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Argie Bargie - Cruiser Stern

Price: £35,000

Key Features

Location:	Roydon Marina Village
Berths:	2
Length & Type:	45ft Narrowboat
Year:	1988

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Description

Step aboard Argie Bargie, a 45ft cruiser stern narrowboat that's bursting with charm and stories from the cut. Built in 1988 and lovingly restored and enhanced over the years, this well-balanced vessel offers the best of both worlds: the timeless appeal of traditional boat design, and the thoughtful comforts needed for modern, full-time living. Having been a cherished liveaboard since 2017, she's been not just well-maintained but carefully refined to create a warm, inviting, and highly functional floating home.

In Spring 2025, Argie Bargie underwent a full internal and external repaint, stripped right back to the metal to ensure long-term durability and a fresh, clean finish throughout. Prior to that, extensive maintenance and upgrades were carried out with care and precision. From a reconditioned BMC 1.5 engine to a new stainless steel water tank, this boat has been thoroughly invested in. Structural works include Uxter overplating in 2018, new stern boards, a new weed hatch and prop shaft, and a new cratch cover in 2018, offering extra protection and usable space at the bow.

Every aspect of the boat has been considered—from practicalities like a steel security door and resealed windows, to aesthetic and lifestyle features that make living aboard a pleasure. Annual servicing has been diligently kept up, with a log of work carried out by the owner and River Canal Rescue.

Argie Bargie's interior has been carefully laid out with liveability in mind. Enter through the generous cruiser stern—a sociable space that invites you to sit with friends, watch the water drift by, or simply enjoy the peace of your mooring. Inside, you're welcomed into a cosy living area, complete with a multi-fuel stove for warmth on winter nights and a double sofa with built-in storage for added functionality. Bookshelves line the walls, creating a snug reading nook or space to display treasures collected along your travels.

The kitchen is bright and well-equipped, with a gas oven and hob, 12V fridge, stainless steel sink with hot and cold water, and a separate tap for an optional water filter—perfect for anyone looking to spend time off-grid. Plenty of countertop space and storage cupboards make meal prep easy and efficient.

Clever use of space continues in the corridor, which houses a full-sized wardrobe and extra storage under the gunnels. The fold-out dinette, added in 2021, provides a flexible dining or working space with stools neatly tucked away when not in use.

At the bow of the boat lies a peaceful and private bedroom, where a fixed double bed with storage beneath creates a restful space to retreat at the end of the day. Natural light filters in through the forward windows, and the cratch cover outside adds further protection and privacy.

The bathroom was tastefully re-decorated in 2020 and includes a hot water shower, sink, and a composting toilet—ideal for eco-conscious cruising. However, for those who prefer, the original large pump-out tank remains installed, offering flexibility for future owners.

Argie Bargie has been more than a boat—she's been a home, a companion, and a reliable traveller on the inland waterways of the UK. She's ready now for her next caretaker, whether that's someone seeking a full-time floating lifestyle, a peaceful getaway, or a new adventure on Britain's canals and rivers.

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Additional Specs

- **Length/ Boat Style:** 45ft Cruiser stern
- **Year:** 1988
- **Number of bathrooms** 1
- **Berths** 2
- **Hull By/ Fit out by:** Welded steel hull
- **Layout stern to bow:** Living room, kitchen, wardrobe, bathroom, bedroom
- **Engine and gearbox:** Vetus M2.02
- **Hull thickness** As per the 2019 hull survey... "Sample of thickness measurements. The original plate measured a nominal 5mm. The side over plates were 5mm, and 6mm around the waterline. The over plate covering the bottom was 5mm. The counter plate was 4.9 port and starboard. The engine cooling tank was on the port side with measurements of 3.99mm."
- **Boat Safety Certificate:** 17/06/2026
- **Last Blacking + type:** Sept 2021 blacked with 2 pac epoxy at PJ Barbers boatyard.
- **Inspection hatch and location:** Under stairs at entrance way in cabin
- **P/out or Cassette:** Pump out s ll in situ, though compost toilet used by previous owner.
- **Insulation:** Foam, and some reflective system believed.
- **Last Survey:** October 2019
- **Internal Height:** 6ft
- **External Covers** Cratch
- **Batteries:** 3 leisure, 1 starter
- **Electric Supply:** Solar panels, 12-volt system with 240-volt inverter. 12-volt Fridge.
- **Water capacity** Unknown. Bespoke stainless steel tank fi ed to shape of bow. Capacity large for size of boat.
- **Fuel capacity** 1000 litres
- **Hot Water Supply:** Calorifier. Reconditioned and reinstated 2024.
- **Cabin Heating:** Multi fuel stove. The radiator in the bedroom is from a back boiler system, which was in place prior to the last owner. (Unknown when removed) Radiator therefore not hooked up, but op on to is there.
- **Gas Cylinders No+ type:** 2 propane - accessed from back deck

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