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London and South East Annual Public Meeting 2023



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Welcome

Sir Peter Dixon, LSE Regional Advisory
Board Chair



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Richard Parry
Chief Executive



A National Infrastructure Network



Owens and maintains
10,000 major
infrastructure assets
including **1,072**
important national
infrastructure assets



871 public road
bridges and **2,099**
other bridges



782 major
embankments
and **827** major
cuttings



1,581 locks, **281**
aqueducts, **55**
tunnels, **1,954**
culverts and **796**
weirs (133 on rivers)



Oldest reservoirs in
UK, with **70** being in
high risk category



4 dock complexes,
Tees Barrage and **3**
harbour authorities

Trust established in 2012 as
custodian of significant historic
network on behalf of nation:
2,700 listed structures, c.70 SSSIs



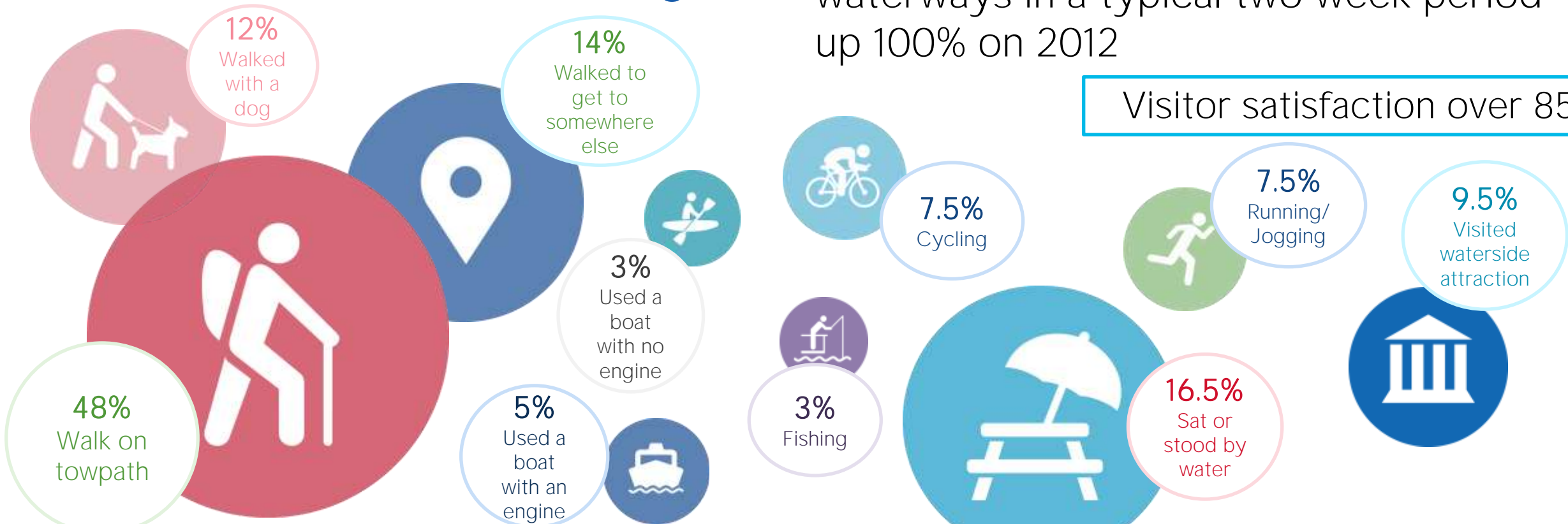
Around 1000 Trust assets
have a high consequence
of failure

Spouthouse Embankment,
Birmingham

Use of our waterways

Over **10 million** people use or visit our waterways in a typical two week period – up 100% on 2012

Visitor satisfaction over 85%

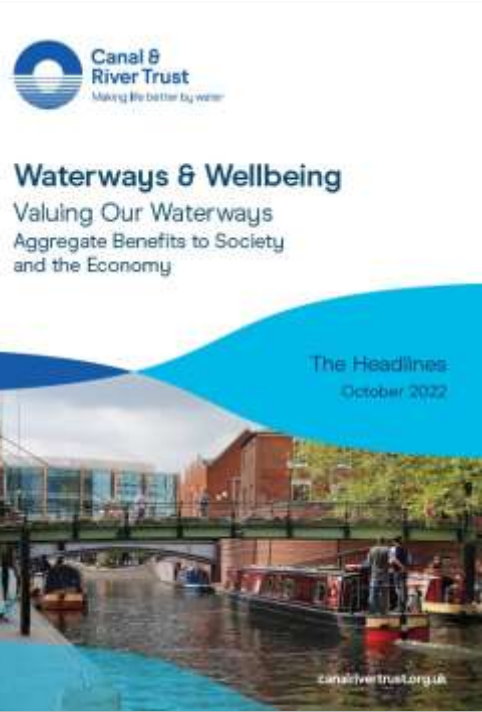


	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23*
Total Unique Visits	677 million	743 million	786 million	885 million
Number of Unique Visitors	9.2 million	8.3 million	9.1 million	10.2 million

Independent Research – Value of Waterways

Annual Social Value

Annual Economic Value



**Aggregation of Annual
Welfare Benefits**



**Contribution
to the Economy**

Plus Annual
Protection Benefit
valued at £bns
from flood
protection and
drainage etc

Including £1.1 billion NHS cost savings per annum from active use of waterways
Supporting more than 80,000 jobs linked to boating & wider water based tourism

- Trust has Grant funding Agreement in place until 2027 – Grant flat at £52.6m/year from 2021 to 2027 (a significant loss of real income, c.30%)
- Grant Review to determine future Grant funding beyond 2027
- Announcement from Defra due any time
- **Analysis to date indicates not possible to sustain waterways with reduced Grant post-2027**, reflecting rising costs from climate change
- Vital to recognise loss of public benefits - and arising public safety risks - if waterways are not sufficiently funded
- **Continue to make case for funding** to avert decline / possible closure



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A Regional Perspective



Ros Daniels
Director London & South East

Celebrating the work of the Region



Our Priorities

Welcoming, clean & Safe

Getting involved

Growing support





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Agenda

Operational update

Funding our work – a case study

Community support, value and benefit

Boating update





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Becoming a well recognised and supported Charity



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Operations Update

- Wayne Moore – Reactive Team Manager
- Ian Hugo – Harbour Master & General Manager
- Neil Owen – Regional Engineer (South)
- Roger Maidment – Contracts Manager





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LSE Reactive Team – Wayne Moore



Aylesbury Arm – Bespoke Collar



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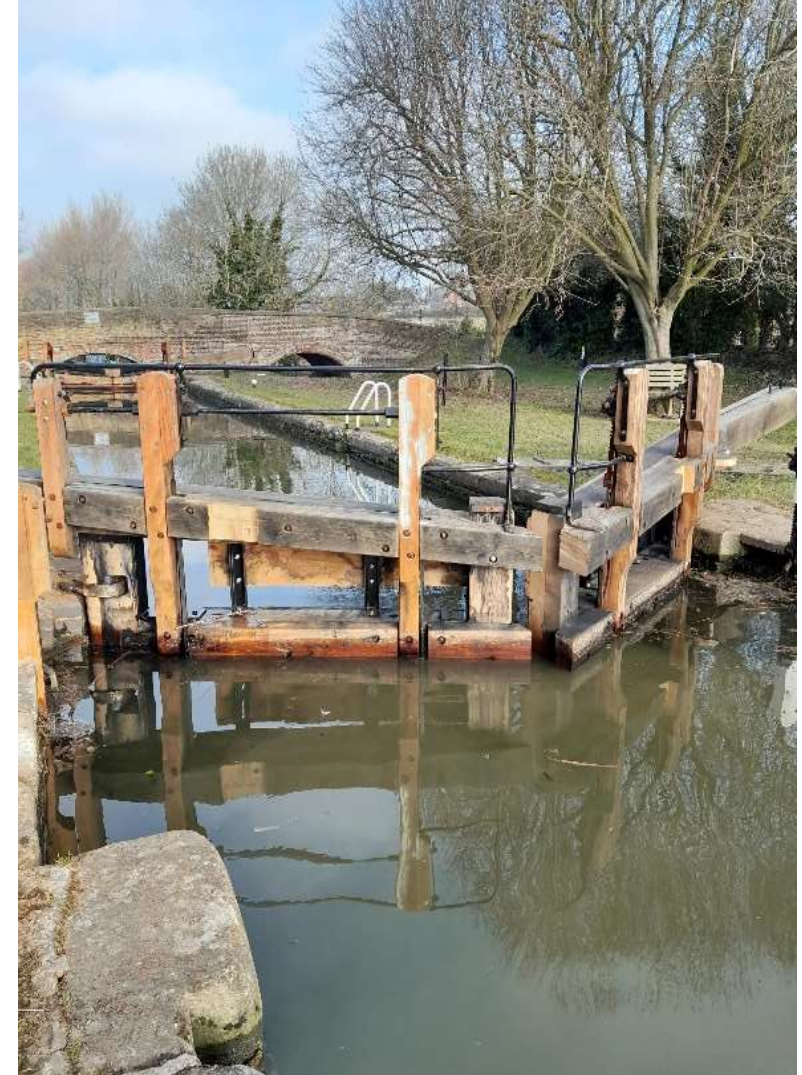
Balance Beam Repairs & Replacement



Ground Paddle & Leak Repair – Lock 26



Gate Replacements – Lock 39





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West India and Millwall Docks

Ian Hugo

General Manager & Harbour
Master



From this, to this..... and to....





- Work on and around the harbour continues – at a pace
- Trust re-established itself as
 - The Harbour Authority
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2022 Engineer & Project

Neil Owen
Regional Engineer (South)
neil.owen@canalrivertrust.org.uk

Asset Inspections Completed to plan – Approx 3 FTE, team of 6!

43 – Detailed Inspection

278 – Engineering Inspection

313 – Service and Safety Inspection

Condition Grade D&E - 12.83% down from 12.85% in April 2022

- 41 packages of work, including 7 arising jobs
- 10 Gate replacement stoppages
- Delivered replacement of 29 gate leaves
- Bridge Repairs – 6
- Bank protection – 500m piling + soft bank protection
- Masonry repairs – 325 m²



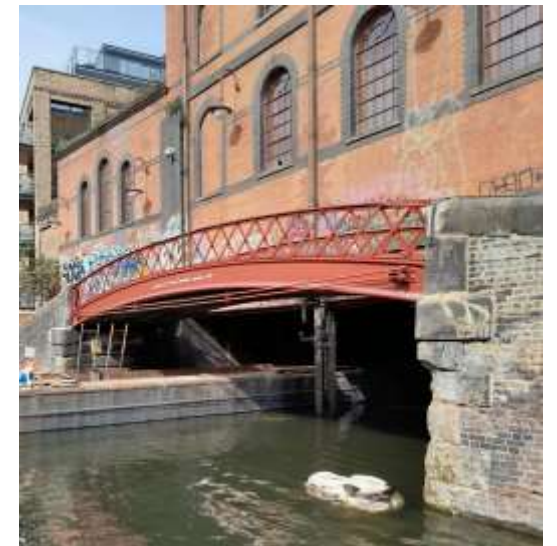
17 Projects with an spend of £5.3M

7 Reservoirs Projects

2 M&E Projects

7 Project

Extra 1 funded externally



24 Projects- £4.8M

6 Reservoirs

3 M&E

15 Core Project

– 5 for Delivery





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LSE Contract Manager – Roger Maidment





- New multi-year contract
- Better value
- Better operational performance
- Better environmental performance
- Communications



- Improving our customer waste facilities



- Tackling flytipping
- Focus on litter picking
- Need for innovative solutions





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Dead Dog Bridge Restoration



Mark Pearson
Partnership & Funding Manager





Before



After



Photograph showing the
interior of the tunnel



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Community Development Team, LSE

Sian Palmer-Ferry
Community Development Manager, LSE



- Community engagement
- Wellbeing
- Participation
- Learning & skills



- Healthy walks for physical and mental wellbeing
- Tailored for audiences and communities (walks for black men in Tottenham, family walks...)
- Volunteer-led walks





'Biodivergent sites and sounds' project, Brent



World Bee Day, Brent



Toddler water safety, Enfield



Southall Wellbeing Way
Dirty weekend

Learning and Skills: Explorers

- Water safety assemblies
- Outdoor learning visits
- School adoptions
- Events



May 2023

47% of learning & skills activities led by Volunteers

The LSE Explorers team reached over 3000 young people



Barca Obscura pilot, Hackney



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Boater Census Survey 2022 Results London & South East



Matthew Symonds
National Boating Manager

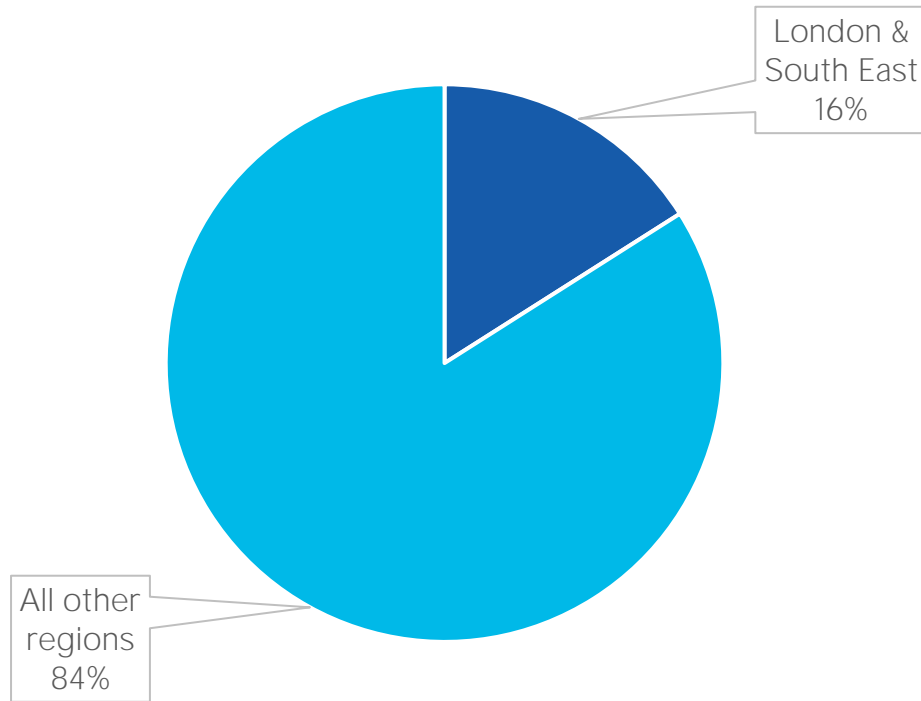
Why carry out a boater census?

- Better understand more about who is on the boats on the Trusts waters
- Find out more about their boats and what they are using them for
Understand the challenges facing boaters
- Capture information to help the Trust and others meet the needs of boaters

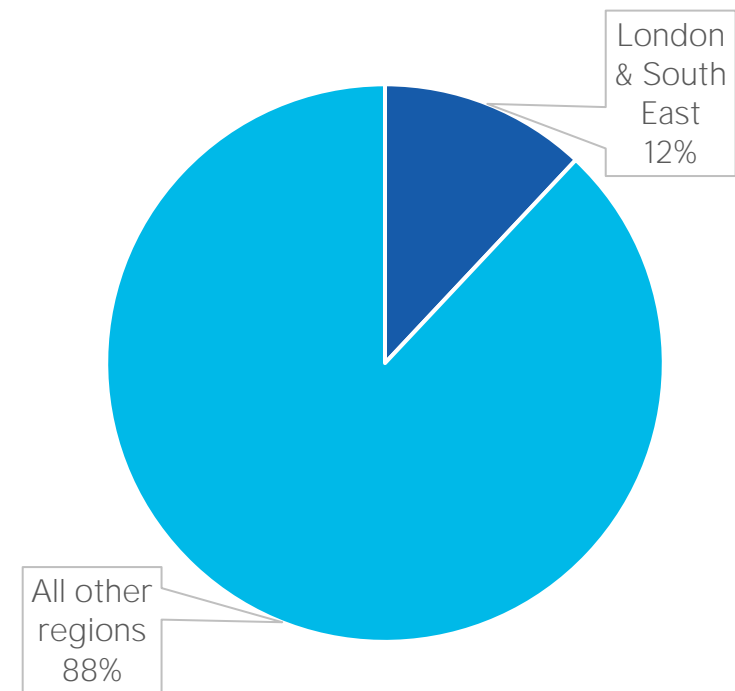


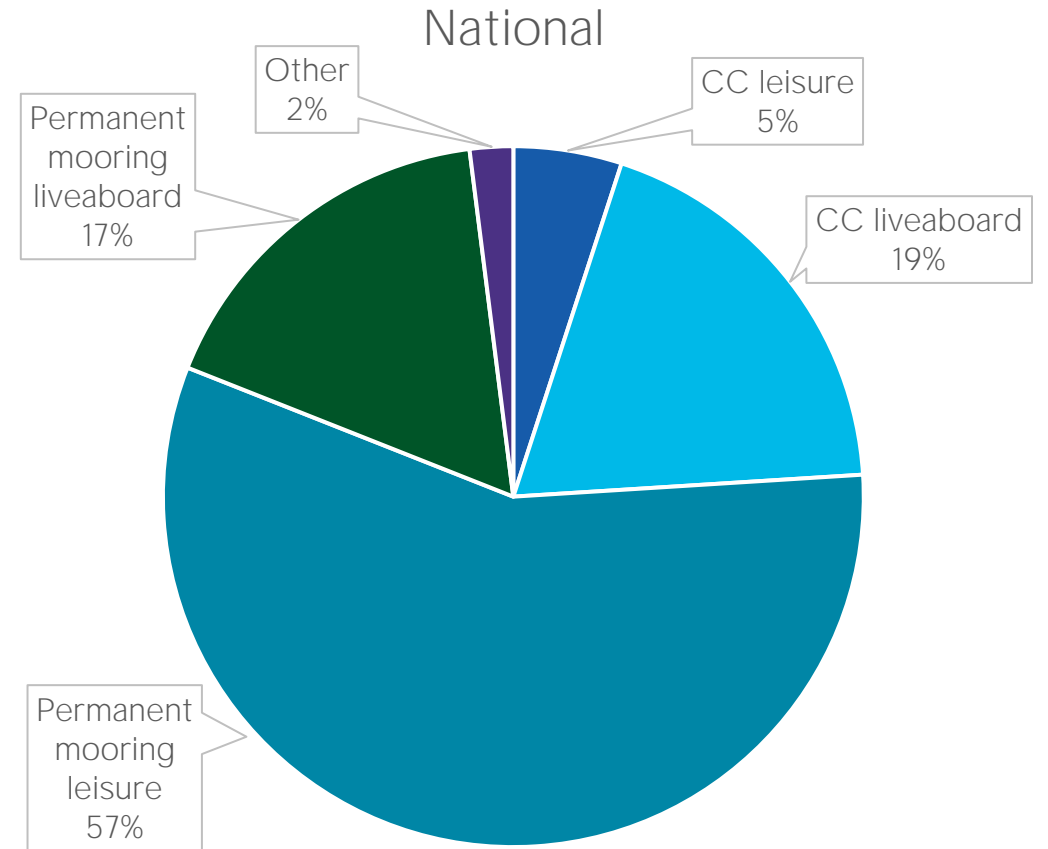
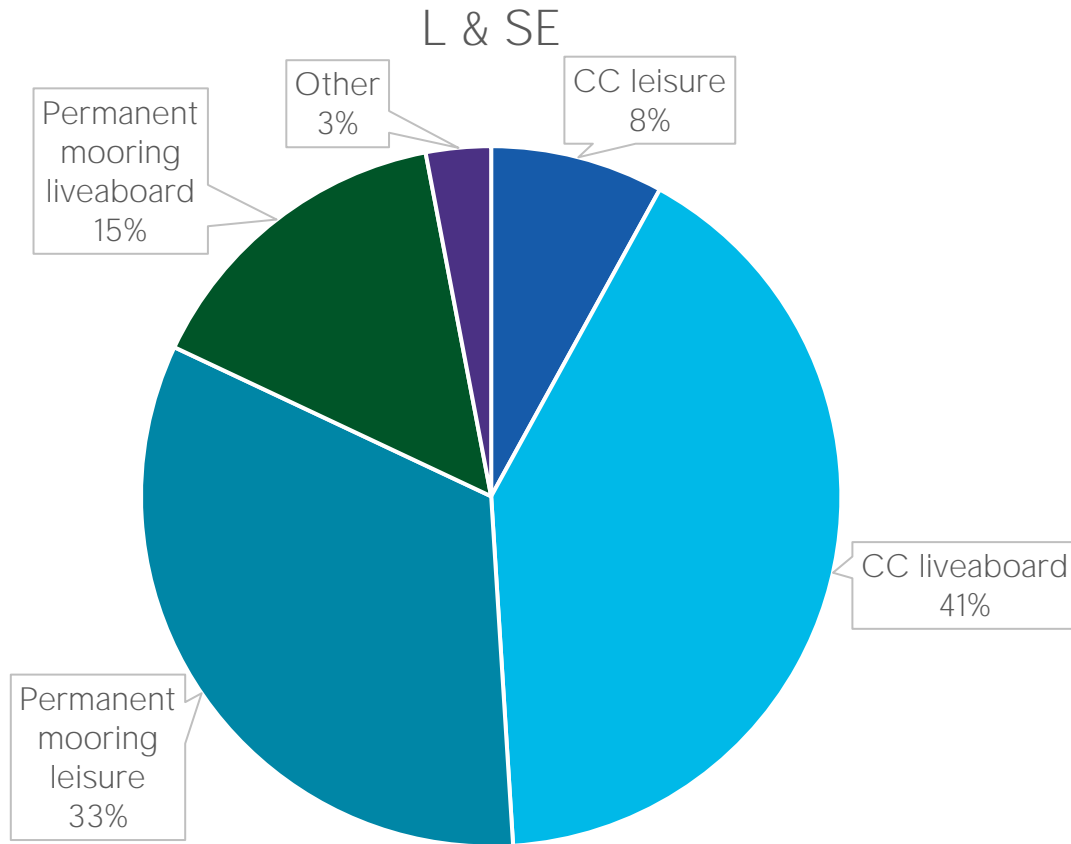
- **9,530 people** took part in the Boater Census Survey
- This is **29%** of all licence-holders who were invited to do the survey
- **1,514 (12%)** did most of their boating in London & South East in the last 12 months

Boater Census 2022

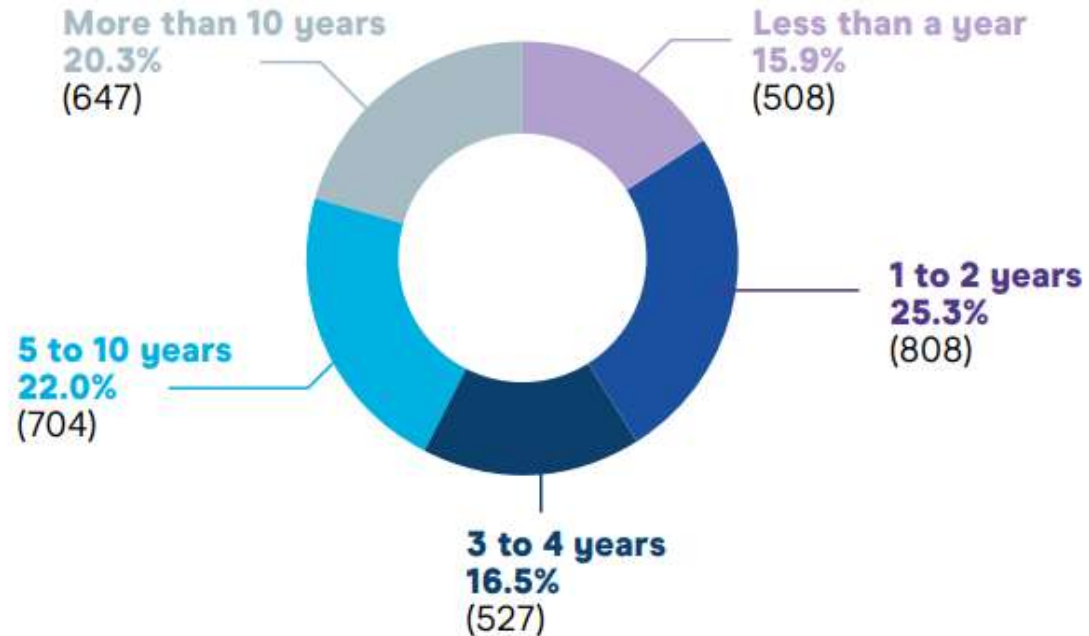


National Boat Count 2022





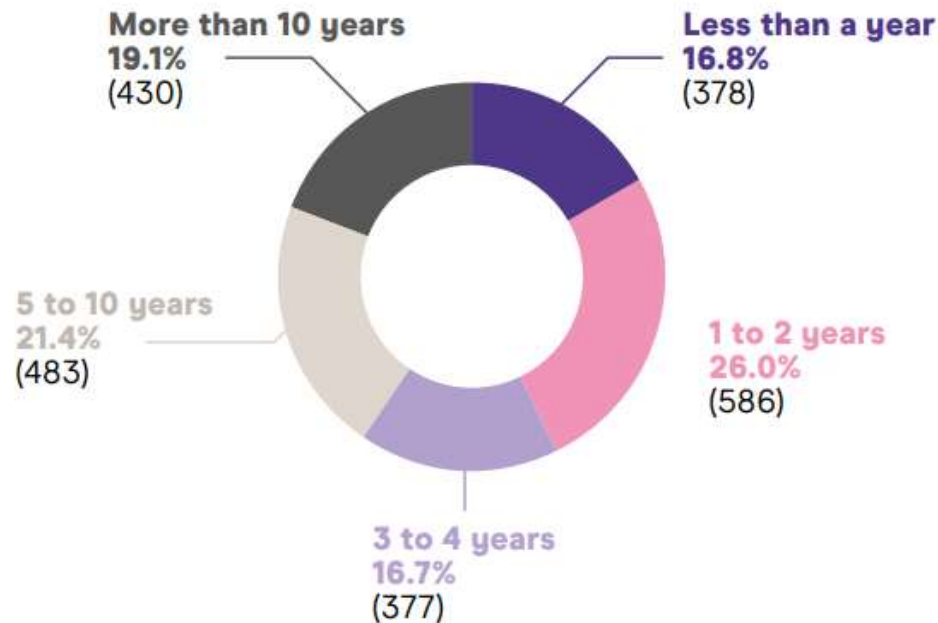
We asked liveaboard boaters how long they have lived on their current boat.



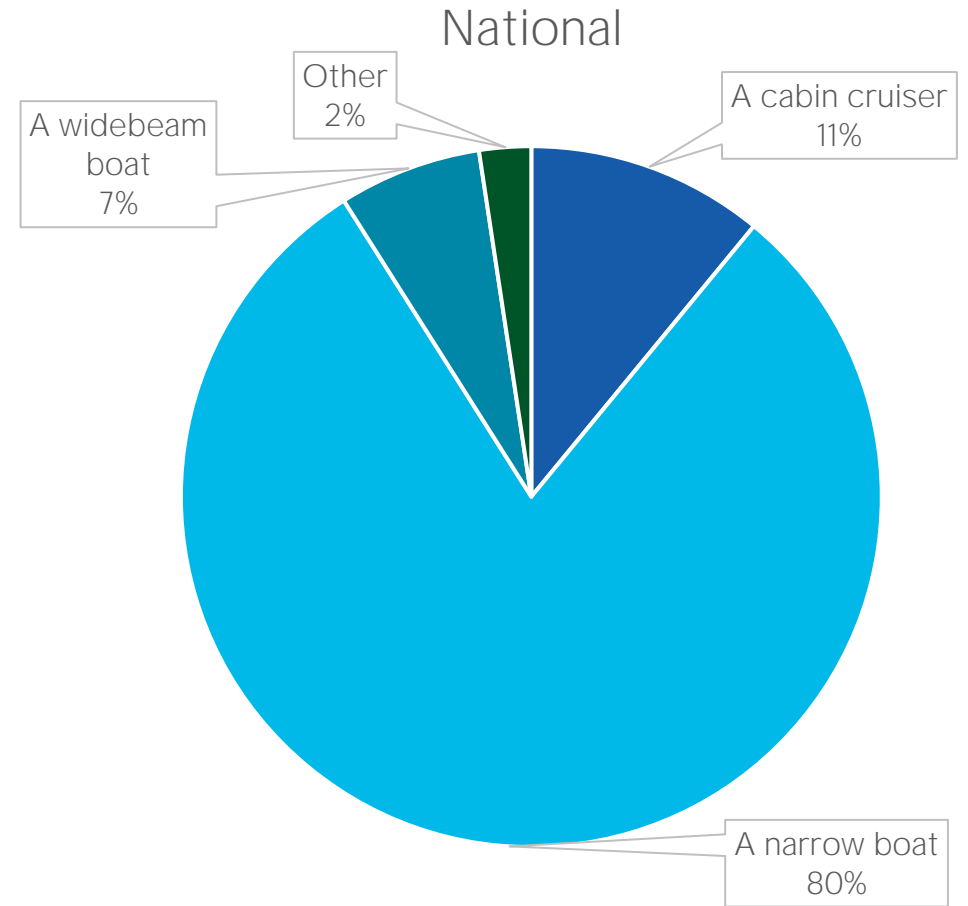
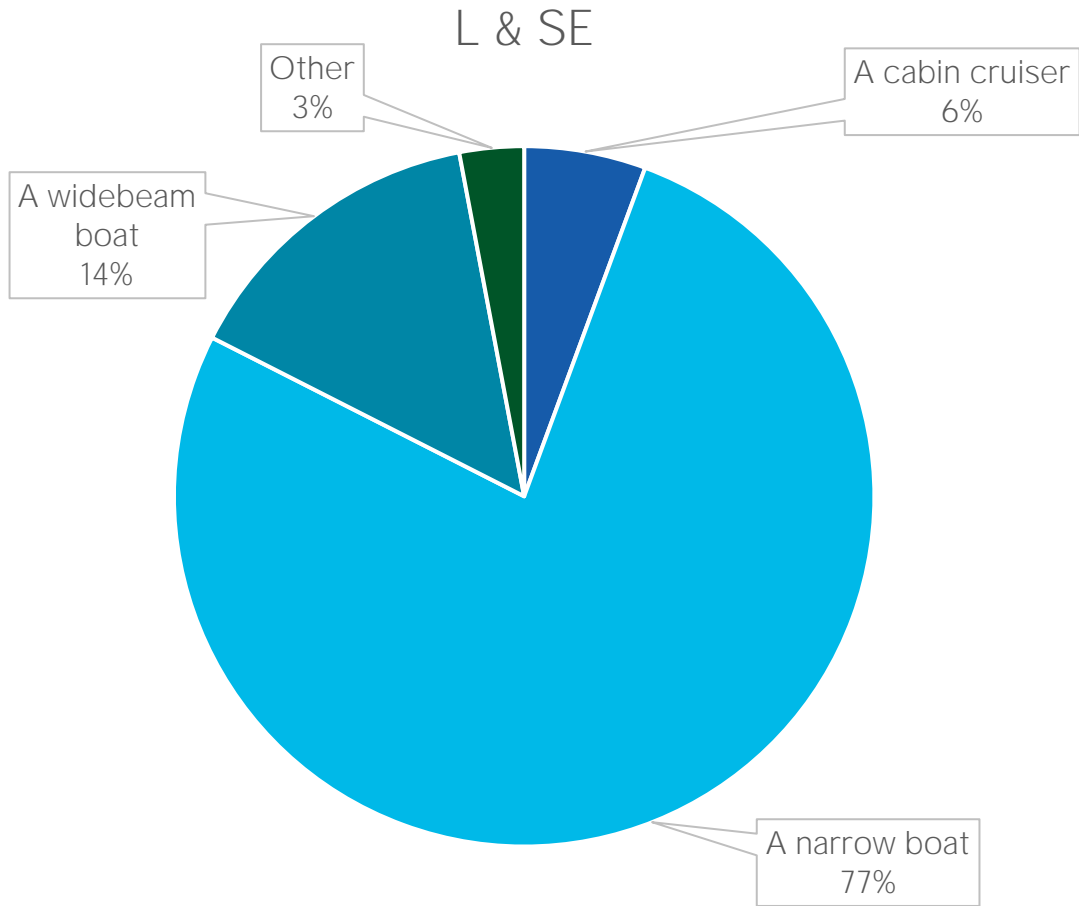
- Nearly 58% of liveaboard boaters have done so for fewer than five years (63.5% in L&SE)
- Nearly 16% have lived aboard for less than a year
- Just over 20% have lived aboard for more than 10 years

New liveaboard boaters

For **74.7%** (2,254) of liveaboard respondents, this is the first boat they have ever lived on. About two fifths of these boaters have been living aboard for less than 3 years:



- Almost 75% of liveaboard boaters say that this is the first boat they have lived aboard.
- Almost 43% of these had lived on their boat for less than 3 years.

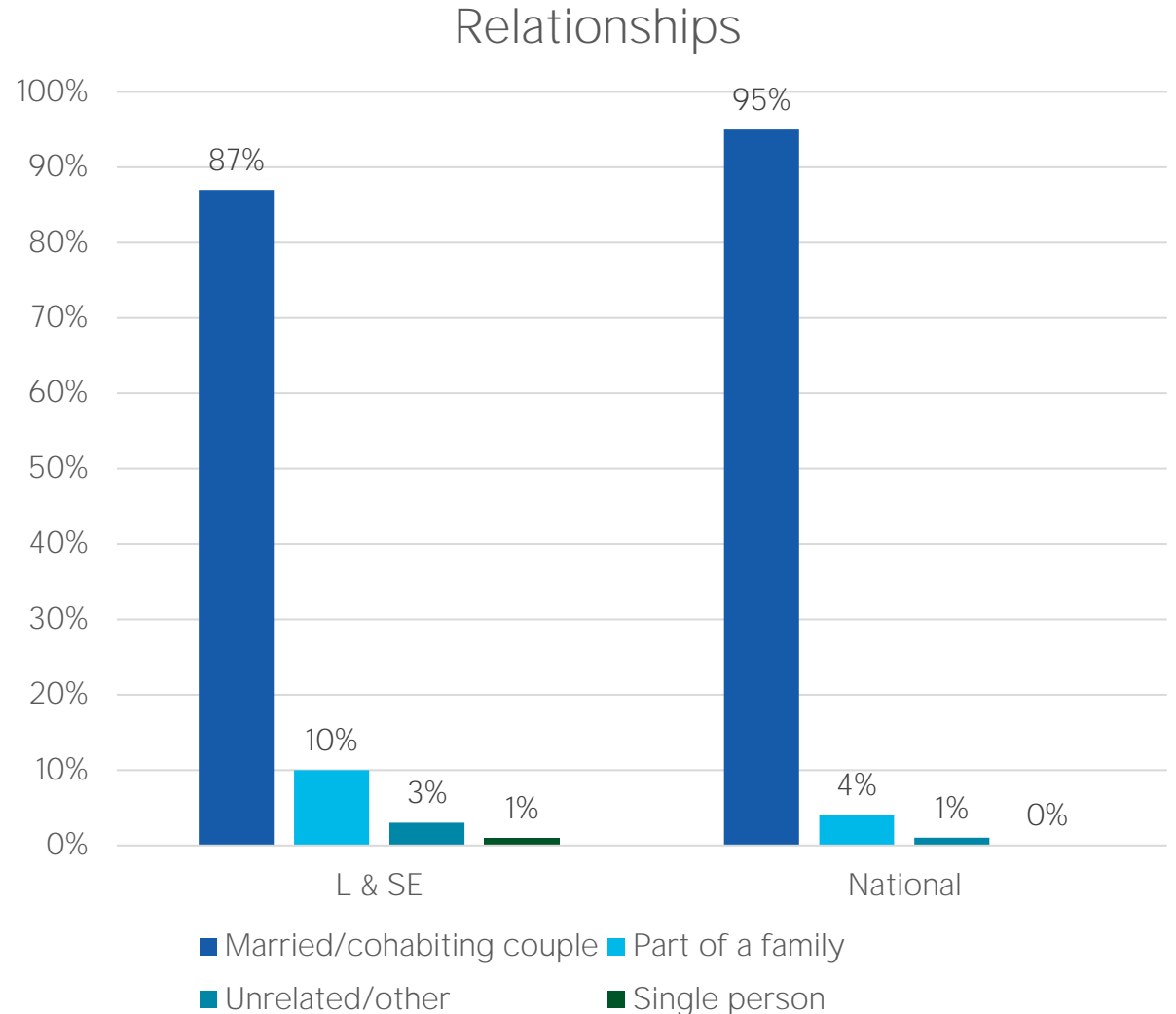


We asked about the relationship between the people living on the boat.

This question had a very low level of response:

- 17% of respondents nationally shared this information
- 13% of respondents in L & SE shared this information

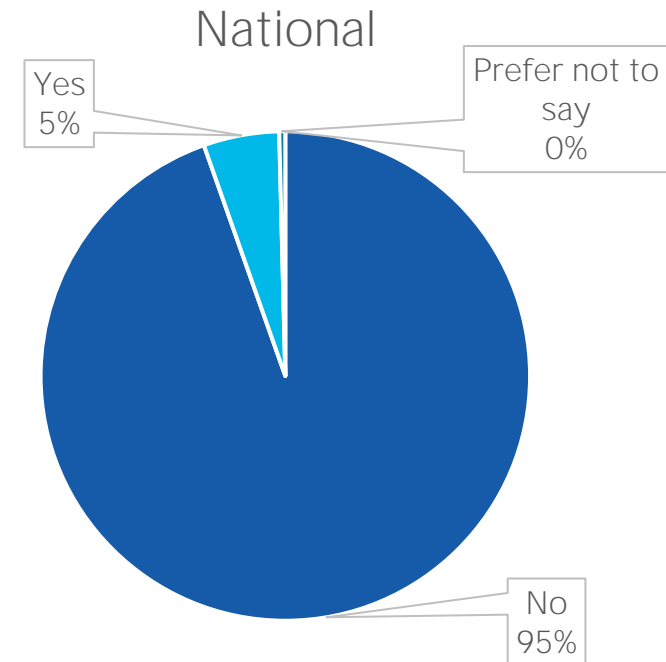
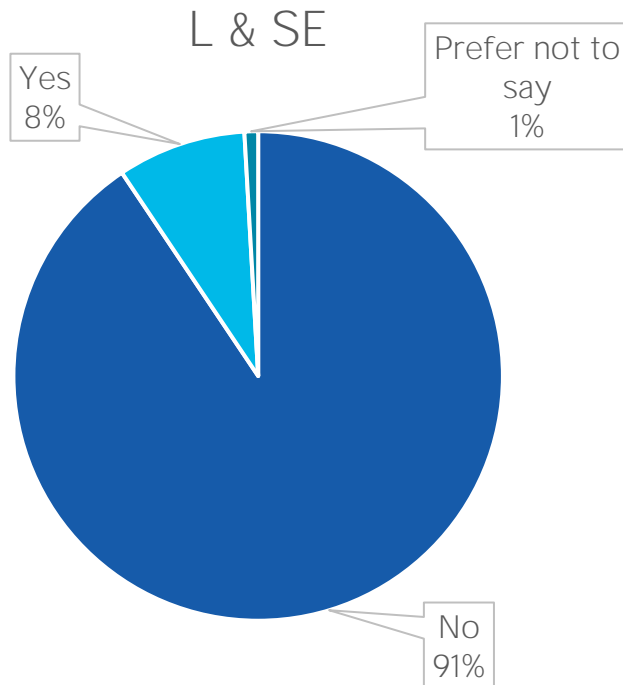
The low number of single people is surprising. It may mean they did not take part in the census, or didn't answer this question.



Children living on boats



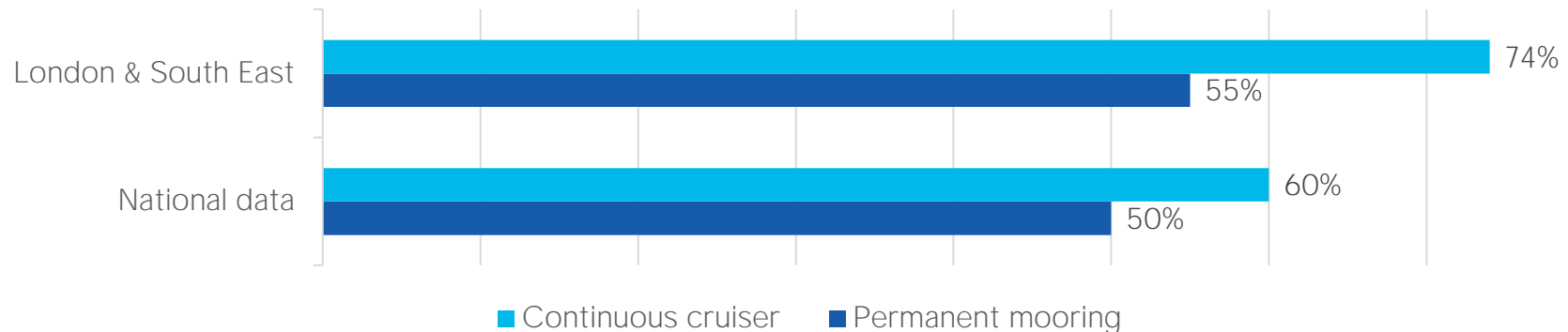
We asked if there were any **children (under 16)** living on the boat. The results suggest that L & SE has a slightly higher number of boats with children on board than the national average.



Main motivations for living aboard

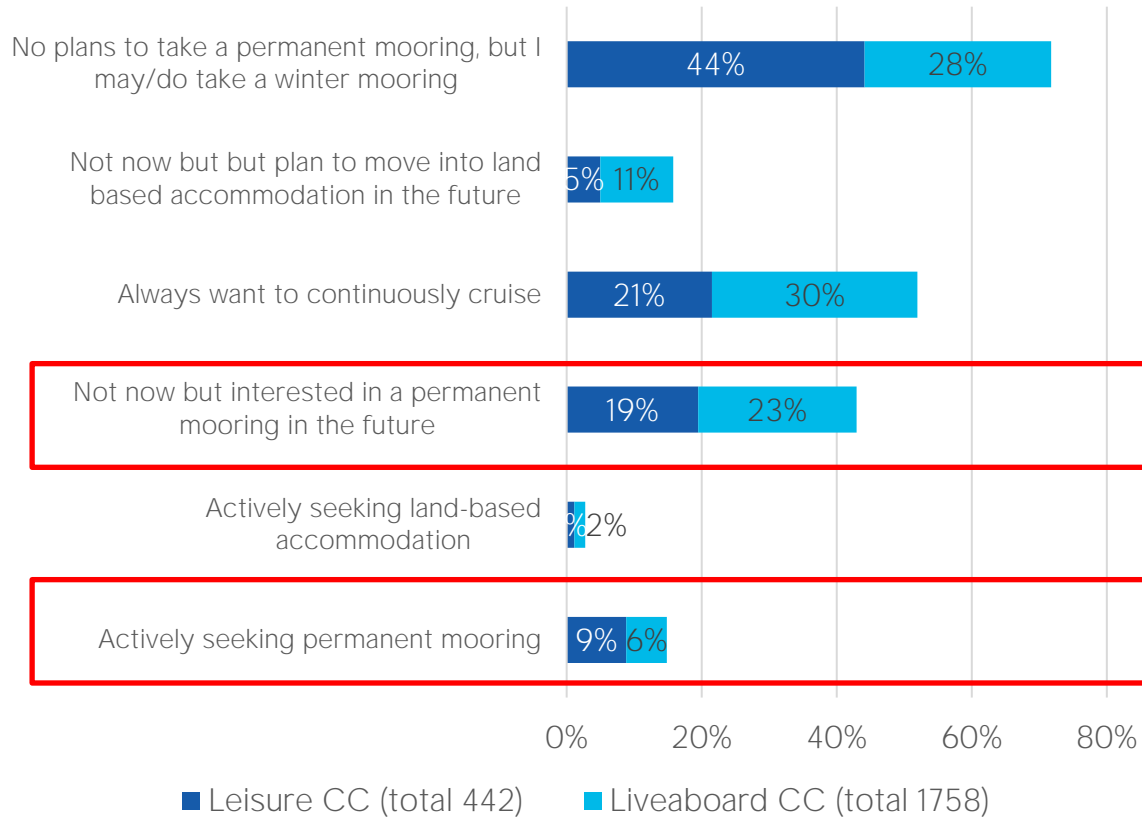
- We asked liveaboard boaters about their main motivations for living on boats.
- Nationally, **55%** of liveaboard boaters give **affordability** as a main motivation for living on a boat.
- In London & South East that rises to **66%**.

Motivated by the affordability of living on a boat, split by continuous cruisers and those with permanent moorings

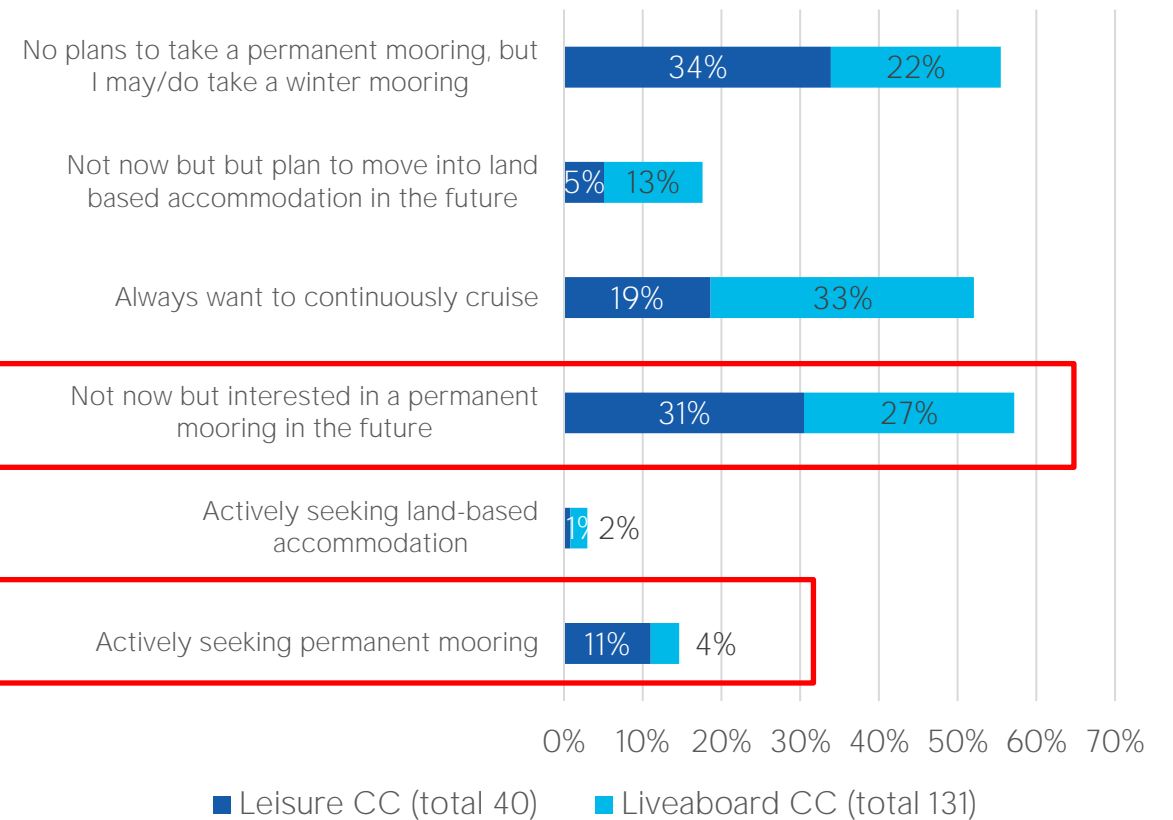


Interest in permanent moorings

National data

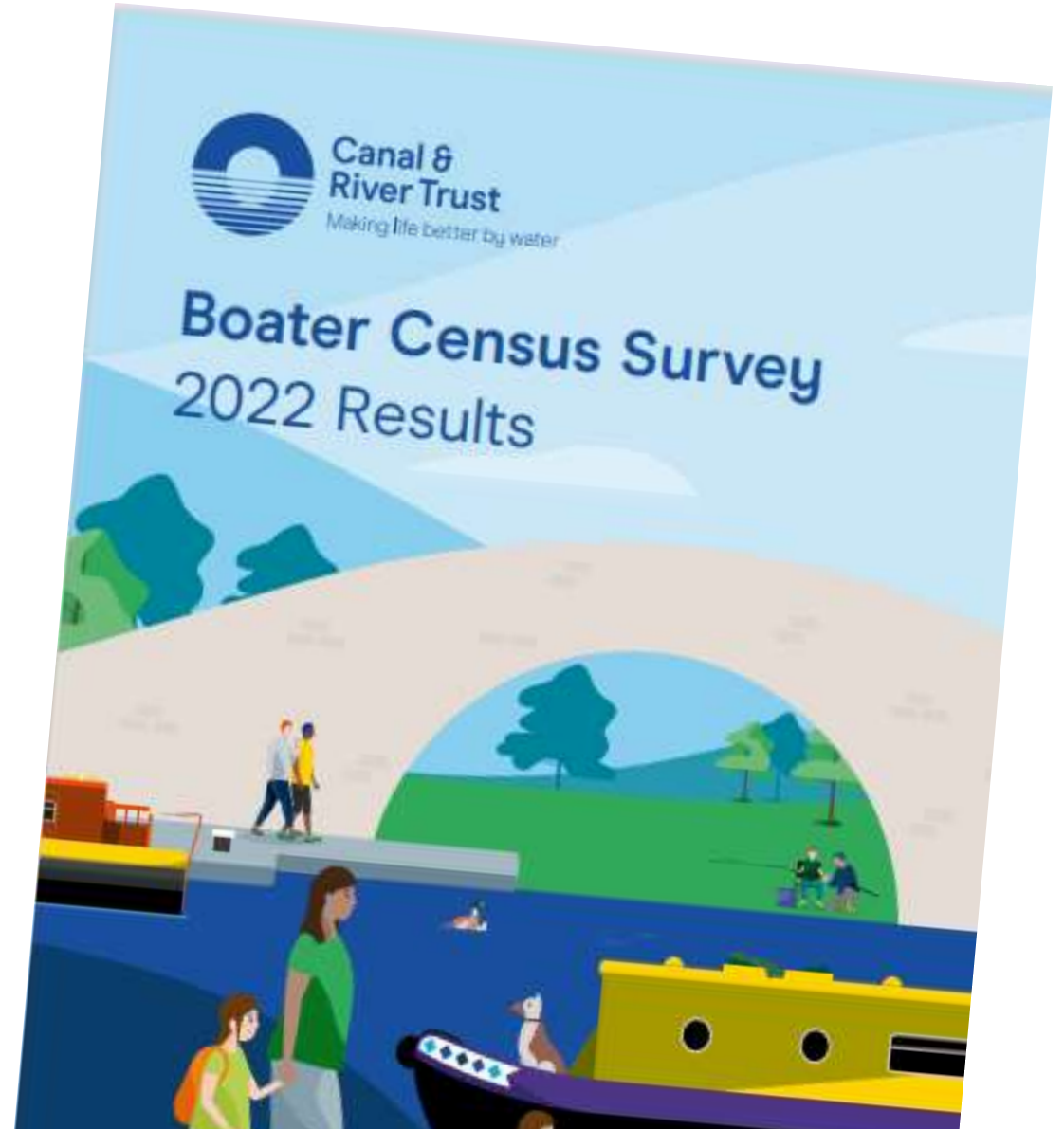


London & South East data



L&SE continuous cruisers (especially leisure CCers) are slightly more likely to be actively seeking permanent moorings now, or interested in them at some point in the future, compared to the national picture.

- Find out more about the boater census on our website.
- The information is published free to use (reference Canal & River Trust)
- Public bodies can make further requests for information via information.request@canalrivertrust.org.uk





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London pre-bookable moorings



- Rembrandt Gardens (2 berth) and Paddington Basin (6 berth) pre-book moorings very popular
- Following consultation 2021/22 we'll be extending the pre-bookable moorings in Little Venice and Paddington Basin
- Additional pre-bookable berths will be available later this summer



London pre-bookable mooring

- Introducing variable charges for pre-book visitor moorings based on location/demand
- New towpath rangers to improve monitoring and management of sites
- Increased sightings to help enforce unauthorised/extended stay charges and if necessary, move boats that have not booked to use the moorings





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Closing Remarks

Sir Peter Dixon, Chair LSE Regional Advisory Board

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