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New contact details for the BSS as the Canal & River Trust launches and moves to Milton Keynes

The transfer of British Waterways to the Canal & River Trust, which administers the Boat Safety Scheme, and the closing of the Watford office, sees the BSS with a whole new set of contact details.

The BSS Office will now be based in the Canal & River Trust office in Milton Keynes and its new postal address is: Boat Safety Scheme, First Floor North, Station House, 500 Elder Gate, Milton Keynes, MK9 1BB.

The move also made a new phone number necessary. The BSS national phone number is now - 0333 202 1000.

For unavoidable technical reasons, callers dialling the old Watford phone number will be given an automated message with details of the new Canal & River Trust phone number that is not the new BSS one above.

The Boat Safety Scheme website address has also changed to – www.boatsafetyscheme.org - reflecting its change in status to being administered by a charitable trust. Existing links to the old dot com address will likely be automatically re-directed, but personal shortcuts on computers may need to be renewed.

The BSS email address has also followed suit by becoming bss.enquiries@boatsafetyscheme.org, although the old email address will continue to work for the time being.

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The BSS is a public safety project owned jointly by the Canal & River Trust, registered as a charity with the charity number 1146792, and the Environment Agency. At least 14 other navigation and harbour authorities have also adopted it. The navigation authorities' purposes for the Scheme are to help reduce the risks of fire, explosion and pollution on small craft. This is done by promoting fire safety and pollution avoidance advice to help boat owners keep themselves and their crews' safe as well as regular examination of fuel systems, gas systems, electrical systems and appliances.

The BSS examination and certificate BSS certificates have a life span of four years. Navigation authorities using the Scheme usually require a valid BSS certificate at the time of licensing, registration, toll renewal or similar. The certificate is issued to boat that is found to be compliant with all the BSS requirements relevant for that boat. These can be found in the BSS Essential Guide which can be freely downloaded or read on www.boatsafetyscheme.org . The compliance check is carried out by an authorized, independent practitioner known as a BSS examiner.

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