

Boating in London during the Olympic Games - 2012

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Boaters interested in visiting London during the 2012 Olympic Games will be able to pre-book British Waterways's visitor moorings more than a year in advance when a web-based booking system for visitor moorings goes live in April 2011 to coincide with ticket applications for the Games themselves.

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Pre-booked moorings will be available at key locations across London. These are likely to include simple towpath moorings on the Capital's canals and River Lee as well as both un-serviced and more expensive serviced berths in Docklands.

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Research conducted at the end of last year suggests that there will be strong demand for moorings in London during the Olympic summer and well over 500 people have already registered to receive further information about securing visitor moorings.

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Sally Ash, head of boating at British Waterways, comments: "We are looking forward to welcoming visiting boats to London during summer 2012 and want to make sure the waterways are right at the heart of the Olympic party. Our canals, rivers and docks are perfect bases to discover the capital, with many also having easy access to the Olympic Park."

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First come first served

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Scheduled to go live on 11 April 2011, boaters who register or have already registered their details at www.waterscape.com/londonboats2012 will automatically be emailed inviting them to browse the available mooring sites, book and pay. Moorings will be available on a first come first served basis.

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Games ticket applications open for six weeks from 15 March to 26 April 2011 (there is no advantage to submitting your Games ticket application on the first day or the last day). For information on Olympics tickets visit www.tickets.london2012.com.

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In order to manage the London canal network efficiently at this busy time and ensure moorings are reserved for those who have booked them, there will be a "controlled zone" for several weeks throughout the Olympic summer. Visiting boats will only be able to enter with a confirmed booking of a visitor mooring (with British Waterways, another operator or individual) or a home mooring.