



 **Maintenance work**

Some waterways have "stoppages" when they are closed for maintenance. Mostly these are scheduled for the winter months but occasionally they occur during the hire season. Dates are announced in early March. Please check with our reservation staff.

 **Floods**

On rivers (but not canals) there can be floods in springtime or occasionally in autumn. In this case we may have to restrict your cruise to canals only, or possibly to switch departure base, but it should not be necessary to cancel your cruise. The Rivers Lot and Baise are the most prone to flooding.

You should check on river levels before starting out for your holiday.

 **Open water**

The Bassin de Thau in Southern France as well as the Müritzt and the Plauer See in Germany or the lakes in Ireland should not be attempted in winds stronger than Force 3 Beaufort. Our staff at the base will tell you the position and give instructions.

 **One way cruise**


You will find in the Captain's Handbook full details about methods for getting back to your car. We must draw your attention to the fact that one way cruising is an optional feature which can never be totally guaranteed owing to the possibility of cancellations or other difficulties.

Therefore the availability of a one way cruise and its direction can only be confirmed 3 days before departure.

 **Bicycles**

Bicycles are placed in the HIRER's care under his entire responsibility. They are hired out in good working order, are clean and fitted with an antitheft device. The HIRER must check the condition and working order of the bicycles when he takes charge of them. Helmets are only provided for children. The cost of the hire, including theft insurance, which is displayed at each base, is payable in advance. In the event of loss, damage or theft, LOCABOAT will invoice the hirer, according to the tariff currently in force displayed at the return base, the expenses of making good, repairing or replacing the bicycle.

LOCABOAT disclaims all liability for any accident which occurs with a bicycle that has been hired or provided, due to misuse or carelessness by the user.

 **Hiring without licence**

In France, Locaboat Holidays has been authorised to offer boat hire WITHOUT need for a captain's permit. After you have been given instruction in handling your craft and navigation rules you will be given a permit for the duration of your cruise.

In Holland, in Ireland and in Italy, no licence is required.

in Germany, you can cruise in a large region without a license. Only for Berlin and its surroundings require a boating license for certain countries of origin. See pages Germany.

In Poland, a boating license is no longer necessary since 1st August 2010 for boats smaller than 13 m.