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Welcome to Alaska

Alaska was built in 1883 by Horsham & Co. of Bourne End, Buckinghamshire and she was subsequently purchased in 1887 from W.H. Barbrook of Walton-on-Thames for whom she had been built. Her new owners were the Oxford firm of Salter Bros., who used her on the weekly return service from Oxford to Kingston and back. This was an immensely popular trip until quite recent times. Passengers spent the day on the boat, enjoying the delightful scenery along the journey, and stayed ashore in different hotels each night. In later years she was used as a private party boat at Oxford.

Alaska served in the wartime Thames River Patrol, was then sold in 1942 for service further down the river and was laid up shortly afterwards. After withdrawal, Alaska is reputed to have been poled from Kingston to Oxford by a new owner. She settled in shallow water, was decked over and used as a boat hire pontoon. In 1974 she was rediscovered and identified by boat historians, ex-crew members and Lloyds. After being brought to a boatyard at Hurley, further research located her original engine at Kingston. Boat and engine were restored over a period of several years and a new boiler provided.

Every period detail has been faithfully rediscovered in Alaska's glorious revival by craftsmen working from enlarged original photographs, using traditional methods and materials. A rare survivor of a bygone era, she still conjures up the mystical quality of leisurely travel on the Thames. Her engine, fuelled by a coal fired boiler, pushes her silently and effortlessly through the water, showing off her elegant lines. She is finished to the highest standard, both on deck as well as in the cabin, where not even the smallest details has been overlooked to portray her Victorian origins.

Charter Rates 2005

Alaska is available for charter between April and October. The minimum hourly charter is four hours, however if you wish to extend the time, rates are also shown. Special extended charters lasting longer than eight hours can be quoted for on request.

This beautiful Victorian steam launch accommodates a maximum of 36 guests. However if you wish to arrange a fully catered event, then we would recommend a maximum party of 24. Alaska is ideal for parties, anniversaries, private functions or small exclusive business events.

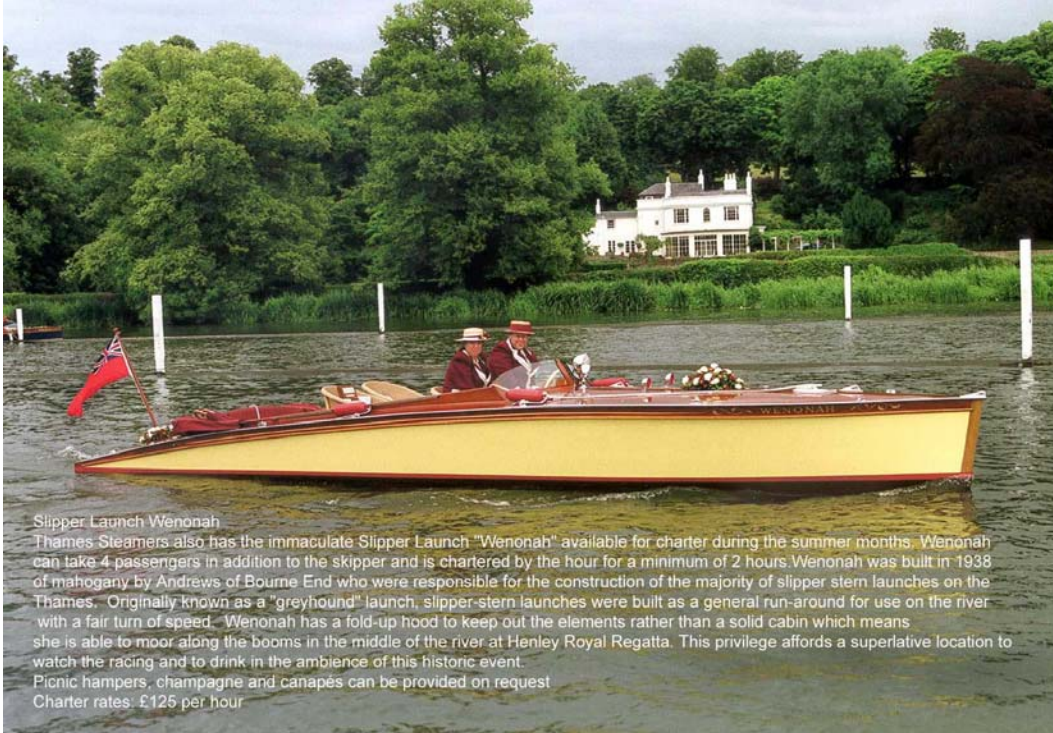
We can provide a range of mouth watering menus from champagne and canapés to a sophisticated buffet – or perhaps an intimate five-course dinner party would suit the occasion perfectly.

Bar facilities are available as required. We can also arrange for a wide choice of live entertainment from Jazz to String or Calypso.

Rates (VAT Exempt)

4 Hour Charter	£1,200	Additional Hours	£175
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*These rates exclude regattas or river festivals which can be quoted for on request



Beverage Price List

House Champagne £22.50 per bottle
Bollinger Special Cuvee n.v. £39.50 per bottle

Pimms

Available upon request at £15.00 per jug

Beers & Lagers

£3.00 per can/bottle

Tonic Water Ginger Ale Orange Juice - £2.50 per bottle/carton

Sparkling & Still Mineral Water - £2.50 per litre bottle

Coke/Diet Coke £1.50 per can

AS THE ABOVE ITEMS CANNOT BE RESOLD ONCE OPENED, A CHARGE WILL BE MADE FOR ANY OPEN BOTTLES OR CANS
 PRICES INCLUDE VAT

Wine List

RED WINE	PER BOTTLE
House Red	£15.00
Rioja	£22.00
Saint Emilion	£17.00
Merlot	£15.00
Beaujolais Fleurie	£19.00
WHITE WINE	
House White	£15.00
Pouilly Fumé	£19.00
Pouilly Fuissé	£22.00
Chablis	£18.00
Sauvignon Blanc	£18.00
Chardonnay	£20.00
Dessert wine	£10.00 (half bottle)

PLEASE NOTE, OUR WINES ARE SPECIALLY SELECTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON.
A DETAILED LIST IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.
PRICES INCLUDE VAT

Finger Buffet Menu

Selection of filled Continental rolls

Mini pork & mustard pies

Leek & Stilton quiche

Mini sausages sautéed in wholegrain mustard & honey

Sandwich assortment

Cheese & pineapple 'hedgehog'

Sweet cherry tomatoes

Mini Mocha fudge brownies

Fresh fruit bowl

£16.75 per person
Price includes 17.5% VAT

Fork Buffet Menu

Menu 1

Classic Coronation chicken

Salmon and chive mousse

New potatoes in a lemon, parsley vinaigrette

Minted cucumber & tomato salad

Mixed green salad

A variety of freshly baked bread

Dessert

£24.50 per person
Price includes 17.5% VAT

Fork Buffet Menu

Menu 2

Pork, turkey & cranberry pie

Smoked salmon & feta cheese couscous in honey, mint & lemon vinaigrette

Pasta and roasted vegetable salad

Tomatoes with basil

Mixed leaf salad

A variety of freshly baked bread

Dessert

£24.50per person
Price includes 17.5% VAT

Fork Buffet Menu

Menu 3

Smoked fish terrine

Roast pork and beef platter

Potato, spring onion and chives in mayonnaise & sour cream dressing

Greek style salad in creamy vinaigrette dressing

Mixed leaf salad

A variety of freshly baked bread

Dessert

£25.00 per person

Price includes 17.5% VAT

Fork Buffet Menu

Menu 4

Dressed whole poached salmon

Assorted meat platter

New potatoes in a lemon & parsley vinaigrette

Carrot & cinnamon salad

Mixed green salad

A variety of freshly baked bread

Dessert

£26.50 per person
Price includes 17.5% VAT

Desserts

Your choice of two desserts is included in the menu price

Fresh Cream Chocolate Roulade

Raspberry Pavlova

Exotic Fruit Salad

Lemon Cheesecake

French Apple Tart spiced with Cinnamon and Cloves

Fresh Melon, Grapes & Kiwi

A selection of cheeses garnished with grapes and served with a selection of crackers & fresh breads is available at an additional cost of £4.00 per person

We can also supply birthday & novelty cakes upon request

Mementoes (available on request)



Small Teddy Bear £8
Large Teddy Bear £15

Special Edition Halcyon Days Enamel £90

Terms & Conditions for Booking

1. These conditions govern the hiring of the vessel from Thames Steamers on the date and for the period and function specified.
2. A provisional reservation will be held for a period of 14 days pending the receipt of a completed and signed copy of the booking form indicating the hirer's acceptance of the Terms & Conditions, together with the booking deposit. By paying the booking deposit it will be deemed that you have accepted our Terms & Conditions. If this is not received within this period, the reservation will be automatically released.
Any person named on the booking form shall be considered the hirer. Where two or more persons are named, they shall each be considered the hirer and shall be jointly and severally liable under these conditions.
3. The hirer is required to pay a deposit of 25% of the boat hire to confirm the booking. The balance of monies due, including a deposit against the wine order if appropriate, is payable 14 days prior to the date of the function after which time Thames Steamers will charge interest on the balance due at the rate of one percent (1%) per month.
4. All food, beverages and other services (eg music, flowers) will be provided by prior arrangement with Thames Steamers. Where appropriate, preferred suppliers can be recommended.
5. The final number of guests attending the event will be confirmed to Thames Steamers 14 days before the function and this will form the minimum charge. (Please note that extra services, such as any musicians booked, will be included in the maximum number of passengers allowed on board.)
6. In the interests of safety, children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
7. Dogs are not allowed on board at any time (except for Guide dogs).
8. Smoking is not permitted, except on the open deck.
9. If the hirer has cause to cancel the event, the deposit is not refundable unless a prior agreement has been made with Thames Steamers. If the cancellation occurs within 42 days of the date of the function, then the hirer will be liable for the balance of the charter cost if the vessel cannot be re-let. A cancellation received within 5 days before the date will also incur the liability of catering costs.
10. In extreme cases, Thames Steamers reserves the right to cancel the reservation due to unforeseen circumstances.

Terms & Conditions for Booking (continued)

11. The nature of the function shall be notified to Thames Steamers at the time of the booking and Thames Steamers may, at its absolute discretion and without giving any reason, refuse to let the vessel to the hirer.
12. Nothing shall be affixed to any part of the vessel by any means whatsoever without prior written consent of Thames Steamers.
13. Wine, spirits, beer and other beverages will be charged as taken and are available on board at fixed prices. Accounts must be settled on the day by cheque or by cash.
14. The hirer must not allow his party to board until 15 minutes prior to the pre-arranged charter time.
15. If the hirer has any comments during the function, a representative from Thames Steamers, the Skipper or Function Manager, will be happy to discuss these with you.
16. During the hire, the vessel will remain under the complete control of the skipper and all passengers come under his jurisdiction. Any person behaving in a manner which is likely to cause danger either to himself or to any of member of the party, will be asked to disembark.
17. If for weather or other reasons the skipper considers it necessary to vary the scheduled trip, his decision will be final. The skipper will endeavour to bring the vessel alongside 15 minutes before the times stated on the booking form to facilitate the embarkation and disembarkation. However circumstances beyond his control may affect punctuality (eg weather, lock delays etc.)
18. The hirer shall be liable for any loss or damage to the vessel or its equipment or fittings caused by the hirer or any person in the hirer's party. Any glass, cutlery or crockery broken or removed from the vessel will be charged to the hirer at cost price. In certain circumstances Thames Steamers reserves the right to demand a security deposit which will be refundable, less the cost of any breakages or losses, after completion of the charter.
19. All prices are subject to change without notification. All quotations are guaranteed for 60 days from the date of this offer.
20. Extra time after the agreed hours for the charter will be charged at a rate of £175.00 per hour or part thereof.



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