

THE INLAND WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

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Eighth National Rally of Boats, 1961

AYLESBURY, 14 - 18th AUGUST

This is the first of the National Rallies organised by the Inland Waterways Association, which most craft based in the South will be able to attend. A record entry is expected. Aylesbury is within easy cruising range of London, and boats from moorings on the Thames, Wey, Medway, Lee and Stort as well as craft based on the Grand Union Canal, are ideally situated for travelling to the Rally. Those owners with craft in the Midlands and the North will have a good opportunity of seeing the busy and scenically attractive Grand Union and other southern waterways.

An Inland Waterways Association Stand will be functioning throughout the whole week; there visitors may obtain expert advice on the waterways and the I.W.A.'s plans for their restoration and utilisation. Trading has recommenced on the Aylesbury Arm and some of the traditionally painted craft might be seen as their cargoes of coal and aluminium are discharged on the town wharf.

The following programme of events has been arranged:—

- Monday**
14.8.61 Arrival day. Marshalling of craft between Marsworth Junction and Aylesbury will be organised with the aid of a short-wave radio link. An evening barbecue will be held at the Red House, three miles from Aylesbury Basin, for which a passenger carrying craft is available.
- Tuesday**
15.8.61 Briefing of Skippers. Visit to Waddesdon Manor and Bulbourne British Waterways Depot. Rally Dance at Aylesbury Town Hall—8 p.m. to midnight.
- Wednesday**
16.8.61 Public View Day. Military Band; waterborne inspection of craft by His Worship the Mayor of Aylesbury at 3 p.m. Illumination of craft.
- Thursday**
17.8.61 Water Sports; tug-of-war across the canal; log rolling; canoe race Marsworth-Aylesbury, etc. Rally Dinner and presentation of trophies and prizes at Bull's Head Hotel, 7 p.m. for 8 p.m.
- Friday**
18.8.61 Dispersal of boats.

There will be a Boat Show at the Rally, this being held at the Walton Hall (a short distance from the Basin) from 13th to 17th August. New craft for sale, High Cruisers and boating equipment will be shown; facilities will also be available for floating exhibits.

British Waterways are giving 50% reduction in tolls to craft attending the Rally.

Craft over 7 ft. 3 in. beam must be moored at Marsworth Junction where special provision is being made for their reception. A transport service between out-station and Rally Centre is to be provided.

During the period of the Rally a news sheet will be published daily containing details of the day's events and general news.

The Rally Club will be located in a private room at the Ship Inn.

Aylesbury is within easy rail or road travelling distance from London and a visit for, say, an evening only will be quite practicable. Car parking facilities are available, and consequently it is hoped that all interested in inland waterways will attend the Rally whether or not they have a boat. British Railways are being asked to provide a reduction in tolls for those who do go to the Rally by rail.

The Rally Programme, containing further details and an entry form may be obtained from the General Office of the Inland Waterways Association, Ltd., 4, Emerald Street, London, W.C.1. price 1/3, including postage.