



EXPLORER

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FULL INSTRUCTIONS

TARP: Roll up blue tarp at the rear of the boat and secure into place with straps. Reverse this when leaving.

GAS: Turn on gas bottles outside beside BBQ. One is for the hot water and gas hobbs and the other is for the BBQ.

POWER: The batteries for the power are located in the white box to the right of the entrance door at the rear of the boat. Turn on the "House" battery by turning the red knob a quarter turn to the right.

Whilst in the berth it is possible to have 240 Volt power supply. We have it all set up allowing for two plugs at the rear of the boat outside on the white battery box near the rear door.

WATER: Turn on water pump at switch above and left of the fridge. The water in the tanks is fresh water, however it is advisable to drink the water provided in the container above the stereo as it tastes better.

The houseboat is equipped with 3 x 100 litre containers of fresh water. If you should run of water from the first two tanks you will need to access the third tank which is located in the cupboard in the front bunk room. Turn the tap located at the bottom of the tank to release the water.

If all the water runs out, PLEASE TURN THE WATER PUMP OFF at the switch by the fridge.

If we are unable to assist you, there is a hose under the seat in the top lounge area where two of the water tanks are located. This can be used to fill the tanks from the tap on the shore. If you have to also refill the tank in the front bunk room, you must TURN THE VALVE OFF again before this is filled. Please conserve water where possible. Please note the hot water does not come out fast and it can get very hot.

FRIDGE: Turn on switch to the left of the fridge, by the water pump switch.

STEREO: To turn on stereo in lounge, turn on the middle switch on the front panel of the cupboard. Press (SCR) to get it to the radio station and then tune. There is also a stereo/CD player upstairs in helm area. It is possible to plug in an ipod if you have the right attachment.

DECK: To access upstairs, undo bolts to hatch and slide forward. Hatch cover also converts into table top with the use supports located in helm area. There are some plastic chairs located in helm area that you are welcome to use.

STOVE: Ensure gas tank outside is turn on (see gas). Turn knob to ignite flame. The burner on the right can be used as a grill or burner. Please ensure curtain near stove is pushed well away from it when in use. If you are having trouble getting a flame check gas is turned on or make sure tank still has some gas. If there is plenty of gas but no flame you may need to use a match or lighter to ignite gas. If a gas bottle runs out you can change cylinders over, as fittings are compatible.

SHOWER: Ensure gas it turned on. You need to turn the shower knob to desired temperature. It takes nearly two minutes before the water comes through hot, so be patient. However, if it is still not hot check to see if the hot water gas system in the galley is going. You should see blue flames of the gas through the indicator. If it isn't try turning the shower off and starting again.

TOILET: The toilet is a normal flush toilet however all waste is stored in a holding tank. To avoid the holding tank filling up too fast try not to flush if it is not necessary. Depending on the number of people on board and the length of stay the holding tank may need to be emptied out during your stay. Please contact us if the toilet will not flush properly as it may mean that the holding tank is full.
Alternatively, there are some public toilets a few metres down the road if you need to use them.
Please do not put tampons down the toilet (use the bin provided).

If you cannot contact us, please call Rainbow Septic Tank Cleaners and speak with either Jim or Colin. Tell them that the houseboat toilet needs emptying and hopefully they can come and do it fairly promptly. Their numbers are 07 3788777, Jim 027 4733861 or Colin 027 420171

If you are there when they come to pump out please make sure there is water in the toilet when they are finished, otherwise there will be a rather nasty smell coming up from the holding tank.

HATCH: The hatch in bunk room can be opened by undoing bolts and sliding hatch cover up and back. Please make sure this is closed again if it's going to rain.

HEATING: Whilst in the berth, it is possible to get power from the power socket on the battery box at the rear of the boat.
There is an oil heater located on the boat near the stereo.
There is an extension cord in the bunk room cupboard if you need it.

SWIMMING: If you wish to go swimming off the boat we have a ladder that attaches to the rear of the boat. The ladder is located in the cupboard in the bunk room. Open latch gate at rear of boat and slide the ladder into the attachments on the floor. Please ensure that it is attached correctly so it doesn't fall out. It is a good idea to try and tie it up in case it comes loose.

TROUBLE SHOOTING

NO WATER:

Check you have turned on the water pump.

If you have cold water but not hot, check that the gas for the hot water is turned on (the hot water will not flow if the gas is off or if the gas has run out)

If the gas and water pump are turned on and you still do not have any water, check that the hot water system in the galley is turn on. The knob that can be turned to select the heat temperature must be pushed in.

You may have run out of water. Check tanks under the seat in the lounge area. If you can move them slightly then they are probably empty. These can be filled with hose located near tanks to the water forcet on the shore right in front of the houseboat.

LIGHTS FADING

Battery power is running out. Turn off all unnecessary lights. If you really need more power turn on the "Start" battery as well. This should be a fully charged battery.

SMELLY TOILET

Check that there is water in the bowl in the toilet. If there is no water in there the fumes can come up from the holding tank. Flush toilet to fill will water.

UPON DEPARTURE

1. Please leave clean and tidy and take all rubbish with you
2. Turn off all switches eg. fridge, water pump, stereo, lights
3. **TURN OFF GAS** at gas cylinders
4. Close all doors, windows, hatch cover and curtains
5. Ensure all plastic chairs are put back where you found them
6. Close and bolt hatch in bunk room
7. Close hatch above stairwell and bolt
8. Make sure you have all your belongings and then close and lock the padlock to the door
9. **TURN OFF BATTERIES**
10. Lower blue tarp
11. Return keys or leave where you found them

PROBLEMS: Call Karl or Maureen on (027) 229-6830

OTHER EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO CONTACT US

TOILET NEEDS EMPTYING: Jim or Colin on 07 378 8777
Jim 027 473 3861
Colin 027 420171

WATER TANKS CONTACT: Carol on 07 377 1306
Or 021 164 9836

OTHER PROBLEMS: Roy Earle on 07 376 5772
Or 021 2785005

We hope you enjoyed your stay!