



SEARCH & RESCUE PLAN CRUSADER COMMUNITY BOATING

GRAND UNION CANAL

Note: This Search & Rescue Plan was developed when our trip boat Mountbatten was operating under a Passenger Licence issued by the MCA (Maritime & Coastguard Agency). During 2024, Crusader Community Boating decided to limit the maximum number of passengers to 12, thus taking the boat out of the MCA's regulation requirements. Trustees decided, however, to maintain the S&R Plan, Health & Safety Policy and Domestic Safety Management Policy as these contain much useful information and advice on good working practice.

INTRODUCTION

If you operate a commercial vessel carrying more than 12 passengers, you are required by law to submit a Search and Rescue Co-operation Plan for approval.

The Plan should be drawn up in co-operation with the relevant SAR Authority, generally by using the following guidelines. The completed Plan must then be submitted to MCA. When approved on behalf of The Secretary of State, a certificate will be issued to this effect.

A copy of the approved Plan must be carried on board the boat and be readily accessible in the event of emergency. Additionally, the Plan must be kept up to date, and exercised on a regular basis. We look forward to working with you to address that requirement.

Remember, your SAR Co-Operation Plan (SARCP) is a legal document.

HOW TO USE THESE GUIDELINES

The guidelines which follow have been compiled to assist you in meeting your legal obligations;

1. Make one copy of this document for each vessel you operate
2. Complete all the boxes that apply to your type of vessel
3. Retain a copy and keep it on your vessel at all times
4. Submit the completed plan to MCA

An electronic version of this document is available in Microsoft Word Windows by email:
mocolchester@mcga.gov.uk Please title your email: "Request for SARCP GUIDELINES"

Should you wish any advice or further guidance, do not hesitate to contact this office.

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Iceni Way
Colchester
Essex CO2 9BY
Tel: 02039 085 197

SAR PLAN

Name of vessel:

Mountbatten Crusader
Index No 511559

Name of Operating Company:

Crusader Community Boating

Any incident requiring the implementation of this plan on any part of the
Inland Waterways

Dial 999 and ask for the Police

An up to date copy of this plan is kept readily to hand in the filing cabinet on Mountbatten Crusader at all times, clearly marked so that skipper and crew can easily find it in the event of an emergency.

COLOUR PHOTOGRAPH OF VESSEL



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1.0 DESCRIPTION OF A PLAN OF CO-OPERATION

The intention of SAR Co-operation Plans (SARCP) is to help ensure that assistance can be provided to persons in distress on the water. SAR Co-operation plans enhance mutual understanding between ship, company and SAR Services; this is best achieved by the prior exchange of information, and by conducting joint exercises.

The objectives of SAR Co-operation planning are:

- To enable the early and efficient establishment of contact in the event of emergency between the passenger ship, her operators' shore-based emergency response team, and the SAR services. The SAR co-operation Plan should ensure that all relevant contact details are known to each of the three parties beforehand, and that these details are kept up-to-date;
- To provide the SAR services with easily accessible and up-to-date information about the vessel – in particular her intended voyage and her communications and emergency response systems.
- To provide the vessel and her operators with easily accessible information about SAR and other emergency services available in the vessel's area of operation, to assist in decision-making and contingency planning.

The plan is not only of use when a passenger vessel is itself the subject of an emergency. It will also be useful when passenger vessels are acting as SAR facilities, and particularly when taking on the role of SAR Co-ordinator.

It is recommended that passenger vessel emergency plans be as user-friendly as possible. Colour-coding, tables, checklists and annexes (either to hold bulky detail or quick reference summaries) should be used wherever possible.

BLUE PAGE EDGE: - IMPORTANT INFORMATION



RED PAGE EDGE: - MAPS & EMERGENCY ACCESS POINTS



2. THE OPERATOR

2.1 Crusader Community Boating (*registered charity No 1163121*)

2.2 Mr Colin Neal (Chair of the Trustees)
07796 686956
chair@crusadercommunityboating.org.uk

3. CONTACT LIST

Emergency Contact List of Staff who are available for information 24hrs a day:

3.1 Mr Paul Hickerson (Maintenance Manager)
07944 583893
maintenance@crusadercommunityboating.org.uk

3.2 Geoff Fellows (Treasurer)
07843 309902
treasurer@crusadercommunityboating.org.uk

3.3 Colin Lovesy (Health & Safety)
07791 640797
healthandsafety@crusadercommunityboating.org.uk

4. THE VESSEL

4.1	Name	MOUNTBATTEN CRUSADER
4.2	Beam	3.20m (10ft 6in) PASSENGER BOAT
4.3	Weight	21 TONNES
4.4	Length	17.98 m (58ft 11.5ins)
4.5	Draft	0.7 m (2ft 4in)
4.6	Maximum speed	4 mph
4.7	Maximum passengers	12
4.8	Minimum crew	2 (recommended 3)

4.9 RECORDING PERSONS ON BOARD

4.9.1	By Boatmaster before leaving	HEAD COUNT
4.9.2	Recorded on board	DAILY LOG BOOK
4.9.3	Information is passed ashore by	TELEPHONE
4.9.4	Information held by	Julie Coleman
		01933
		312500
Details recorded in Boat Trip Diary and held at home address		
		33 Vine Hill Drive
		Higham Ferrers
		NN10 8EF

5.0 COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT CARRIED

5.1 Mobile phone 07759 298194

6.0 LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT

6.1 7 RED Lifebelts, Labelled Mountbatten Crusader

6.2 Rescue equipment

One rescue ladder
Two boat hooks

Supplemented by One 30 person First Aid Kit and one AED

7.0 FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

7.1 Hand held extinguishers

4 of FOAM/AFFF (use for all fires except electrical)
2 of DRY POWDER (use on electrical)
1 Fire Blanket in galley

Distributed at key labelled locations throughout length of vessel

1 Fire Bucket and scoop
1 CO2 for engine room fire
Located on rear deck

8.0 THE RESCUE CO-ORDINATION CENTRES

8.1

Northamptonshire Police
Force Headquarters
Wootton Hall
Northampton
NN4 0JQ

Telephone: 01604 888 113

Telephone: 01604 797 000

Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue service
3 Pond Wood Close
Moulton Park Industrial Estate
NORTHAMPTON
NN3 6RT

East Midlands Ambulance Service.
1 Horizon Place
Mellors Way
Nottingham
NG8 6PY

Telephone: 01158 845 000

Telephone:

In all emergency's 999 from any type of telephone

Non-emergency 101 from any type of telephone (police only)

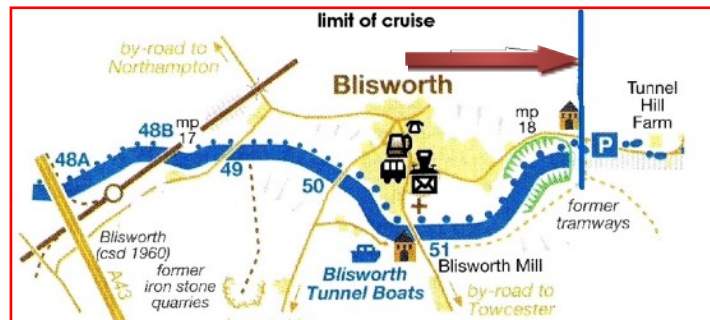
8.2 INFORMING NEXT-OF-KIN

Local Police forces will be responsible for the operation of any casualty bureau, and/or any notifications to family which may become necessary. All relevant information and requests should be directed to Northamptonshire Police HQ.

9.1 MAP COVERING AREA OF MAIN OPERATIONS

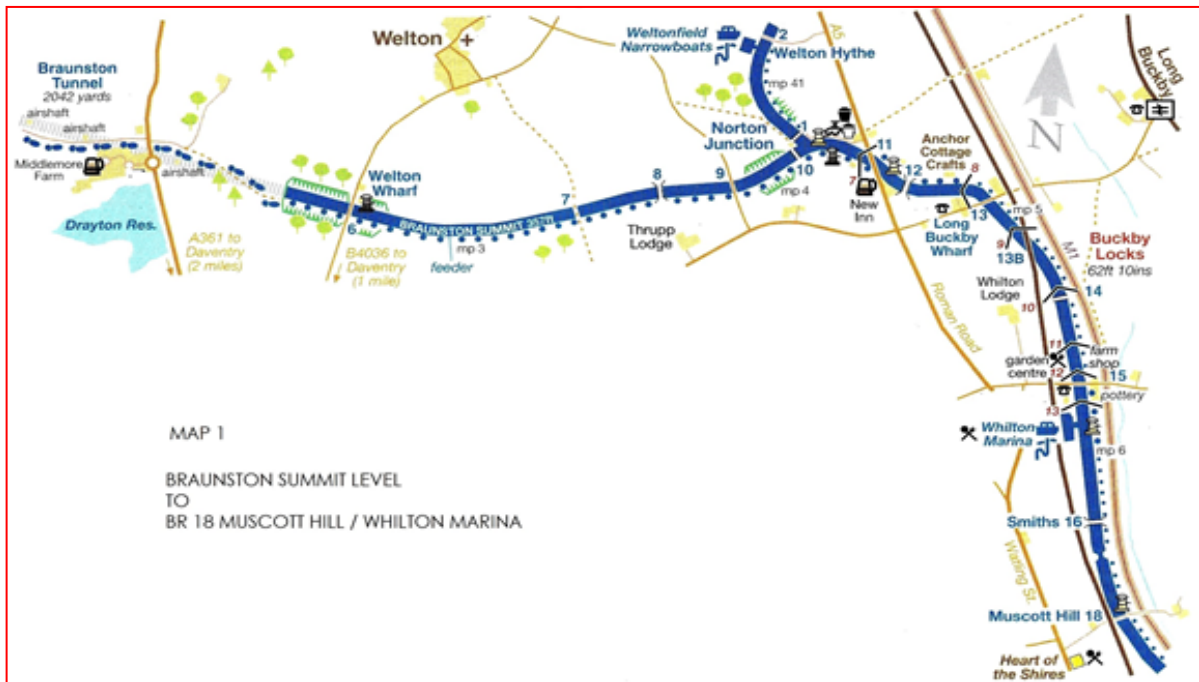


MAP 3a OCCASIONAL ALTERNATIVE / ADD ON ROUTE



9. 2 MAPS OF AREAS OF OCCASIONAL OPERATIONS INCLUDING BRIDGE EMERGENCY ACCESS INFORMATION

9.2.1 Norton Junction to Whilton Marina



Buckby Top Lock. Access via towpath side only from carpark.

11: A5 Trunk Road. No Access.

12: No vehicle access.

13: Three Bridges Road. NN6 7PP. Access towpath side only.

13b: Railway.

14: No Access.

15: Roman Road NN11 2NH Access from both sides of bridge.

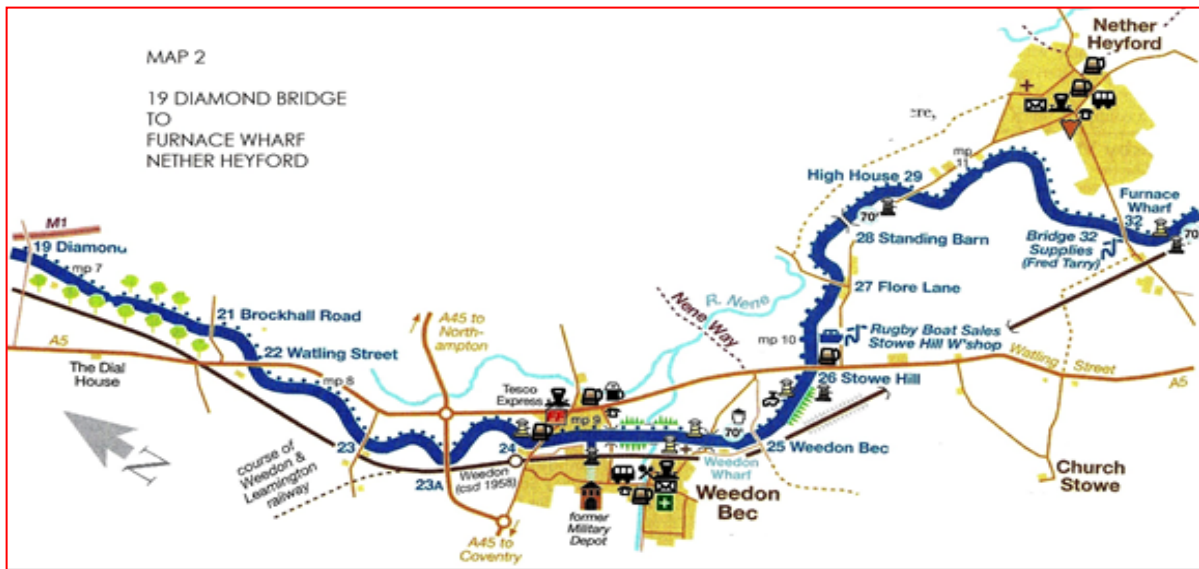
16: SMITHS. No vehicle access. 300 metres footpath from locks

17: MISSING.

18: Muscott Hill No vehicle access. 600 metre footpath from locks

WHILTON MARINA: sign post Whilton locks off A5 NN11 2NH. Access from Lock landing inside boat yard non towpath side adjacent to bottom lock.

9.2.2 Bridge19 Diamond to Furnace Wharf Nether Heyford



19: Diamond. **No vehicle or foot access.**

20: missing.

21: Brockhall Road. Muddy access opposite small holding

22: A5 Trunk Road Watling Street. **No safe access.**

23: Dodford NN7 4TA. Access mud track north side towpath.

23a: A45 Bypass. **No access.**

24: Weedon High Street. Steep steps north side next to Heart of England pub NN7 4QD

Underpass Bridge Street Weedon off A5. Very steep steps. **Poor access.**

Church Street access via Weedon Church Yard. **Very steep steps.**

25: Weedon Bec. **No vehicle access.**

26: A Trunk Road. **Very busy road**, possible vehicle parking on North side. Access via Rugby Boats NN7 4SF if open 500 yards along Heyford Lane. Business hours Mon – Sat 0930-1730. Sun 1000-1600

27: Flore Lane. The Avenue Flore NN7 4SF.

28: Standing Barn **No vehicle access.**

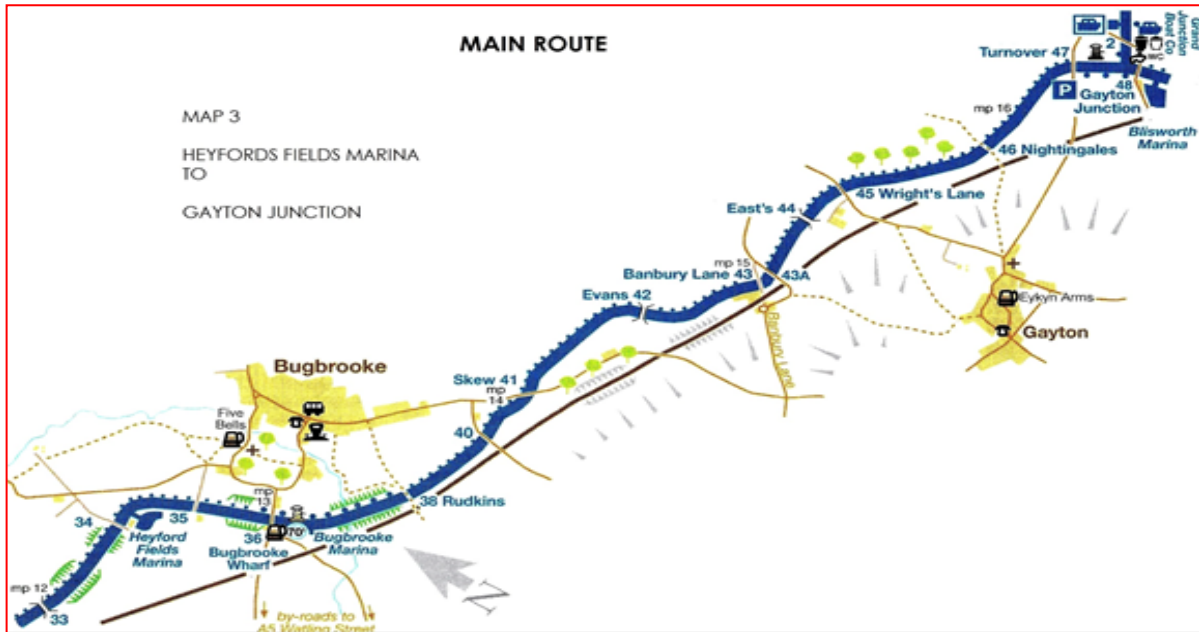
29: High House Wharf. NN7 4SF. via towpath slope South side of bridge.

30: missing. (Swing Bridge Wharf. Private property).

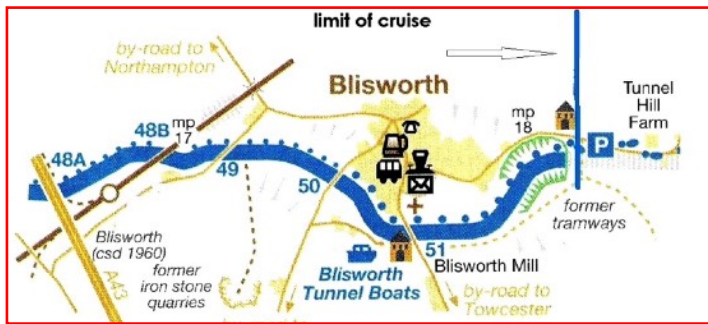
31: missing

32: Furnace Wharf / Tarry's coal yard. NN7 3JY. Slope on towpath North side.

9.2.3 Furness Wharf to Gayton Junction / Blisworth Marina



- 33: Faulkner's. Footbridge. **No access.**
- 34: Lovers Lane: NN7 3NP. Access via Heyford Fields Marina service wharf. (W3W certainly; refutes; headliner)
- 35: Elliot's: Church Lane. NN7 3NP (generic) **restricted access** from Home Farm Private road. Nether Heyford Road. (W3W outbid; warm; highlighted)
- 36: Bugbrooke: B4525. Access via The Wharf Pub car park NN7 3QB (W3W deploying; best; trifling)
- 37: & 39: missing.
- 38: Rudkins: Footpath only. **No access.** Part of Bugbrooke circular walk.
- 40: Downs Lane: Bugbrooke. NN7 3RW (W3W eager; spaces; snowmen)
- 41: Skew. Camp Hill. Bugbrooke. NN7 3RW (W3W crabmeat; haunts; dabbing)
- 42: Evans: Farm crossing. **No access.**
- 43: Banbury Lane: Old Crossing. NN7 3JF Access from farm next to traffic lights. (W3W undertone; immediate; headrest)
- 43a: Banbury Lane: new crossing. **No access.**
- 44: East's Footbridge: **No access.**
- 45: Wrights Lane: Gayton. NN7 3ES (code for riding stables 100 mts away). **Poor access.** (W3W crawling; scraper; seemingly)
- 46: Nightingales: Farm crossing. **No access.**
- 47: Turnaround: Gayton Rd Blisworth. NN7 3FG. Access from both sides of south face. (W3W gent; forgets; sharpness)
- 48: Junction Bridge: NN7 3EF. Access from Gayton Junction.



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Blisworth Marina: Blisworth Arm. NN7 3FG. (W3W circulate; inkjet; column) Access only from service wharf.

48a: A43 Flyover. **No access.**

48b: Railway bridge **No access:**

49: Station Road: Blisworth. Access south side only NN7 3DN. (W3W peachy; approvals; boating)

50: Candle Bridge: Chapel Lane Blisworth. NN7 3EL Access Towpath south side.
(W3W swimsuits; turns; suits)

51: Blisworth Mill: Towcester Road/High Street. NN7 3RZ Access side of road opposite the mill. (W3W slug; denser; disengage)

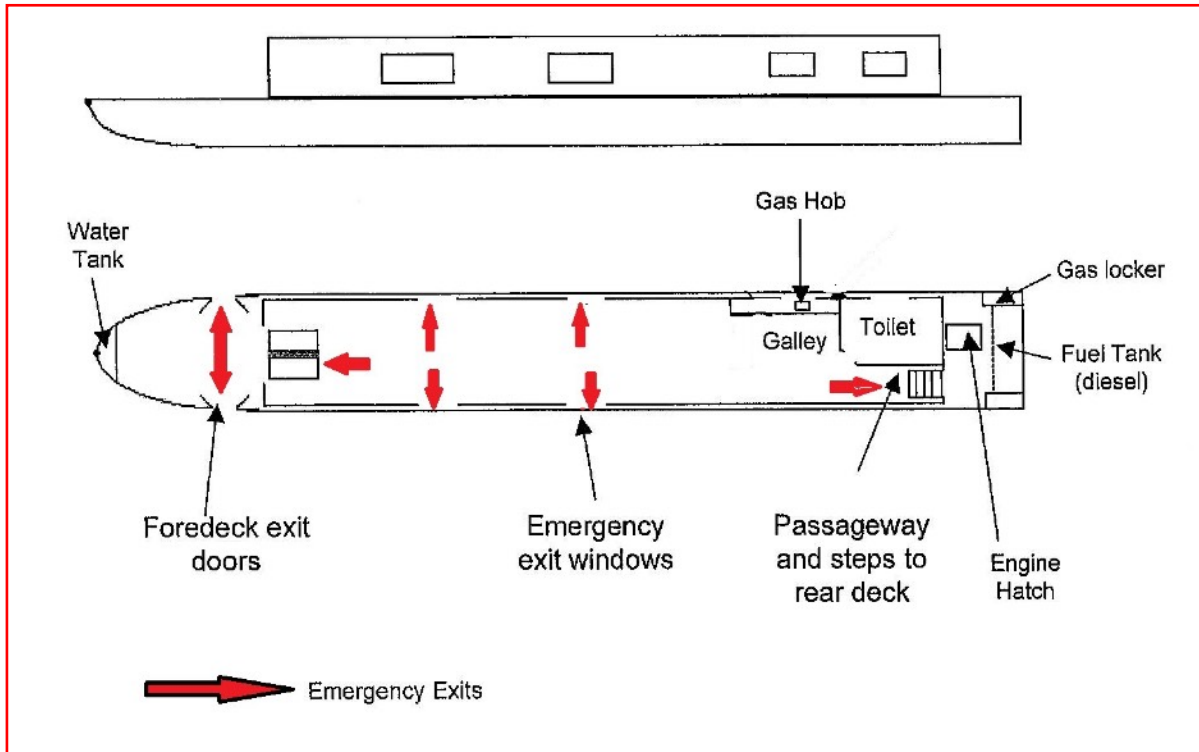
: Blisworth Tunnel north portal. Blisworth. Stoke Road. NN7 3DA Sign Blisworth Tunnel Car park. **Very steep slope.** (W3W brimmed; move; powering)

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: The boat does not transit Blisworth Tunnel

9.2.4 QUICK EMERGENCY LOCATION REFERENCE

Address	Post Code	Notes	what3words
Blisworth Tunnel NORTH PORTAL	NN7 3DA	sign post Blisworth Tunnel	BRIMMED
Stoke Road. Blisworth.		Car Park. Very steep slope	MOVE
			POWERING
Br 51 Blisworth Mill	NN7 3RZ	Access opposite side of road	SLUG
Towcester Road/High Street junction Blisworth.		to The Mill	DENSER
		South side only	DISENGAGE
Bridge 50 Candle Bridge	NN7 3EL	Access bottom of the hill	SWIMSUITS
Chapel Lane Blisworth		South side only	URNS
			SUITS
Br 49 Station Road Blisworth	NN7 3DN	Access South side only	PEACHEY
			APPROVALS
			BOATING
Blisworth Marina			CIRCULATE
Blisworth Arm Blisworth	NN7 3FG	Access from service wharf	INKJET
			COLUMN
Br 47 Turnaround Bridge	*		GENT
Gayton Road Blisworth	NN7 3EF	generic post code	FORGETS
		Access South side only	SHARPNESS
Br 45 Wrights Lane	*	Post code to	CRAWLING
Gayton.	NN7 3ES	Riding Stables Adjacent	SCRAPER
		Poor access south side only	SEEMINGLY
Br 43 Banbury Lane		Access via farm lane next	UNDERTONE
Old crossing	NN7 3JF	to traffic lights	IMMEDIATE
		Access North side only	HEADREST
Br 41 Skew	*		CRABMEAT
Camp Hill Bugbrooke	NN7 3RW	Access south side only	HAUNTS
			DABBLING
Br 40 Downs Lane.	*		EAGER
Bugbrooke	NN7 3RW	generic post code	SPACES
		Access south side only	SNOWMEN
Br 36 Bugbrooke		Access via	DEPLOYING
Off B4525 Cornhill Lane	NN7 3QB	Wharf Pub car park	BEST
			TRIFLING
Br 35 Elliot's		Home Farm	OUTBID
Church Lane Bugbrooke Road. Nether Heyford	NN7 3NP	Access via private road	WARM
		Poor access south side only	HIGHLIGHTED
Br 34. Lovers Lane		Heyford Fields Marina	CERTAINLY
Heyford Fields Marina service wharf	NN7 3NP	generic post code	REFUTES
		Access at service wharf	HEADLINER
Check with emergency service operator if they are using 'What3Words'©			
* explain post code is generic and covers a wide area			
Post a crew member at all access points			

10.0 GENERAL PLAN OF DECKS AND PROFILE OF THE VESSEL



11.0 SUSPENSION / TERMINATION OF SAR ACTION

Northamptonshire Police will be responsible for the termination of SAR with consultancy of Crusader Community Boating representative. CCB will supply at minimum Boat Manager or Chair of Trustees as liaison officer. Effectively, this criteria requires that there is no longer to be any reasonable likelihood of a successful outcome, and is based on experience, common sense, and humanitarian considerations. Where possible, operators will be brought into dialogue before the formal process is instituted.

12.0 MEDIA RELATIONS

Northamptonshire Police maintain a 24hr a day Press Office for handling incidents which have generated significant media interest. If a representative of CCB is involved, this section should be developed jointly towards a common strategy.

13.0 PERIODIC EXERCISES

The regulations call for “periodic exercises” to test the Plan’s effectiveness. This requirement will, where possible, be built into the existing exercise programmes with other relevant authorities.

Exercises which do not include the search and rescue authority cannot be counted towards this requirement

14.0 CONFIRMATION

This completed SAR co-operation plan has been submitted for approval by the MCA at the address below:

MCA Colchester Marine Office
Iceni Way
Colchester
Essex
CO2 9BY
Telephone: 020 390 85 197
Email: mocolchester@mcga.gov.uk

- A copy of the approved plan is kept on the vessel at all times.
- The plan will be kept updated
- All mended plans will be submitted to MCA.
- Regular exercises will be held with the relevant emergency services

DECLARATION

The information provided in this plan is correct to the best of our knowledge. MCA office will be notified of any changes or modifications to this pa following all reviews.