

Have you secured a suitable mooring?

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Finding a permanent mooring is a varied

process. It is important for boat owners to be aware of the

importance of a suitable mooring site. The

Waterscape you are legally required to have

a place where you can keep the boat while you're not using it for cruising.

Finding a mooring should be a priority **before** you decide to buy. Waiting lists are commonplace so don't assume you'll get your first choice. If you're buying a second-hand boat, existing mooring rights rarely come with the boat, with the exception of certain Residential sites.

A boat owner with a BW mooring is not entitled to pass on the mooring to you. Always consult the local BW office yourself if you want to take over the mooring. This will only be possible where no waiting list exists.

Fortunately, there are many permanent mooring sites around the network, ranging from outposts beside towpaths or farmer's fields through to fully serviced marinas.

Moorings are usually priced according to boat length. Rates also vary according to location, facilities and demand: for

example, London prices are considered to be the most expensive (usually around £100 per month).

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Owning a boat involves long-term commitment for its' upkeep, mooring and licensing. The normal way to buy a new boat is to put down an initial deposit, then make 'staged' payments when each section of the boat is complete. For example, you might pay a deposit, a 'stage one payment' when the hull is complete, a

'stage two payment' when the engine is installed, and a final payment on completion. You should make sure that

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