUXEMOTOR CLASS DUTCH BARGE

OVERALL LENGTH: 60FT / 18.3M

OVERALL BEAM: 14FT 9IN / 4.5M

AIR DRAFT: 3M

DRY WEIGHT: 36 TONNES

GUIDE COST PRICE

£565,000*



SPECIFICATION

HULL

- Shipbuilding Quality Grade A steel plate according to EN10204 / 3.2 LRS
- Shipbuilding plate blasted to SA 2.5 and primed by Dutch supplier
- Spray foam insulation
- 12mm keel plate
- 8mm chines & hull sides
- 6mm decks
- 5mm superstructure
- 1400L water tank with level indicator
- 1400L main propulsion fuel tank with level indicator
- 230L auxiliary fuel tank with level indicator
- 900L black waste tank with level indicator
- 16L grey waste buffer tank with pump (divertible to black tank)

EXTERIOR

- Stainless steel hand rails and bollards
- Jotun approved external marine paint system (choice of colours, specification available on request)
- Double glazed & thermally broke windows to wheelhouse
- Double glazed & thermally broke windows & portholes to cabin
- Automated hardwood mast with powder coated stainless steel tabernacle
- Welded steel dog box with hardwood lining & canvas cover
- Front barge fender
- Navigation lights (port, starboard, stern, anchor, steaming) & headlight
- Basic mooring lines 14mm thick x 15m long
- Secondary helm position

ENGINE, GENERATOR & HEATING

- Vetus 140hp engine with ZF45 gearbox raw water cooled
- Kabola pressure jet central heating boiler
- 75L calorifier
- 1.5kw immersion heater
- Heating via radiators
- 5kVA soundproof enclosed marine generator
- ROLLS AGM 2-volt cells in excess of 1150 a/hr (c20 rate)
- VETUS AGM batteries for thrusters & engine start
- 3kW Victron Quattro inverter/charger
- Victron Isolation Transformer 3.6kW

- Victron Battery and Remote Management system with touchscreen panel
- Twin alternators 12v
- 150kg.f proportional electric bow thruster
- 90kg.f proportional electric stern thruster
- Electric Anchor Winch.
- Electro-hydraulic power steering

WHEELHOUSE

- Fixed steel wheelhouse
- Lined with sapele
- Removable table with drop down leaf converts into a double bed
- Seating for 4 people
- Access to engine room via passageway under wheelhouse

UPPER HELM

- RPI (Rudder Position Indicator) + Depth Gauge
- Engine panel & controls
- Joystick proportional thruster controls
- Raymarine 7" chart plotter with basic mapping

DASH

- Raymarine 7" chart plotter with basic mapping
- Raymarine VHF Radio DSC
- RPI (Rudder Position Indicator) + Depth Gauge
- Engine panel & controls
- Joystick proportional thruster controls

GALLEY

- Fitted with premium oak plywood
- Shaker style hardwood oak doors
- Composite work tops with waterfall edges
- Stainless steel inset sink
- Gas hob and oven with an extractor hood
- Built in microwave
- Vitrefrigo marine fridge freezer 12v
- Slimline Dishwasher (Customer to supply)
- Washer/dryer (Customer to supply)
- Engineered wooden flooring
- Central heating plinth heater / radiator

SALOON

- Under floor storage/cellar
- Engineered wooden flooring
- Refleks 2000KT diesel stove
- TV & Audio (Customer to supply)
- Large central heating radiator

MASTER BEDROOM

- European King size bed
- Cupboards and drawers to port and starboard
- Full height wardrobe
- Marine Aircon
- TV point
- Central heating radiator
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

SECOND BEDROOM

- European King size bed / convertible settee
- Full height wardrobe
- Cupboards and drawers to port and starboard
- Marine Aircon
- TV point
- Central heating radiator
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

ENSUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM

- Walk in shower with glass screen
- Thermostatic shower valve
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Heated towel radiator
- Vanity unit with integrated basin & waterfall edging

ENSUITE TO 2ND BEDROOM / DAY LOO

- 1100 x 900 shower enclosure
- Thermostatic shower valve
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Heated towel radiator
- Vanity unit with integrated basin & waterfall edging

DAY LOO

- Day loo applicable to certain layouts only
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Heated towel radiator
- Washbasin

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LUXEMOTOR CLASS DUTCH BARGE

— 65L



OVERALL LENGTH: 65FT 6IN / 19.8M

OVERALL BEAM: 14FT 9IN / 4.5M

AIR DRAFT: 3M

DRY WEIGHT: 39 TONNE

GUIDE COST PRICE

£630,000*



SPECIFICATION

HULL

- Shipbuilding Quality Grade A steel plate according to EN10204 / 3.2 LRS
- Shipbuilding plate blasted to SA 2.5 and primed by Dutch supplier
- Spray foam insulation
- 12mm keel plate
- 8mm chines & hull sides
- 6mm decks
- 5mm superstructure
- 1870L water tank with level indicator
- 1240L main propulsion fuel tank with level indicator
- 1150L auxiliary fuel tank with level indicator
- 875L black waste tank with level indicator
- 16L grey waste buffer tank with pump (divertible to black tank)

EXTERIOR

- Stainless steel hand rails and bollards
- Jotun approved external marine paint system (choice of colours, specification available on request)
- Double glazed & thermally broke windows to wheelhouse
- Double glazed & thermally broke portholes to cabin
- Automated hardwood mast with powder coated stainless steel tabernacle
- Welded steel dog box with hardwood lining & canvas cover
- Front barge fender
- Navigation lights (port, starboard, stern, anchor, steaming) & headlight
- Basic mooring lines 14mm thick x 15m long
- Secondary helm position

ENGINE, GENERATOR & HEATING

- Vetus 140hp engine with ZF45 gearbox raw water cooled
- Kabola pressure jet central heating boiler
- 75L calorifier
- 1.5kw immersion heater
- Heating via radiators
- 7kVA soundproof enclosed marine generator
- ROLLS AGM 2-volt cells in excess of 1150 a/hr (c20 rate)
- VETUS AGM batteries for thrusters & engine start
- 3kW Victron Quattro inverter/charger
- Victron Isolation Transformer 3.6kW
- Victron Battery and Remote Management system with touchscreen panel

- Twin alternators 12v
- 210kg.f proportional electric bow thruster
- 150kg.f proportional electric stern thruster
- Electric Anchor Winch.
- Electro-hydraulic power steering

WHEELHOUSE

- Fixed steel wheelhouse
- Lined with sapele
- Removable table with drop down leaf converts into a double bed
- Seating for 6 people
- Access to engine room via passageway under wheelhouse

UPPER HELM

- RPI (Rudder Position Indicator) + Depth Gauge
- Engine panel & controls
- Joystick proportional thruster controls
- Raymarine 7" chart plotter with basic mapping
- Power steering

DASH

- Raymarine 7" chart plotter with basic mapping
- Raymarine VHF Radio DSC
- RPI (Rudder Position Indicator) + Depth Gauge
- Engine panel & controls
- Joystick proportional thruster controls

GALLEY

- Fitted with premium oak plywood
- Shaker style hardwood oak doors
- Composite work tops with waterfall edges
- Stainless steel inset sink
- Gas hob and oven with an extractor hood
- Built in microwave
- Vittrifigo marine fridge freezer 12v
- Slimline Dishwasher (Customer to supply)
- Washer/dryer (Customer to supply)
- Engineered wooden flooring
- Central heating radiator

SALOON

- Under floor storage/cellar
- Engineered wooden flooring
- Refleks 2000KT diesel stove
- TV & Audio (Customer to supply)
- Large central heating radiator

MASTER BEDROOM

- European King size bed
- Cupboards and drawers to port and starboard
- Full height wardrobe
- Marine Aircon
- TV point
- Central heating radiator
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

SECOND BEDROOM

- European King size bed
- Full height wardrobe
- Cupboards and drawers to port and starboard
- Marine Aircon
- TV point
- Central heating radiator
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

ENSUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM

- Large shower enclosure
- Thermostatic shower valve
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Heated towel radiator
- Vanity unit with integrated basin & waterfall edging

ENSUITE TO SECOND BEDROOM

- Walk in shower with glass screen
- Thermostatic shower valve
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Heated towel radiator
- Vanity unit with integrated basin & waterfall edging

DAY LOO

- Day loo applicable to certain layouts only
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Heated towel radiator
- Washbasin

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65M —

MOTOR CLASS DUTCH BARGE

OVERALL LENGTH: 65FT 6IN / 19.9M

OVERALL BEAM: 14FT 9IN / 4.5M

AIR DRAFT: 3M

DRY WEIGHT: 38 TONNE

GUIDE COST PRICE

£487,000*



SPECIFICATION

HULL

- Shipbuilding Quality Grade A steel plate according to EN10204 / 3.2 LRS
- Shipbuilding plate blasted to SA 2.5 and primed by Dutch supplier
- Spray foam insulation
- 12mm keel plate
- 8mm chines & hull sides
- 6mm decks
- 5mm superstructure
- 1870L water tank with level indicator
- 800L main propulsion fuel tank with level indicator
- 1100L auxiliary fuel tank with level indicator
- 910L black waste tank with level indicator
- 16L grey waste buffer tank with pump (divertible to black tank)

EXTERIOR

- Stainless steel hand rails and bollards
- Jotun approved external marine paint system (choice of colours, specification available on request)
- Double glazed & thermally broke windows to wheelhouse
- Double glazed & thermally broke windows & portholes to cabin
- Automated hardwood mast with powder coated stainless steel tabernacle
- Welded steel dog box with hardwood lining & canvas cover
- Front barge fender
- Navigation lights (port, starboard, stern, anchor, steaming) & headlight
- Basic mooring lines 14mm thick x 15m long

ENGINE, GENERATOR & HEATING

- Vetus 140hp engine with ZF45A gearbox raw water cooled
- Kabola pressure jet central heating boiler
- 75L calorifier
- 1.5kw immersion heater
- Heating via radiators
- 7kVA soundproof enclosed marine generator
- ROLLS AGM 2-volt cells in excess of 1150 a/hr (c20 rate)
- VETUS AGM batteries for thrusters & engine start
- 3kW Victron Quattro inverter/charger
- Victron Isolation Transformer 3.6kW

- Victron Battery and Remote Management system with touchscreen panel
- Twin alternators 12v
- 210kg.f proportional electric bow thruster
- 150kg.f proportional electric stern thruster
- Electric anchor winch

WHEELHOUSE

- Fixed steel wheelhouse
- Lined with sapele
- Removable table with drop down leaf converts into a double bed
- Seating for 4-6 people
- Access to engine room via the steps under the seating

DASH

- Raymarine 7" chart plotter with basic mapping
- Raymarine VHF Radio DSC
- RPI (Rudder Position Indicator) + Depth Gauge
- Engine panel & controls
- Joystick proportional thruster controls
- Hydraulic steering with bypass

GALLEY

- Fitted with premium oak plywood
- Shaker style hardwood oak doors
- Composite work tops with waterfall edges
- Stainless steel inset sink
- Gas hob and oven with an extractor hood
- Built in microwave
- Vitrefrigo marine fridge freezer 12v
- Slimline Dishwasher (Customer to supply)
- Washer/dryer (Customer to supply)
- Engineered wooden flooring
- Central heating radiator

SALOON

- Under floor storage/cellar
- Engineered wooden flooring
- Refleks 2000KT diesel stove
- TV & Audio (Customer to supply)
- Large central heating radiator

MASTER BEDROOM

- European King size bed
- Cupboards and drawers to port and starboard
- Full height wardrobe

- Marine Aircon
- TV point
- Central heating radiator
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

SECOND BEDROOM

- Twin single beds with drawer storage underneath
- Overhead storage and small wardrobe
- Central heating radiator
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

THIRD BEDROOM

- Bunk beds (Bottom bunk pulls out into a double)
- Full height wardrobe
- Storage cupboards and drawers
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

ENSUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM

- Walk in shower with glass screen
- Thermostatic shower valve
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Heated towel radiator
- Vanity unit with integrated basin & waterfall edging

DAY LOO

- Marine remote flush toilet
- Heated towel radiator
- Washbasin

Optional two bedroom layout with spacious saloon, side cabin bedroom with office space and large ensuite/dayloo

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BESPOKE INTERIOR DESIGNS

Each boat is unique,
with its own
characteristics and qualities

PIPER 12C CRUISER



12C

MOTOR RIVER CRUISER

OVERALL LENGTH 11.98M

OVERALL BEAM 4.02M

AIR DRAFT 2.77M

DRAFT 0.92M

GUIDE COST PRICE

£300,000*



HULL

- Shipbuilding Quality Grade A steel plate according to EN10204 / 3.2 LRS
- Shipbuilding plate blasted to SA 2.5 and primed by Dutch supplier
- Spray foam insulation
- 12mm keel bar
- 6mm chines, hull sides & decks
- 4mm superstructure
- 650L water tank with level indicator
- 650L main propulsion fuel tank with level indicator
- 215L black waste tank with level indicator
- 8L grey waste buffer tank with pump

EXTERIOR

- Stainless steel hand rails and bollards
- Jotun approved external marine paint system (choice of colours, specification available on request)
- Double glazed & thermally broke windows to wheelhouse
- Double glazed & thermally broke windows to cabin
- Hardwood mast with stainless steel tabernacle
- Webasto electric sliding sunroof in wheelhouse
- U shaped fixed seating at stern deck
- Marine rubbing strakes
- Navigation lights & headlight
- Basic mooring lines 14mm thick x 15m long

ENGINE, GENERATOR & HEATING

- Beta marine 85T engine with TMC 345 gearbox (hybrid engine possible as request)

- Wallas 30GB Diesel Heater
- 65L calorifier
- 1.5kw immersion heater
- ROLLS AGM 2-volt cells in excess of 1400 a/hr (c20 rate)
- VETUS AGM batteries for thrusters & engine start
- 3kW Victron Quattro inverter/charger
- Victron Isolation Transformer 3.6kW
- Victron Battery and Remote Management system with controls on MFD display
- PV panels with Victron solar regulators
- Twin alternators 12v
- 90kg.f proportional electric bow thruster
- 76kg.f proportional electric stern thruster
- Electric Anchor Winch
- Hydraulic steering with bypass

WHEELHOUSE

- Fixed steel wheelhouse with hardwood bifold doors to stern
- U shaped seating for 4 people with table
- Bench seating to portside

WHEELHOUSE HELM/DASH

- RPI (Rudder Position Indicator) + Depth Gauge
- Engine panel & controls
- Joystick proportional thruster controls
- Raymarine 7" chart plotter with basic mapping
- Raymarine VHF Radio DSC
- Sliding door to portside by helm

GALLEY

- Fitted with premium oak plywood
- Shaker style hardwood oak doors
- Composite work tops with waterfall edges
- Stainless steel inset sink
- Electric hob and oven with an extractor hood
- Built in microwave
- Vittrifigo marine fridge freezer 12v
- Slimline Dishwasher (Customer to supply)
- Karndean LVT flooring

MASTER BEDROOM

- UK double size bed
- Cupboards and drawers to port and starboard
- Full height wardrobe
- Engineered wooden flooring or carpet (customer choice)

ENSUITE/DAYLOO

- 900 x 700 shower enclosure
- Access from passageway and master bedroom
- Thermostatic shower valve
- Marine remote flush toilet
- Electric heated towel radiator
- Vanity unit with integrated basin & waterfall edging

Optional one-bedroom layout with side cabin and bunkbeds

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THE CUSTOMISATION OF YOUR DUTCH BARGE

Piper Boats believe that every boat we build has an excellent specification.

From the layout to the components used, there has been considerable thought into how the boat works and how it will be used.

There is no necessity to spend money on upgrades unless you want extra features or functionality over and above what Piper Boats believe to be necessary.

That said; Piper Boats understand that every boat owner has their own ideas and their own vision. We have the ability to provide your boat with custom configurations and components where requested.





PIPER PORT SAINT-JEAN-DE-LOSNE FRANCE

Here is a list of some of the extra components and upgrades that we have done for our existing owners:

Layout Redesign – Custom configuration of galley units & components:

- Design changes resulting from request for different positions for galley components e.g. Fridge/oven
- Increasing the size of the galley or changing the position/size of cupboards/drawer units".....£700

Layout Redesign – Changes to bathroom/cabin/saloon layout

- Price dependent on the quantity of bespoke design required. Bespoke requests might include:
- Repositioning of bulkheads
- Design of bespoke units and fixtures
- Inclusion of new components
- New layouts for ensuite/dayloo/saloon/front cabin.....£1,500-5,000

Engine upgrade (upgrade to VETUS VD.140HP from Beta engine).....£7,500

400w Solar Panel fitout (4 x 100w semi flexible solar panels and solar regulator).....£2,200

800w Solar Panel fitout (8 x 100w semi flexible solar panels and solar regulator).....£3,700

Upgrade to 7kW generator.....£1,000

Upgrade of alternator to Balmar 170A alternator.....£1,650

Remote control for bow/stern thruster.....£450

BOWPRO Proportional joystick controlled bow/stern thrusters.....£3,000

Upgrade chartplotter from 7" screen to 9" screen.....£450

Upgrade to 5kW inverter.....£1,200

Lithium battery pack upgrade - approx 15kW.....£10,000

Upgrade of VHF radio to include AIS receiver capability.....£350

Installation of Oyster 85cm Twin LNB Auto Skew Automatic Satellite System.....£3,300

Installation of autopilot navigation equipment.....£2,700

Installation of another air conditioning system into rear cabin/saloon (6000 BTU).....£3,500

Installation of another air conditioning system into rear cabin/saloon (12000 BTU).....£4,500

Coppercoat antifouling (price dependent on length of boat).....£3,000 - £4,000

Black painted antifouling (price dependent on length of boat).....£2,000 - £3,000

Venetian blinds in wheelhouse (roman blinds included in front cabin).....£950

Colour painting of D-bar on cabin side and wheelhouse roof.....£600

Top plank striped paint scheme.....£1,000

Colour painting of wheelhouse.....£600

Solid handrailing around side decks of boat in stainless steel tube.....£4,000

Piper Boats pivoting bike rack.....£1,400

Synthetic marine teak decking to fit the external side decks

- Dependent on boat length (stern deck synthetic marine teak decking is included in the boat price).....POA

Delivery of barge direct to St Jean De Losne.....£8,000

Crane lift at St Jean De Losne.....£3,000

We are happy to discuss your bespoke boat, please make an appointment if there is something you would like to discuss!

THE CUSTOMER JOURNEY WITH PIPER BOATS

Piper Boats understand that commissioning a barge can be quite a daunting experience. Building a barge can be a very complex process, with different requirements & desires to be taken account of. It is the mission of Piper Boats to help guide our customers through the 'journey' from initial concept to boat launch.

We all want to have a smooth and considered build with minimum trouble; it is a matter of cooperation to make this happen.

It can be difficult to appreciate how to set out your vision for your Piper barge, the following schedule should help you understand what it is all about.

ORDERING A PIPER BOAT

You are commissioning a Piper Boat and you will have decided which model best suits your needs. All our barges are built to order, and we have an approximate waiting list of 12-18 months dependent on season. Sometimes we can make an exception if a customer has a special schedule!

You will place an order with Piper Boats and pay a deposit which will secure the slot for you.

A STANDARD BOAT

All customers buy the standard boat at order stage. This means that the boat price has a number of components & fixtures included within it which form part of a 'standard specification'.

Most customers have visited and seen our previously built boats before and have an idea of the layout, but Piper Boats will send an example drawing which gives an impression of the layout and components.

THE SPECIFICATION

The next milestone is for Piper Boats and you to agree to the final specification for the boat. Normally, you will visit our workshop and chat with us about anything which you



require extra to the standard specification.

There will invariably be a list of extra components and inclusions that you are interested in. When this has been quantified, we will produce a 'build specification'.

STEELWORK

The steelwork plates will be ordered, and we will start manufacture. All the steelwork required for your boat is cut out using a CNC machine. The first process is to lay the base plate and intermediate frames. Then the chines and hull can be welded in place. The decks and cabin will be installed, and it will start to look like a Dutch style barge!

Once the wheelhouse has been put in place, there is finally a lot of welding to do! It will take around 8 weeks for us to build the complete steelwork.

PAINTING

The barge will be painted throughout its journey through the workshop. The first stages will be done after steelwork is complete. The external surfaces will be shot blasted and primed, ready for our paint system. The internal steelwork will be painted before any first fix plumbing, wiring and woodwork is started.

During the internal fitout, the paint will be applied to the exterior of the boat in black and a colour of the customer's choice. A paint specification is available on request.

FITOUT

You will have a chance to review the internal design of the barge with the design team prior to any manufacturing

work being started. The design will encompass any of the individual ideas that you have, and any components which make your barge bespoke in nature. Once the design is complete, all the wooden panels are CNC manufactured in our workshop, which makes the manufacturing very precise.

The plumbing and wiring are completed as part of the 'first fix' fitout. Before we start assembling all the bulkheads, the boat is insulated with spray foam. Over the course of approximately 8 weeks, the boat will be fitted to your specification and layout. The engineering will be completed during this time and all components will be commissioned and made ready for launch.

OVERNIGHT STAY AND ACCEPTANCE

Once the boat has been completed, you will be invited to come and review the boat before it is launched. This will normally involve an overnight stay at our workshop and give you a chance to check all of the work that has been completed and also have a chance to learn about some of the systems and components which have been installed on your boat.

LAUNCH

Approximately a week after your overnight stay, Piper Boats will arrange transport and craneage to launch your boat in the water. Typically, this will be at Harleyford Marina but it has been known for some customers to launch their boat directly into France or Belgium! The boat will go through some launch trials and be commissioned before being handed over to its new owners!

Now the dream is finally made real, your boat is ready for use and you are free to cruise the waterways!

PAYING FOR YOUR BOAT

Payments for your boat are staged throughout the build in approximately the following way:

EXAMPLE PRICE :-	£430 000
Deposit:	£10,000
Start of steelwork:	£70,000
Completion of steelwork:	£75,000
Completion of line out & installation of bulkheads:	£75,000
Substantial completion of fit out:	£90,000
Completion of build prior to delivery:	£105,000
Completion of trial stay at Piper Boats yard:	£5,000

VAT RULES

Currently, the rules regarding our range of Dutch style barges in the UK are such that vessels that are designed and supplied for the intended use as a place of habitation are 'qualifying ships' and 'eligible for Zero-rating' for VAT. This means that the boat can be supplied with VAT charged at 0% (T0).

Our boats can be used in the EU; a non-EU flagged boat can remain continuously in the EU itself for up to 18 months without paying VAT and each time you leave the EU that 18-month clock re-starts.

If there is a requirement for more permanent importation, VAT can be paid on the boat in the EU on its current value (20%) so that the boat gains status as "VAT-paid".

Piper Boats can arrange the importation process for you and help with the registration of your boat at your country of choice.





OWNER'S ARTICLE: CONTINUUM: 60L

We tried to be responsible adults; we really did!

We sold our business in Australia and built Ascension, a Piper 60N, in 2016 with a fantastic custom specification. We travelled the Thames, met great friends and then ended up rushing her over to Europe just before Brexit.

Now we found ourselves with nowhere to live! So with limited budget, we bought a widebeam sail away; this way we could keep our West London mooring (sounds fancy - not so much, surrounded by blocks of units and a London canal). The plan was set- we would slowly do up the widebeam and go back and forth to Europe and enjoy Ascension.

At the beginning of Covid, Ascension, being stuck in Bruges, was thankfully winterised by Phil & Allison onboard Alphi (another Piper owner), as we were not allowed to go back over until lockdown finally ended. Saved by the Piper family, it won't be the last time! Finally, when Covid was over, we started travelling back and forth to use Ascension in Europe and we had a FANTASTIC time. We stayed in the north - Netherlands, Belgium, a touch of Germany. Let me tell you, the Netherlands is built for barges, it is a boater's paradise!

So now back to being Responsible Adults, we thought we should sell the now completed widebeam and buy a property as that should appreciate in value for our much later years. So, with the last of our savings, the sale of the widebeam and some serious number crunching, we calculated that, with a mortgage, we could get a 1 or 2 bedroom unit near Canary Wharf. The search was an absolute nightmare. We were traveling 3 hours a day to look at places and the best we found was a 1 bedroom with a view of the motorway and a very large service charge. Amenities were great, but it just didn't tick all the boxes.

I mentioned to Tracy, "did you know for the same money, if we sell Ascension and put it all together with a small loan, we can have a Piper luxemotor model?". We had for many years talked ourselves out of ever wanting an 'L', down selling the model's many great features, whilst all the time secretly wanting one. Our thinking was "how often would you spend outside on the secondary helm and huge back deck in the UK & Europe?". I can now tell you now from experience - every single minute, even when it's a tad chilly!

Tracy was making hand gestures that equated to "why are you not calling Simon?". I'm still not sure if Simon thought we were serious at the time, but we did find out they were making a 60L (finally) and I said we wanted one.

Our brief to Joe and Tom was that we wanted it ALL – our extras list is huge! We wanted it modern, tech savvy and we really wanted to try and design a boat that wasn't just a home but also felt like a boat. Joe just nodded, "I think we can do that".

We moved away from the current trend of all painted inside and went with a mix of the dark sapele wood and some paint. We went with lithium batteries, automation on our lighting and blinds and a custom built office which Piper Boats excelled at making.

Our brief for the office was for it to be its own room but could also feel like an extension to the saloon to make it feel bigger. We have the drop-down wall panel and computer screens are on remote risers so that when seated in the salon it just looks like a large room.

Having already spent years on Ascension and having had the opportunity to walk through other Piper Boats over the years, we had a good idea of what we liked, what worked for us and what we didn't want. We had learned a lot from our time on Ascension, and we were also trying to future proof our new stunning Piper 60L (now aptly named, "CONTINUUM"). There are so many upgrades and tweaks that we and the Piper team made, that there are too many to list here.



CONTINUUM:

Working with Tom, we were able to design (and re-design), but he was patient and we got a layout that would optimise the space and ergonomically suit our needs, along with working with Joe to design automated lighting systems and more tech enhancements.



Our master bedroom has the space for a super king, (had no idea beds get that big). Tom warned us we would lose room around the bed - we didn't! There is just so much room on this boat it's amazing.

Tracy really stretched the envelope with wanting black bathrooms with stark white toilet and basin, but Piper pulled it off exceptionally! Poor Tom I think aged a few years with the discussion, but he nailed it, right down to the custom cupboards. When we were half way through the build, talking to Jeremy & Claire from Happy Chance, Claire mentioned where do you keep your mop/broom etc. Tom was on honeymoon at this stage so Joe, who by this time has just about had enough after the bath saga (we didn't get a bath in the end!), said it will all be sorted.

And lo and behold we have this extra cupboard; you don't realise how important these 'little things' can be.



By reducing the outer gunnel's around the stern deck area, Piper Boats increased the internal space in the wheelhouse, allowing for a larger seating. This really changes the space to a room you can comfortably enjoy, and the drop down TV in the wheel house just makes it all the better! The huge back deck is just a masterpiece! The built in back seating makes the boat look massive and really enhances its look. We have had some great times with friends on the back deck, cooking Pizza in Mons, having a BBQ in Lille while passers-by watch in awe.

One other thing we wanted was very specific cushions, luxury was required, I spoke to some different companies but ended up staying with Foam Furnishings. We went in with pictures and an understanding of what we were after. We wanted more cushioning and the premium look you get on motor cruisers; he assured me he could do it and we are beyond happy with the result with both the wheelhouse and back deck seating.





So now what? We are stuck within the 18 month Temporary Admission Rule or we pay the VAT if we stay longer than 18 months in one go in the EU. As this is our home, we wouldn't be over in Europe for that long at a time and if we were, then we could always travel to Basel (Switzerland) and reset it like others do. Instead, we decided that we would travel back and forth across the channel. Ramsgate to Calais is all of about 4.5 hours, easily done and there are many skippers out there that will help you if required, personally we preferred Nieuwpoort to Queenborough on our way back.

So, this year we completed just shy of 3 months in Europe and are now back in our home mooring at Canary Wharf, just about to head up to the Piper event at Marlow.

Have you ever wondered what you can achieve in 3 short months over in Europe? We entered Calais, across to Lille, Kortrijk, Ghent, Mons, Strépy-Thieu boat lift, The Sloping Lock of Ronquières, Brussels, Antwerp, Willemstad, Rotterdam, Kaag, Amsterdam, Volendam, Hoogeveen, Haren (Germany), Emden and many places in between and back again - 37 European towns or places in total!

We did all this with a couple of amazing Aussies on Arafura, a Piper 55L. They left us at Volendam, but we caught them on our way back for one last meal in Antwerp before they headed back to Australia.

One of the most amazing days I've had was this year. As Tracy and I travelled from Volendam to Rotterdam, it was only meant to be a journey to Kaag. But the weather was perfect and as we sat on the top deck cruising through the Netherlands, we just didn't want to stop. It was a magical day that will never be forgotten.

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We have had the pleasure of dealing with Piper Boats for over 7 years, and we could not be happier. As I write this, we are discussing with Joe some small changes we want made.

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