

CCBM Boat Handling Training on Pamela May 2

Lesson 2 – Leaving a Mooring and Mooring the Boat

Pre Lesson Preparation

Watch video 2 – Narrowboat leaving a mooring with crew at the bow

Study the mooring training sheet

Watch video 5 – Mooring up using crew off at stern

Link and Revision

Moving the boat forward and using reverse to slow and stop

Objectives

Leave a mooring under control

Moor the boat under control without scraping along the bank

Deploy crew and use ropes correctly when mooring

Stage 1 – Leaving a Mooring (demonstration followed by pupil practice)

Practical demonstration

Check that the route is clear and respond to other boats as appropriate

Deploy crew and direct use of ropes, fenders and pushing away from the side when leaving the mooring

Show awareness of position of back of boat while leaving the mooring and an understanding of why the back of the boat should not be in contact with the bank

Move off and steer the boat onto the cruising line

Discussion and description

When to consider reversing off a mooring

Mention springing off

Stage 2 – Moor the Boat

Practical demonstration

Refer to the mooring training sheet

Prepare line and speed before starting the manoeuvre

Correct approach angle and speed

Avoid scraping along the bank

Deploy crew

Use centre line and, if possible, swigging/swagging to bring the boat into the mooring

Deploy fenders

Tie up using canalman's hitch and/or cleat hitch back to boat

Discussion and description

Use of mooring chains, pins or hooks

When to use long lines

Use of a spring line

Mooring on a river

Mooring single handed in an emergency

Use of a friction turn to stop the boat and why never using the centre line

Planning ahead and considering position of centre line or use of roving fender

Looking Forward

Winding