



Volunteer Skippers Wanted – April to September

Role of a Skipper

The **skipper** of our Wheelyboat is the master of the vessel and its safe use. They are responsible for the boat and take care of everything related to it. S/he is ultimately responsible also for the safety, comfort and welfare of all those on board.

To do this, the Wheelyboat Skipper must:

- Carry a current RYA Powerboat 2 licence*.
- Be First Aid trained*.
- Carry a useable mobile phone (with the number held by the WABC Admin Officer).
- Be able to swim from boat to bank (in case of emergency).
- Be willing to collect & set-up the boat for use and secure it after use.
- Be willing to assist people onto, aboard & off the boat.
- Have received manual-handling/back care training*.

WABC are looking for flexible volunteers with the ability to help as part of a small local team. Volunteers must have a genuine desire and ability to work with disabled people/members of the public in a customer focused way. They will be responsible for the safe operation of the boat at all times & will be supported by WABC Trustees. Any interest and ability to help maintain the boat would be appreciated

Wallingford's Wheelyboat is expected to be in use April until September each summer from Oxford University Boat Club in Wallingford. It is expected to be on its trailer September to April.

Progress to becoming a skipper may be available to crew members via a RYA Powerboat 2 licence* on request.

* Training can be given to achieve these standards but a commitment of a **minimum of 10 days biannually** will be required (as training is expensive and all funds are raised from the community by donation and fundraising).

To register your interest please contact John Jenkins on 07976-297835,

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