



Dear new owner,

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Welcome to Swallow from all your fellow owners.

Many of us have been together a number of years and enjoy a very friendly relationship. We look forward to meeting you at the Owners' meeting, if not before, and hope you have many happy hours on board.

Each spring, soon after Swallow has had her winter maintenance, as many of us as possible meet to polish her outside and do any little jobs that we agreed at our annual meeting. This is a social occasion and usually ends at a local pub, for lunch. Please join us if you can, as it is an opportunity to get to know your fellow owners.

In addition to Ownerships' recommended procedures, which you may have received or will be able to read when you have your first trip on Swallow, we have, over the years, agreed the following "boat rules" and hints, which we have found helpful.

When arriving on Swallow, ensure the rear mattress is covered with the plastic cover supplied so your suitcases and supplies do not soil the mattress when loading and unloading. Place plastic cover on the mattress before you leave.

Cover the rear mattress and other beds with under sheets as well as a bed sheet to prevent it becoming dirty. (Please bring your own under sheet and top sheet)

Under pillowcases have been supplied and Leslie Brewer replaces them when on board. (They have 2 shares so on board 6 weeks a year)

Only clean the Fiddle Rail brass around the stove and the air vent surrounds on the roof, no other brass inside.

Take home all your own extra cooking utensils, ingredients and cleaning materials etc. we all bring what we require.

Replace anything lost or broken from the boat inventory.

Do not hang any pictures etc. without consultation at the AGM otherwise the boat could become cluttered.

Replace toilet "Blue", when empty, and never clean the toilet with anything other than water. Any chemical will kill bacteria in the tank and cause it to smell.

Use "cheap" toilet paper as the extra thick luxury paper can clog the pipes and be smelly and expensive to get unblocked. Only toilet paper and body waste to go down the toilet. Do not use or flush the new cleaning wipes down the toilet.

When pumping out the bath, do not allow the pump to run without the water once the bath has been emptied.

Cover furniture if pets use it.

There are inevitable accidents but it is only courteous to mention them in the log.

Always lift Cratch cover away from the cabin corners before going into a tunnel to prevent tearing.

Water plants in roof boxes and deadhead when necessary. One or two owners replace the flowers bi annually. If you like gardening just let us know so we can agree who will do it. "Gardening" supplies are charged to the sinking fund.

Touch up paint is under the front deck for use as needed. Order replacement from the boat yard, pay for it and charge to the sinking fund. Check the colour "Mauritius Blue" description and matching carefully.

At the end of your cruise, wash the outside of the boat and polish the outside brass.

Remove the tiller and leave it inside by the rear steps whenever leaving the boat unattended.

Replace gas bottle when empty at your own expense. When you leave the boat, ensure there are always at least one full bottle and a second bottle with some gas in. There is no need to leave any cash for gas you have used.

Fill up diesel and water at the end of your cruise.

At the end of your cruise, either book a valet for the inside cabin or clean it yourself to the same standard as noted in the file under the TV.

Swallow is a no smoking boat

We look forward to meeting you and wish you many happy hours cruising.

If you have any queries or would like to have a guided tour before your first cruise please get in touch.

We have a web site www.NB-Swallow.co.uk and welcome any contributions of photos, stories etc. Send them to richard@boyles.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Richard Boyles

On behalf of Swallow's owners.