

# STATEMENT

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16 April 2020

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE FROM THE CANAL & RIVER TRUST: GUIDANCE FOR BOATERS

With Government today (16 April 2020) extending the Coronavirus lockdown period to 9 May 2020, the Canal & River Trust is accordingly extending the suspension of the normal requirement for boats to move every 14 days to 9 May. During this period, boaters do not need to contact us to tell us they will be staying in one location for more than 14 days.

Boaters who are not currently occupying their boat must not visit or take short trips or breaks on their boat at this time. Those living aboard are strongly advised to limit their navigation, moving only a minimal amount to access essential facilities or services when necessary – or to move along to a quieter mooring if they are finding the towpath too busy for them where they are.

We ask everyone to be considerate and make sure that vital boater facilities and services are accessible to all those that need them.

We will be doing whatever we can to support our customers and protect the waterways so we can return to enjoying them fully when the crisis is over – including continuing to maintain essential boater facilities, with pump out cards available from our online shop, and waste collection etc.

We will keep the situation under active review and update you in line with changing circumstances and Government guidance.

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