

## Boat Handling Experience Days 2025

**The Pirate Castle will be running our popular in-house Boat Handling Experience Days throughout 2025.**

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The experience day covers the following topics:

Boat set up and engine checks

Boat equipment

Rope-work, knots and mooring

Steering and 'Rules of the Road'

Lock operation, tunnel transit and winding

General safety

All courses will run with no more than 4 trainees attending.

Cost: £180 per person for the day (we require a minimum of two trainees for a course to run). Up to 4 trainees per course.

**Our scheduled Boat Handling Experience Days will run 09:00 - 17:30 on the following dates in 2025, all departing from, and returning to The Pirate Castle in Camden Town.**

Sun 16th March

Sun 13th April

Sun 18th May

Sun 15th June

Sun 13th July

Sun 10th August

Sun 14th September

Sun 19th October

Sun 9th November

Other dates may be available upon request (see below).

Please note that all the experience days above will take place on board our narrowboat, 'Black Pearl'. If you would prefer your experience day to take place aboard our wide beam, 'Pirate Prince' then please contact us to arrange a bespoke experience day. We can also offer a bespoke BHED aboard your own vessel if you prefer (subject to availability and your vessel meeting our training requirements) for £230 per person up to a maximum of four people.

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If you would like to join one of our courses, please contact us at [info@thepiratecastle.org](mailto:info@thepiratecastle.org) [1] or [andrew@thepiratecastle.org](mailto:andrew@thepiratecastle.org) [2] or call us on 0207 2676605.

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