



Canal &
River Trust



Residential Boat Owners' Association

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**The Canal & River Trust (CRT) and
the Residential Boat Owners' Association (RBOA)**

1 BASIS

This memorandum of understanding (MoU) between Canal & River Trust (CRT) and the Residential Boat Owners' Association (RBOA) has been drawn up to:

- Recognise the mutual interests of the two organisations;
- Create a basis for mutual collaboration;
- Establish areas for co-operation;
- Outline specific commitments;

2 DEFINITIONS

CRT means Canal & River Trust.

CRT is a company limited by guarantee. Registered in England No. 07807276. Registered Charity No. 1146792. Registered office is at: First Floor North Station House, 500 Elder Gate, Milton Keynes, MK9 1BB.

RBOA means the Residential Boat Owners' Association.

RBOA is a voluntary organisation, run by its members. Postal address for correspondence is P.O. Box 267, Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB7 9EP

MOU means this Memorandum of Understanding between CRT and RBOA.

3 BACKGROUND

The Canal & River Trust (CRT) exists to protect and promote our inland waterway network in England and Wales so that our unique waterway heritage will always be a valued part of local landscapes and communities.

The RBOA is the only national organisation which exclusively represents and promotes the interests of people living on boats in the British Isles. It represents all

those who have chosen to make a boat their home, whether or not it has a home mooring. RBOA also provides impartial advice for those who are living afloat or are considering doing so.

CRT wishes to work in an open and collaborative partnership with RBOA and wishes to take advice from the RBOA on areas of their expertise in residential boating.

4 DECLARATION OF A COMMON OBJECTIVE

CRT and RBOA declare their common objective is to ensure Britain's inland waterways are great places to visit, enjoy, live and work.

5 WORKING TOGETHER

CRT and RBOA:

- 5.1 Want to consult on issues which are of importance to residential boat owners
- 5.2 Want to explore opportunities for joint marketing and communications to residential boaters and potential residential boat owners.

6 COLLABORATION PROJECTS

CRT and RBOA commit themselves to working together on the following initial joint initiatives:

- 6.1 Develop opportunities for new residential moorings solutions on CRT's waterways
- 6.2 Develop jointly information for the benefit of residential boaters on our canals and rivers of England and Wales.
- 6.3 Encourage safe, secure and well maintained boats and moorings for those who choose to live afloat.
- 6.4 Seek ways to inform and educate boaters about the many and varied aspects of the waterways – efficient, careful and thoughtful use of the infrastructure (water usage, lock gear, moorings, landings, etc.), heritage, wildlife, ecology, environment and the like.
- 6.5 Convene a meeting of key personnel in our respective organisations at least twice a year to review progress in the objective areas to ensure mutual benefit is being gained.

7 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 7.1 Each party retains the option to progress sole initiatives without the agreement of the other party.
- 7.2 This MOU does not constitute or infer any contract or binding agreement on or between CRT and RBOA or any of their successors.
- 7.3 The effective date for this Memorandum of Understanding between CRT and RBOA shall be the date of the later signature below.
- 7.4 This MOU shall remain in effect until terminated in writing by either party and may only be modified upon the written agreement by both parties.
- 7.5 If any part of this MOU is frustrated, the parties agree to endeavour to develop new provisions that will achieve the common objective set out in 4 above.

Signed for and on behalf of
Canal & River Trust (CRT)

Signed for and on behalf of
Residential Boat Owners' Association
(RBOA)

Robin Evans, Chief Executive

Alan Wildman, Chairman

Date:

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