

National Waterways Museum BOAT MOVEMENT TEAM

The Boat Movements team works with staff and other volunteers to help bring our Museum alive through real boating activity on site. What we try to do is to not only show a particular boat but to communicate something of the skills and way of life involved in working such craft.

We use craft in the National Historic Collection and by looking after them, we are conserving our heritage and giving future generations the chance to see these boats and the skills needed to operate them. We work closely together with the Boat Maintenance team, many of us being members of both. We also work with the Museum Guides in order to tell the story of the boats.

Before we use the boats, members of the boat movement team are involved in the whole aspect of checking a boat, deciding who is doing what during each operation – steering, crewing, lock wheeling, explaining to visitors etc, through to finally mooring the boat safely. Throughout you'll learn how to look after the boat as well as considering each others safety.

Operating historic craft is always a team activity and you will get the opportunity to learn new skills at your own pace. We provide training and learning opportunities all the time.

Apart from enjoying boating, you need to like working in a team and learning new skills and together conveying what we are doing to the public.

To find out more or to register interest call the Museum on 0151 355 5017 or email volunteers@boatmuseumsociety.org.uk

“You mean – I can have a go? Really!”

“What a privilege to learn on a famous boat.”

“Really enjoyable, learning together in a team.”

“Boats, locks, water, Magic!”

A selection of recent quotes from team members.