

BRAY MARINE SALES GUIDE TO BUYING YOUR FIRST BOAT



What type of boating do you want to do?

- **Inland or coastal**
- **Day-boating (without a cabin)**
- **Long-term cruising**

You can spend from £5,000 for a small open boat to hundreds of thousands - but set a realistic budget that you can afford as you also need to pay for running costs.

Common types of boats you might want:

- **Day boats** - no cabins so are great for days out on rivers and lakes.
- **Cruisers** have one or more cabins & facilities, so you can stay on the boat over a weekend or longer.
- **Narrow boats/wide beam** boats are designed for canals and rivers and have cabins and facilities for longer trips.



New Boat: Buying new means you can choose the exact specification for your needs and gives you peace of mind of a manufacturer's warranty.

Used Boat: Most used boats are sold by a broker so will have no warranty. It's essential that you have any used boat surveyed by a professional surveyor to ascertain its condition.

Private seller: Always get a survey done before buying from a private seller (may mean moving the boat to a marina with a crane). Draw up a contract to detail what happens if anything goes wrong.

Broker/Dealer: Buying from a broker could be the start of a long relationship. A reputable broker will get to know what you need and offer good advice while helping you through the entire process.

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RUNNING COSTS

- **Mooring:** This will vary depending on where you keep the boat and goes from nothing to moor it on your own property; reasonable rates at a local marina; all the way up to Ice Wharf Marina on Regent's Canal in London, which costs £10,000 per metre per year!
- **Servicing:** This will vary hugely (like a car) depending on what type of engine – single/twin, outboard etc. You can get quotes before you buy.
- **Insurance:** This is generally based on the value of the boat and where is it kept/used. Get quotes before you buy, and just as you would with a car, make sure the boat is insured from the moment you buy it.
- **Licence:** Boats kept on most inland waterways will require a licence so it can be used on that waterway.
- **Finance Costs**

Each of our boats on the **Boats for Sale** page on our website automatically calculates the following (under Purchase/Running Costs):

- **Survey Lift Fee** – how much it costs to have the boat lifted by a crane so the surveyor can view it properly
- **Survey Fee** – the cost for the surveyor
- **Mooring Costs** – based on mooring the boat at Bray Marina
- **Thames River Licence** – calculated on the LOA (overall length in metres)
- A link that will give you an **instant finance quote**

More information

You can only learn so much from the Internet. Visit us at Bray Marine Sales and view a wide variety of boats – we are always available to help and answer your questions.

<https://braymarinesales.com/boats-for-sale>



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