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## BSS Examination Report: BSSER-470004/23

Information from the checks by the above Examiner concerning the boat and systems detailed below

Signed:  PIN: 553

Examined on: 20/10/2023

### Boat Details:

Name: Rainbows End

Category of checks: Hire Boat Reqs

Nav. Authority: Canal & River Trust

Reg./Index/Mark: 521555

### The Examiner noted the following fuels or items on board this boat:

Diesel fuel and/or system: Yes

Solid fuel appliance and/or solid fuel fired steam engine: Yes

Petrol fuel and/or system: No

Paraffin, kerosene, or other fuel and/or system: No

Portable Generator: No

Portable LPG canister(s) and/or appliance(s): No

Electrical DC power: Yes

Installed LPG system: Yes

Electrical AC power: Yes

LPG Test method (*B=Bubble tester M=manometer NT=Not Tested*): M

If NT this is why:

Your boat has been examined by the BSS Examiner above against the category of Checks relevant to the class of vessel indicated above. The BSS Examination is a way of verifying that your boat meets your navigation or harbour authority's minimum safety Requirements. The Requirements help reduce the risks of fire starting & spreading, explosions, pollution and carbon monoxide poisoning. Visit [boatsafetyscheme.org](http://boatsafetyscheme.org) for more information.

## BSS Certificate

Did the boat meet all the applicable minimum safety requirements?

**Yes**

If yes, the expiry date is 19/10/2027

Was a warning notice issued? **No** Was the examination terminated? **No**

See examiner's comments for details, if 'Yes' is the answer in either field.

The full details of any Checks that have not passed and why, are given in the examiner's comments section which is attached if relevant. Any Check item that is marked with an 'R' (Required) must be addressed in order for the boat to pass.

If the boat complies with the Requirements, this document should be considered as a report of a BSS Certification. However, it is the entry of this information on the central BSS database, and not this Examination report, that will be used by your boat licensing authority to confirm that your boat met the mandatory BSS Requirements on the day.

**A BSS Examination is not a full condition survey of a vessel** - to understand the scope of a BSS Examination and the nature of the Examination Report, please read About the BSS Examination and BSS Examination Report. If your examiner has not provided you a copy of that document, please ask for one, or view the information at [www.boatsafetyscheme.org/boat-examination/arranging-the-examination/about-the-bss-certificate](http://www.boatsafetyscheme.org/boat-examination/arranging-the-examination/about-the-bss-certificate)

**Examiner's comments linked to:** BSSER-470004/23

**Boat Name:** Rainbows End

**Examination Date:** 20/10/2023

**Examiner:** Richard Fee

**Check Items marked as required (R) are linked to navigation authority requirements and must be addressed in order for the boat to pass.**

**Check Items marked (A) are advice. The boat owner bears the responsibility for the safety of the crew concerning advice items. These will not prevent a boat passing.**

**'Additional Observations' (AO) are linked to potential risks identified by the BSS Examiner that are either not associated with any BSS Requirements, or may be identifying a future potential risk.**

**Check  
Item**

**Check Item Details**

**Further Details Of The Examiner's Observations And  
Findings**

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## About the BSS Examination Report

This document reports the findings of your boat's BSS Examination which is to satisfy the question: 'Does your boat meet all the applicable navigation or harbour authority minimum safety requirements on the day it was carried out?' The question has three possible answers:

**Yes** – In this event, the report can be considered a receipt-style certificate. It indicates that your boat met all the applicable minimum requirements on the day of examination. You should take note of the expiry date in forward planning your next BSS examination.

It is the entry of this information on the central BSS database, and not the BSS Examination Report, that will be used by your boat licensing body as evidence of your boat's BSS certification status. Keep the certification information with the boat's records and pass it on if you sell the boat.

**Yes, but some advice checks did not pass** – All the information in the paragraph above applies; however the examiner found advice check items that could not be passed (marked with an 'A'). Although privately-owned boats do not have to comply with advice checks to achieve BSS certification, each one represents best-safety practice and meeting them all is highly recommended. Any listed in the report may be material to the vessel's insurance and the boat owner's duties under the law of occupier's liability.

**No** – Checks marked 'R' for 'required' have not passed and these items must be addressed to achieve BSS certification. Again as above, addressing any issues linked to any checks marked 'A' included in the report are highly recommended. Full details of what has failed, why and what must be achieved will be provided by your examiner.

**Warning notices** – these are issued when the examiner has found, or has cause to suspect, that your boat presents a significant and immediate risk. You should arrange, or carry out, works to make the boat safe as soon as possible. The general nature of the risk and any checks associated with Warning Notice will be identified by your examiner.

## About the BSS Examination and its limitations

**Please note:** the BSS Examination findings, and examination report, relate only to the facts observed at the time of the BSS Examination. It is not evidence of compliance with the navigation authorities' requirements at any other time.

**The owner's on-going responsibility:** it is crucial to maintain the vessel in good condition in accordance with the safety requirements; and, any other licensing, registration or mooring conditions of the relevant navigation or harbour authority. The validity of a BSS pass result may be affected and can be cancelled if the vessel is not properly maintained; and/or non-compliant alterations are made; or if a hire boat or other type of non-private boat is examined against the 'private boat' category of BSS checks.

A BSS examination and examination report relates only to the relevant version of the BSS Examination Checking Procedures published on [boatsafetyscheme.org](http://boatsafetyscheme.org). Depending upon the nature of the specific check, the examination may be confined to items that can be seen, reached or touched.

A BSS examination is not a full condition survey, nor is it an indication that the vessel is fit for purpose. For example, it does not cover the condition of the hull or deck, the integrity of through-hull fittings or the stability of the boat and it isn't the same as having your boat serviced and doesn't check its general mechanical condition.

**Prospective boat purchasers** are strongly advised to satisfy themselves about all aspects of a vessel's condition by commissioning a pre-purchase survey before committing themselves to becoming new owners. Some surveyors are also authorised BSS Examiners and may be willing to carry out a BSS examination whilst surveying the craft if contracted so to do.

## About the BSS

The Boat Safety Scheme (BSS) is a public safety initiative of the Canal & River Trust and the Environment Agency. The BSS aim is to ensure, through independent verification, that boats meet the navigation authorities' minimum safety requirements.

The BSS requirements, the examination checks, including 'advice' checks and general information on the BSS, may be viewed and/or downloaded from [www.boatsafetyscheme.org](http://www.boatsafetyscheme.org) including safety information on avoiding fire, electrical risks and carbon monoxide poisoning on boats.

**If you have doubts as to whether the Examination Report is a valid record**, please contact the BSS Manager, c/o Canal & River Trust Registered office: National Waterways Museum Ellesmere Port, South Pier Road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, CH65 4FW or phone 0333 202 1000 or email [bss.enquiries@boatsafetyscheme.org](mailto:bss.enquiries@boatsafetyscheme.org)