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YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO INLAND WATERWAYS BOAT BROKERAGE

## BOAT OF THE MONTH

## Cabinessence

Venetian Brokerage & Chandlery, Venetian Marina Village, Cholmondeston, Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 6DD.  
Boat Sales call Phil Tel: 01270 528 538 and for Chandlery call Steve or James Tel: 01270 528 538.



LENGTH: 45ft. PRICE: £49,950

enable them to take every advantage to use their boat. However a change at work meant that it became difficult to get away very often and, being far too young for retirement, it was decided it would be better to sell her on rather than let her lie unused. This is reflected in the fact that the Vetus engine only has 150 hours of use on the clock.

*Cabinessence* is now being offered for sale at Venetian Brokerage near Nantwich for £49,950. Readers that may still have a copy of the August 2006 edition of *Canals & Rivers* magazine can read

Jim Sharp's full review of the boat thus gaining further insight into this craft.



Stern cabin

### This month a 45ft trad-style narrow boat

This month's *Boat of the Month* shows that we are in a time where the quality end of the marketplace is dominated by 57ft or larger craft. These boats demonstrate the craftsmanship of boatbuilding to maximum effect thus justifying the accompanying price tags.

However, when owners Kevin and Pam wanted a bespoke boat but only required 45ft, the search for a boat builder that ticked all the boxes led them in early 2005 to Steve Wedgwood of Wedgwood Narrowboats at Kings Lock in Middlewich, Cheshire. Wedgwood are now well established but at the time were a relatively new company. So, it was a brave but inspired choice and any concerns were quickly dispelled as Steve Wedgwood consulted with his customers at every stage and was only too happy to have Kevin and Pam inspect the work in progress. In fact, all Wedgwood boats are inde-

pendently surveyed for the Declaration of Conformity.

*Cabinessence* is a 45ft trad-style craft with an interior of light oak in what is now considered a standard layout of foredeck with a glazed cratch and cover leaving a good view forward and giving a feeling of space. Half-glazed double doors lead into the living area where there is a TV cabinet, a Stoves solid fuel burning stove in a tiled surround and an L-shaped seating area making up into a double berth if required.

The walk-through galley is fitted with a good range of storage units and drawers which add to the quality feel as they are finished in solid wood. The shower room is finished with black tiles to the shower area; a ceramic hand basin is set above open shelving. The WC is a pump out unit from Vetus. Aft, is a fixed double berth with under bed storage and overhead cupboards. To give easy access to the boat from the stern, the engine covers form central steps to the rear doors with a seat to one side and storage cupboards and the Alde gas central heating boiler to the other. Halogen 12v down lighters complimented with wall lights in the living area and reading lights in the aft cabin give excellent overall artificial lighting.

After delivery in 2006, Kevin and Pam found a marina close to their home to



Comfortable saloon



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