



COMPLETED / NARROWBOAT / 2024

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A BLUEWATER BOATS PROJECT

Built around its owners

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TECHNICAL PROFILE

The details

BOAT TYPE

Narrowboat

BUILD STATUS

Completed

YEAR BUILT

2024

LENGTH

60 ft

PROPULSION

Electric

ENGINE / MOTOR

11kW Vetus E-Line electric motor

HEATING

Webasto

Bluewater Boats Ltd

Bespoke boats, built entirely in Warwickshire

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One boat, individually created

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At the heart of True Blue is a carefully balanced electric propulsion and energy system:

- Vetus 11kW electric motor

- 6.5kVA Vetus diesel generator (backup/charging support)

- 1950W solar array

- 8 x 200Ah Victron lithium batteries (housed under the dinette seating)

- Victron system management and monitoring

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This setup provides versatility: silent electric cruising for everyday exploration, backed by diesel hybrid capability for longer journeys, ensuring freedom from shore power and complete independence on the waterways.

True Blue was built with the same attention to detail as all Bluewater Boats, ensuring durability and protection from the elements:

- Full shot blasting and epoxy primer to prepare the hull

- Two pack epoxy blacking, spray-applied for long-lasting protection

- Epoxy finishing primers and topcoats

ENGINEERING HIGHLIGHTS

11kW Vetus E-Line electric motor

True Blue - continued

Non-slip deck coatings for safety and style

The final finish is a deep, polished metallic blue - a colour scheme chosen by the owners that gives True Blue her distinctive character and name.

The interior of True Blue combines traditional styling with modern convenience. Every detail was considered to reflect the owners' vision of a welcoming, practical home afloat.

Notable features include:

- A handcrafted oak galley with Staron worktops
- Spacious saloon with large sofa and a diesel log burner
- Bespoke dinette with hidden storage and convertible guest bed
- Large, open-plan bedroom with built-in wardrobes
- Carefully chosen fabrics and colours that complement the "True Blue" theme

True Blue's electrical system has been designed for reliability and ease of use:

- Victron Quattro inverter/charger for seamless power conversion
- Victron Isolation Transformer for system safety and shore power protection
- Fully integrated Cerbo GX monitoring with touchscreen control panel
- Remote monitoring via the VictronConnect app

Whether underway or moored, the system automatically balances solar, battery, and generator inputs to keep everything running smoothly.

Built to Last - Inside and Out

From steelwork to soft furnishings, True Blue reflects the uncompromising build quality

Bluewater Boats is known for:

- Heavy-duty hull and cabin construction
- High-build epoxy paint systems for exterior longevity
- Insulated cabin for year-round comfort
- Professionally installed technical systems, tested and commissioned in-house

Independently Surveyed and Certified

As with all Bluewater builds, True Blue was fully inspected by an independent marine surveyor and is RCD certified, ensuring that every aspect of design, engineering, and finish meets the highest safety and quality standards.

A narrowboat that combines classic charm with forward-thinking technology, True Blue shows what's possible when hybrid propulsion meets bespoke craftsmanship. Silent cruising when you want it. Reliable power when you need it. And a boat built to be lived in, loved, and enjoyed for years to come.

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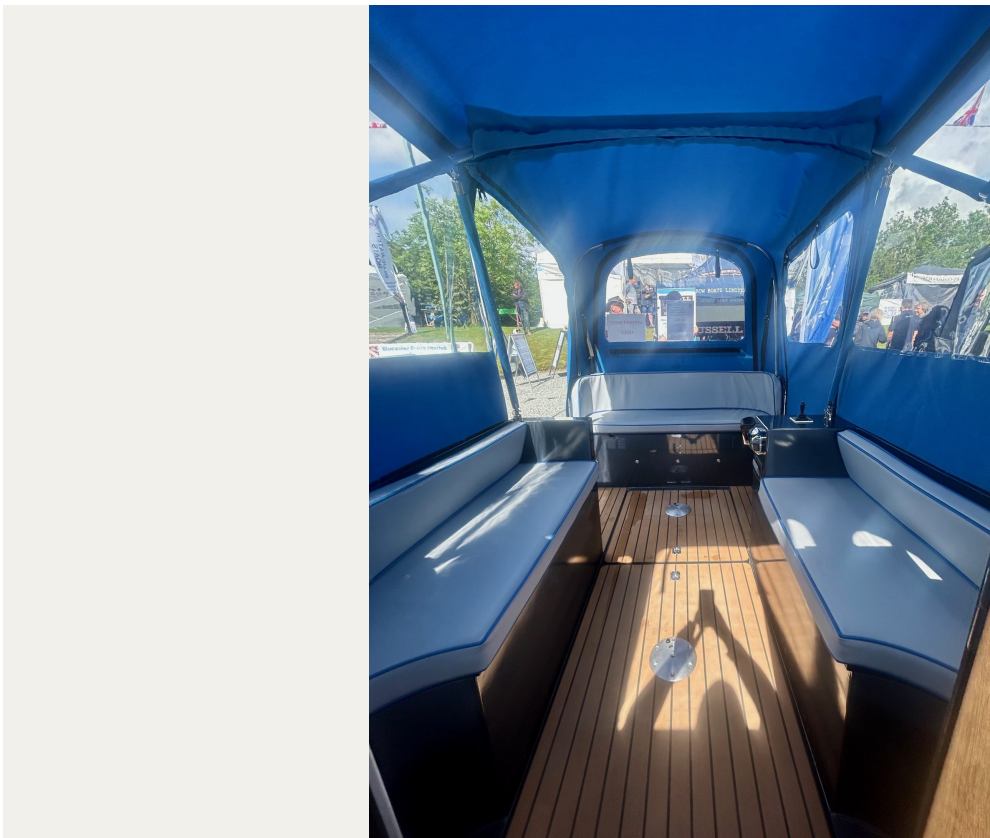
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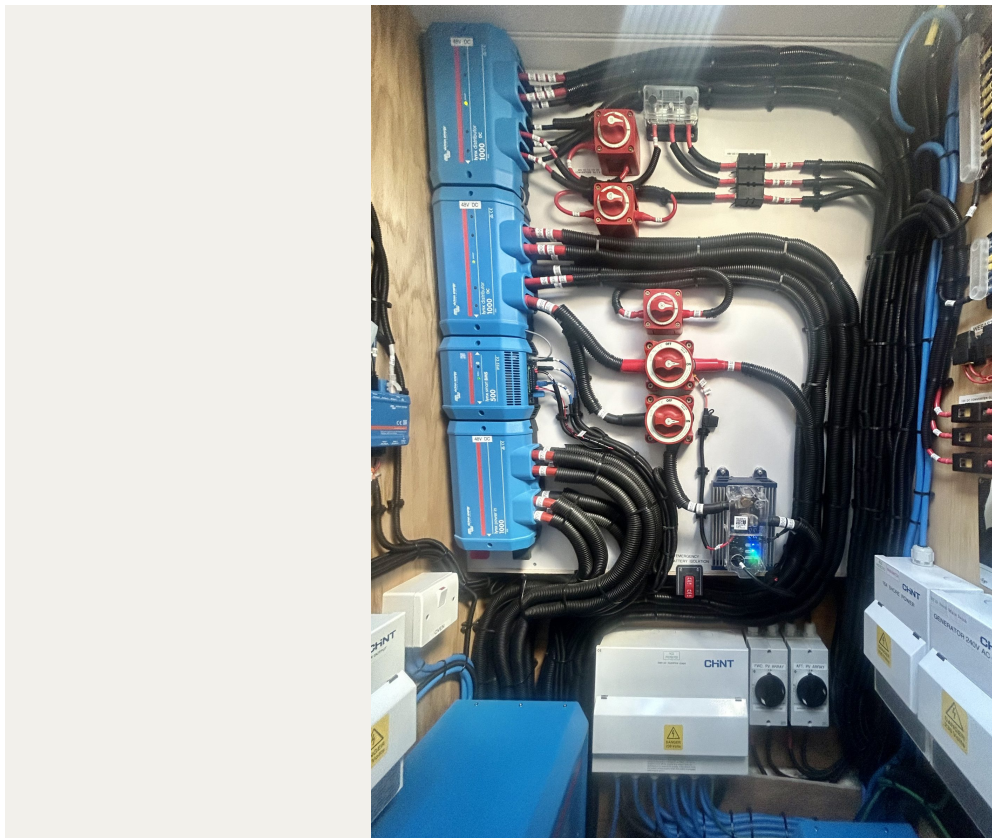
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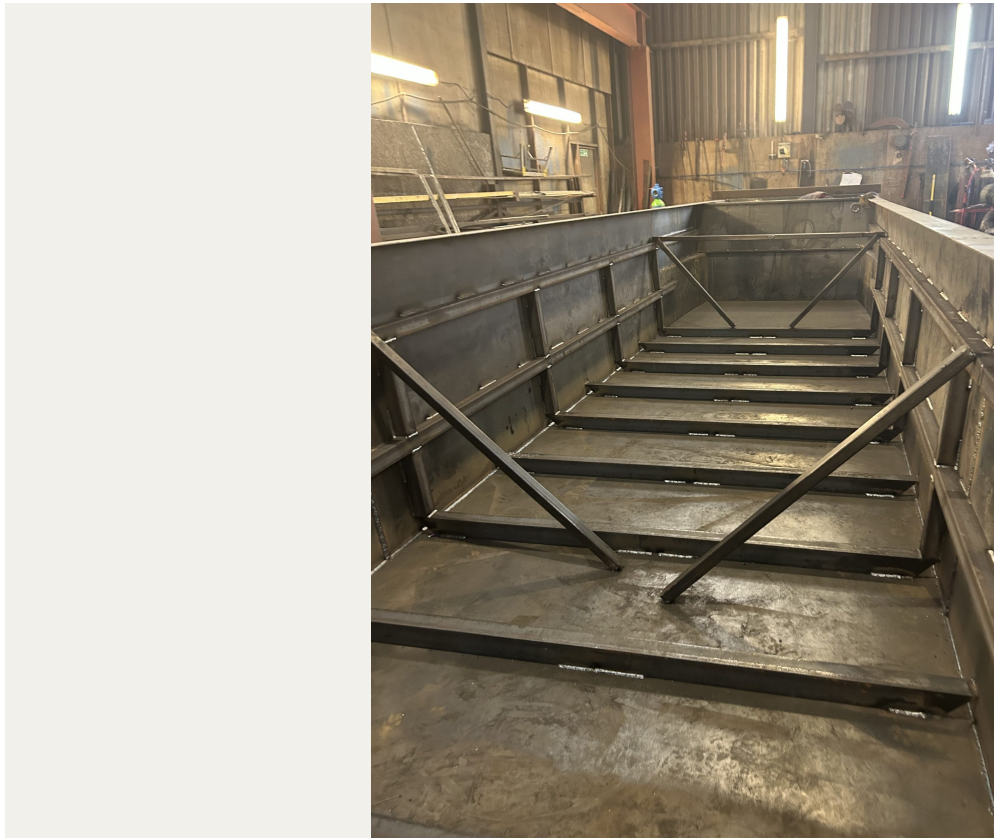
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