

HISTORIC WORKING NARROW BOATS TODAY

UPDATE at 18 April 2017

Since the original publication date in April 2013, additional information has been provided by readers to the authors.

The following photograph captions are provided here in case you wish to update your book (some of these captions may already be correct in your book, depending on which print batch it came from)

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All corrections apply to the first edition (printed 2013-2014), but only those after the line apply to the second edition (printed 2015)

page 14 (incorrectly named as John Waite):

John Forth - *Grub Street Cutting, Shropshire Union Canal, 23/07/12*
BCN day boat.

Page 17 (new information on boat):

Kalamaki – *Aylesbury, Grand Union Canal, 08/12/09*
Not built as a working boat, but built in the same way, at the Harris yard at Netherton.

Page 17 (incorrectly named as Kez):

Keziah – *Bridge 155, Oxford Canal, 02/10/12*

page 20 (facts corrected):

Siberia - *near bridge 43, Llangollen Canal, 04/02/12*
Most of Siberia was actually joined to the bow section of Gambia (page 37), therefore the origin of much of this boat may be uncertain.

page 34 (build date corrected):

Elizabeth - *Braunston, Grand Union Canal, 23/06/11*

Built as a butty, probably in the 1880s, for carrying coal in Birmingham, FMC sold this boat in 1929. It then carried gravel for a few years on the River Trent, and in 1936 it was converted, with the mahogany and iroko cabin seen here. It was motorised around the same time, though provision for sailing was also made. The cabin is still largely the 1936 original, with clerestory roof. This must be one of the most unusual conversions of a historic boat - but the period conversion is now historic in its own right. Under the same ownership for over 40 years.

page 37

The photo for **Falcon** is not of the FMC boat, but a BCN boat of the same name.
The caption is, however, correct.

page 37 (minor change to wording):

Gambia - *Stretton, Shropshire Union Canal, 25/09/10*
Built in 1938. This boat has only about 9' of the bow of *Gambia*, and the remainder is believed to be *Siberia*.

page 50:

In the fifth paragraph, the new Grand Union Canal Carrying Company boats built in the 1930s are mentioned, with the classes named as Royalty, Star and Town. Please note that Star and Town were not official GUCCC terms, but boats have always been popularly described thus.

page 58 (location corrected):

Bude - Cropredy, Oxford Canal, 02/10/12
'Town' class butty built in 1936 by Harland & Wolff
at North Woolwich.

page 68 (facts corrected):

Linnet - Braunston Historic Boat Show, 23/06/11
A 'Town' class wooden butty built about 1937 by Walkers of
Rickmansworth (original identity unknown). Cut into two about
1967, the bow section was first fitted with a steel cruiser stern,
which was replaced around 1990 with a GUCCC style steel stern.

page 74 (additional information – was an icebreaker):

Sextans - Grand Union Canal (northern), 27/06/11
'Star' class motor boat built by Yarwoods in 1936. Shortened to
40' in the 1940s as an icebreaker. Renamed *Sextant* by BW in
1950s, and *Hesperus* whilst a hire boat in 1960s. Later lengthened
to 50' with 10' of *Thea* (page 77); renamed back to *Sextans*.

page 79 (corrected date):

Victoria,
Shackerstone
Family Festival,
04/09/10

page 83 (corrected date):

Jesmond was renamed **Jasper** by its new owner in mid-2013

page 98 (engine location corrected):

Oxford No. 1 - Braunston Historic Boat Show, 26/06/10
An ice breaker/tug built by W Harris & Sons in 1942/43 for the
Oxford Canal Company, mid-engined with a Lister JP3.
Approx. 40'.

page 101 (boat is Town, not Star, class):

Angel - Braunston Historic Boat Show, 26/06/10
A Grand Union Canal Carrying Company 'Town' class butty built
in 1936 by Harland & Wolff at North Woolwich, originally
paired with *Aldgate* (page 51).

page 107, Index - change John Waite to John Forth

page 27 (incorrect name, Ray is in fact Aye)

Aye - at top of Atherstone flight, Coventry Canal, 17/05/10
'River' class boat built about 1959 by E C Jones of Brentford.
Aye still retains the original interlocking hold covers. This is an
almost timeless canal scene (apart from the yellow digger!).

page 106, Index - add Aye 27, and on page 108, delete Ray

page 17 (more information)

Kalamaki - Aylesbury, Grand Union Canal, 08/12/09
Built to a working boat design by Harris, one of 12 riveted
boats built from the start as pleasure boats, but in a BCN
day boat style.

page 88 (corrected information):

Hood - *Braunston Historic Boat Show, 26/06/10*
Built by S E Barlow in 1943 at Anchor Dock in Glascote
(the only motor boat built by the firm), and significantly
restored in 2003.