

JOINT PRESS RELEASE

16 March 2020

CRICK BOAT SHOW 2020 TO BE RE-SCHEDULED

With Crick Boat Show due to take place over the Late May Bank Holiday weekend (23-25 May), organisers have been closely monitoring the evolving public health advice regarding Covid-19 and have taken the decision to re-schedule the 2020 Show.

The annual event, which takes place at Crick Marina near Daventry, is organised by Waterways World in partnership with the Canal & River Trust and Crick Marina.

Peter Johns, Show Director, said: "The health of visitors, exhibitors, volunteers, contractors, suppliers and our staff is paramount and with the currently projected duration of the Covid-19 outbreak, it has become clear that now is the right time for us to postpone the 2020 Show.

"We are aware that the Show is critical to many waterway-related businesses and is the highlight of the waterways calendar for many visitors, so we will be working hard to find a suitable alternative date later in the year. A number of other events have re-scheduled and we will work as quickly as possible on our own plans.

"With around 40 key suppliers to work with on their availability we would ask for support and patience while we evaluate all of the possibilities. We will make a further announcement on new dates as soon as possible. A number of exhibitors have already encouraged us by favouring this approach."

Matthew Symonds of Canal & River Trust said: "We fully support the decision of Waterways World to announce the postponement of the Show to a later date in the year and will work with them closely to secure an alternative date."

Mike Braidley, Operations Director of Castle Marinas, said: "As the hosts of the Crick Boat Show, we fully understand this decision in the face of an unprecedented situation. We fully support Waterways World in identifying alternative dates, and look forward to welcoming everyone to the 2020 Crick Boat Show".

ENDS

Page 2 of 2

For more press information, including photos, contact:

Debbie Walker T 01628 318069 mb 077486 40577 email <u>walker.debbie@sky.com</u> Cat Murphy T 01283 742972 <u>c.murphy@wwonline.co.uk</u>

Notes to editors

The Canal & River Trust is the guardian of 2,000 miles of historic waterways across England and Wales. It is among the largest charities in the UK, maintaining the nation's third largest collection of Listed structures, as well as museums, archives, navigations and hundreds of important wildlife sites.

Waterways World was first published in 1972 and for 48 years as the world's best-selling inland waterway magazine has charted the resurgence of the inland waterways as a major leisure resource for the country. Waterways World provides technical boating advice through the magazine, website and at the Crick Boat Show seminars.

Castle Marinas owns and operates nine marinas in England, including Crick Marina. www.castlemarinas.co.uk