



Dada - Dutch Barge

Price: £65,000

Key Features

Location: Roydon Marina Village

Berths: 3

Length & Type: 52ft Dutch Barge

Year: 1920s

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Description

Step aboard Dada, a beautifully preserved and sensitively modernised 52ft Dutch barge that perfectly blends traditional craftsmanship with contemporary comfort. Built in the 1920s and meticulously cared for ever since, she carries the elegance and charm of a historic vessel while offering the practicality required for modern liveaboard life. Fully overplated and fitted with double glazing throughout, she is warm, secure and exceptionally well looked-after. She was last blacked in October 2023 with six new anodes fitted, and her most recent engine service was completed in October 2025. With a Boat Safety Certificate valid until 2029, Dada is ready to cruise or enjoy as a permanent floating home without worry.

Entering through the wheelhouse, you are greeted with an elevated and light-filled space full of character. Large surrounding windows provide striking views and make this a peaceful place to sit with a morning coffee, read a book, or watch the waterway life pass by. From here, steps lead down into the galley, where a cleverly arranged and fully equipped kitchen awaits. With a gas cooker and four-ring hob, fridge, freezer, instant gas hot water, under-counter storage and a drop-leaf dining table, this space is designed for everyday living, offering everything you need to prepare meals and enjoy leisurely dining aboard.

Moving forward, the lounge offers a welcoming and cosy retreat. A comfortable sofa sits opposite a multi-fuel stove, making this a perfect space to settle in on cooler evenings, whether you're watching the flames dance or enjoying the gentle sounds of the water outside. Beyond the lounge lies the bathroom, featuring a rare onboard luxury—a bath with shower attachment—ideal for long, relaxing soaks after a day exploring canals or rivers. There is also a vanity basin and a top-loading washing machine, providing essential practicality for full-time life afloat.

At the bow, the master bedroom offers a peaceful and private sanctuary. The double bed sits alongside built-in shelving, providing ample storage for personal belongings, while a front escape hatch brings in natural light and fresh air, adding to the calm and inviting atmosphere of the space. With accommodation for up to three people, Dada is ideal for solo cruisers, couples, or anyone wanting to share the joy of life on the water with occasional guests.

With her graceful lines, rich heritage and thoughtful modern upgrades, Dada represents an exceptional opportunity to own a classic Dutch barge with character, warmth and reliability. She is ready for a new owner to continue her story—whether as a charming permanent home, a serene weekend escape, or a unique adventure vessel for exploring the waterways in comfort and style.

Additional Specs

- Length/Boat Style: 52ft Dutch Barge Westlander
- Year: 1920's
- Number of bathrooms 1
- Berths 3
- Hull By/ Fit out by: Westlander
- Layout stern to bow: Wheelhouse, Galley, Lounge Bathroom, Bedroom
- Engine and gearbox: DAF marine engine 6 cylinder
- Engine Hours/ Last Service: Last service Oct 2025
- Boat Safety Certificate: 02/09/2029
- Last Blacking + type: Oct 2023 + 6 new anodes
- Inspection hatch and location: Stern deck
- P/out or Cassette: Cassette
- Internal cabin height 6' 1" in main cabin area
- Last Survey: March 2023
- Bow thruster Yes not functional at present
- Batteries: 4 x 200AH 12V Victron AGM leisure batteries
- **Electric Supply:** Victron inverter-charger, easy solar 24/3000/70
- Water capacity 650L
- Fuel capacity 270L
- Hot Water Supply: Ferroli LPG water heater
- **Cabin Heating:** 5kw multifuel stove with back boiler, radiators
- Gas Cylinders No+ type: 2 x 13kg Propane
- Outstanding Faults / Issues: Bow thruster not working

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