

## Brixham Trawler 'Leader'

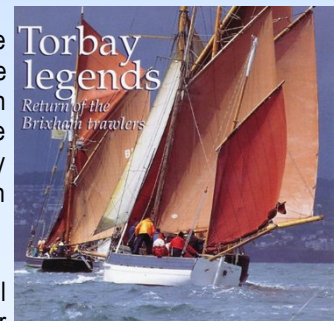


Leader was built in 1892 and is probably the hardest working example of the few surviving wooden sailing trawlers in the UK. Under her current ownership she has been treated to several major refits which both retain her authentic historic hull and rig, and enable her to be sailed to her full potential for both youth sail training and adult adventure voyages. Over the winter of 2011-2012 she will have undergone £200 000 of shipwright work to completely re deck and strengthen her upper hull. This complements the complete re fastening and considerable re planking of her underwater hull. She still carries the patina of history and signs of a hard working life for over 118 years, but you will also be sailing a newly restored 'thoroughbred'.

Leader is rigged as she would have been when first built, as a gaff ketch. She is 80' long on deck, and 105' overall. She displaces about 110 tonnes in sailing trim. She has a beam of 19'6" and a draft of 10'. Down below, Leader has been fitted out for her modern role. She has accommodation for twelve guests and five crew, a large saloon area, a galley with a large, gas cooker, two heads, two hot showers, and a generator that supplies a ring main with 240v electricity. She has a well equipped nav. station with modern navigation equipment including Radar, GPS and DSC VHF Radio.

**Leader** was one of the largest of the sailing trawlers, known, despite their Ketch rig, as the 'Big Sloops'.

She kicks off the season in March with an 8 day voyage which could likely see her venture across the channel to France before returning for the **Brixham Heritage Regatta**. The Regatta has its roots in the Sailing Trawler races that have been held in Torbay since 1851. In 1914, King George V presented the perpetual challenge trophy known as the 'Kings Cup', to be raced for by Brixham registered sailing trawlers over 40 tons. This was competed for annually from 1919 until 1939. The event is now a highlight of the traditional sailing calendar, with traditional vessels of all shapes and sizes competing in a variety of classes.



The Trawler Race is on the Saturday at the end of your voyage so after 8 days cruising you will really feel part of the crew and ready to show the world your magnificent traditional vessel under full sail. Leader normally starts her season in March, so after an extending refit, all the professional crew will be dying to get out on the water and put her through her paces. She may cross the Channel to France or explore along the Devon or Cornish coast, to show off her new deck and improved sheer line. There will be plenty of sail handling plus the excitement of meeting other traditional boat crews at the Regatta.

**Isles of Scilly** are a favourite sailing area for Classic Sailing, rightly so, as they are the jewel in the crown of Cornwall. Thousands of people visit the islands every year, but not many do so by sailboat. This means that there are always quiet anchorages to be found, and more often than not, it feels as if you have been let in on a well kept secret. Leader will be there mid summer, so plenty of daylight hours to explore the crystal clear waters and white sandy beaches, before sharing a meal on board, possibly locally caught and enjoying the company of your fellow crew over an ale or two.

**Brest and Douarnenez 2012** are two world renowned wooden boat festivals that coincide every 4 years to create one big festival in two locations. Leader will sail from her home port of Brixham to Brest, then join the parade of sail to Douarnenez before returning home to Devon. This is literally a sight for sore eyes for traditional boat lovers, with thousands of people and hundreds of boats. Brittany lays on its finest food, fun and festivities to ensure that you won't go home disappointed, but possibly in need of a good nights sleep! You do not need to be an enthusiast to enjoy this spectacle, as there are many other distractions and lots of sailing. Her sister ship, Provident, will also be there, along with Eve of St Mawes, Bessie Ellen, Annabel J and Lizzie May. Bon Voyage!

Join this historic vessel, make friends, have fun, learn something new and take home some wonderful memories.

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## Directions to Brixham

### Directions by Road

From the North, on the M5, continue past Exeter. The road becomes the A38 shortly thereafter.

Keep left and fork LEFT onto the A380, signposted for Torquay. Continue on that road to the end of the dual carriageway, straight over the large roundabout at Newton Abbot and through Kingskerswell. Then turn RIGHT at the next roundabout onto the Ring Road, signposted for Paignton and Brixham.

Carry on past the end of the dual carriageway and through the outskirts of Paignton. Go straight over at a large crossroads following signs for Brixham, past Booker, Sainsbury's and Bookham on the right. Turn right at the next T-junction on the A3022, signposted Brixham and Dartmouth. Stay on that road, keeping to the left-hand lane at the traffic lights on the outskirts of Brixham. At the traffic lights in the centre of the town, by Brixham Theatre, turn left into Market Street and follow signs for the harbour. Turn right into The Strand, leaving the harbour on the left. The road turns away from the harbour then hard left up King Street. You will see the harbour below you on the left. About 600 yards further on there are signs for a car park on the left, by the water's edge. Go down the ramp, turn left and drive past the lifeboat station to the unloading bay by the marina building. You are allowed time to put your belongings in a trolley and bring them to the pontoon where the boat will be moored, which is about 200 yards past the marina office.

After checking in, take your car to the long-stay car park on the opposite side of the main road. The entrance is about 50 yards past the entrance to the waterside car park and marina area. Pay in advance at the marina office. You will be given a pass to display on your windscreen. The price is £7 per car per day.

From the East, on the A303 the road becomes the A30 and joins the M5 just North of Exeter. Follow instructions as above.

From the West, stay on the A38 past Plymouth, exit at junction signposted to Totnes and Paignton by a shell garage. Follow the road into Totnes; turn Left at the first set of traffic lights down a hill, and then right at the T-junction. Go straight over the two roundabouts following signs to Paignton, and out of Totnes. As you enter Paignton turn right towards Brixham at the large junction, and follow directions as above.



### Directions by Rail

Take the train to Paignton (may require a change at Exeter or Newton Abbot), and then by taxi (about 15 minutes, ~£12) or bus (Number 12, 25 minutes, ~£3) to

Brixham. There is a taxi rank outside the train station and the bus station is opposite. The boats will be moored on a pontoon on the South side of the harbour, close to the Marina and opposite the fishing boat pier. Approaching from town, turn right when you reach the harbour's edge and follow it around to the pontoon.

### Directions by Coach

National Express have coaches to Paignton, from where you can take a bus or taxi to Brixham as above.

### Finding your Boat

Your boat will be berthed on Brixham Town Pontoon, on the East side of Brixham harbour. Representatives will be aboard your vessel from 13.00 hours..

### What to Bring

N.B. BOATS HAVE LIMITED STORAGE SPACE SO PLEASE LIMIT YOURSELF TO ONE SOFT BAG OR RUCKSACK (not suitcases). (Duvet, sheets, a pillow and pillow case are provided)

Offshore waterproof jackets and trousers can be hired at £5.00 per day if you can bring your own. Please contact us if you wish to hire water-proofs 01872 580022

Hats for sun and cold weather.

At least two sets of warm clothes - layers e.g. tracksuit bottoms, shirts, fleece jacket, wool jumpers, thick socks, and neck scarf. It can get cold at sea even in mid summer.

Swim suit, towel, and suntan lotion.

Flat shoes with a good grip e.g. trainers or sailing deck shoes. Sailing boots or wellies as the sea can come over deck if rough.

(An alternative to boots in summer is to bring another pair of flat shoes with a good grip in case the first pair get wet).

All terrain type Sandals are great for dinghy trips ashore – but you do need shoes which protect your toes for sailing.

Camera, binoculars, sketchbook, a relaxing read.

Passport for French Voyages, (an EHIC Form from Post Office - Reciprocal Free Health Care in Europe)

Any medication, spare spectacles. Seasick tablets - check with your Doctor, which brand if you suffer from asthma or are on medication.

RYA Cruising Logbook for RYA Courses.

Musical instruments are always welcome.

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