



Canal &  
River Trust

**DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH ‘SOUND PRACTICE, SAFER WATERS’  
INLAND WATERS SMALL PASSENGER BOAT CODE**

The Small Passenger Boat Code is a best practice guide for designers, builders and operators of Small Passenger Boats (those that carry 12 passengers or fewer). It is a non-statutory Code (except for the Boatmaster’s Regulations) published jointly by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) and the Association of Inland Navigation Authorities (AINA).

As a **competent authority** the Canal & River Trust has elected to make compliance with the code mandatory for authorising the operation of Small Passenger Boats on its waterways.

The full code can be found at [http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/final\\_brochure-2.pdf](http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/final_brochure-2.pdf)

You should read the code carefully and take appropriate action to ensure that you comply with it fully. You must then return this declaration to the Trust. The Trust will not give its permission for you to operate a Small Passenger Boat on its waterways without it.

**Declaration**

**I am the owner/operator of the following vessel:**

Boat Name	Index no.

**I declare that this vessel meets the requirements of the Small Passenger Boat Code.**

**Name:** .....

**Signature:** .....

**Date:** .....