





Long-established

Floating Pontoon Hire is a long-established provider of modular pontoon systems, supplying floating work platforms, pedestrian walkways and pontoon bridges nationwide.

Extensive stock

We hold thousands of square metres of pontoons along with a range of fittings and accessories to cover both straightforward and complex installations.

Technical expertise

With experienced project management and highly qualified installation teams, we provide safe, compliant pontoon systems for any project.

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Temporary structures

Public events on or near the water often require temporary structures such as pedestrian bridges, access pontoons, viewing areas and platforms to house event features. We have supported every conceivable public event.

High footfall

Configured to suit site layouts and crowd movement, floating pontoon systems provide practical access while maintaining a clean, professional appearance and accommodating high footfall safely.

Access pontoons at Bestival Festival for swimming and paddleboarding activities.





Activations

Marketing and brand-led events use floating pontoons to create striking platforms for product launches, experiential installations and media showcases on the water. The perfect platform for memorable activations.

Blank canvas

Configured to suit creative layouts and a variety of technical and performance requirements, pontoons provide stable, secure bases while giving organisers flexibility to deliver high-impact waterfront activations.

Floating wine bar for launch event for Campo Viejo on Clapham Common, London.

Floating walkways

Floating walkways and bridges provide safe pedestrian access across lakes, harbours, rivers and canals where temporary access is required. Their inherent buoyancy allows large numbers of users to cross extensive stretches of water.

Pedestrian friendly

Quick to install and adaptable to site conditions, these walkways accommodate changing water levels and high footfall while maintaining safety throughout the works. Safety barriers with kickboards provide ultimate protection.

Pedestrian bridge for public event at Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire.





Temporary marinas

Boat shows and marine exhibitions often require flexible floating infrastructure to support display areas, moorings, staging and visitor circulation. Configure a temporary marina for boats of all lengths and beams.

Heavy plant

Custom pontoon layouts provide stable, secure surfaces for high footfall and equipment loading, helping deliver professional, well-managed boat show environments. Perfect for canal boats, classic boats and yachts.

Temporary moorings for flotilla in association with the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Stunning impact

Floating stages provide a striking and functional platform for performances and presentations taking place on the water. Stages are configurable to any size or shape.

Secure and stable

Designed for safe access and controlled movement, floating stages deliver secure, stable surfaces in both tidal and inland environments, creating memorable event experiences. The pontoon is configurable for safe working loads of up to 350kg per square metre.



Floating catwalk for London Fashion Week on swimming pool in Central London.



Truly distinctive

Weddings and private celebrations held by the water often call for something truly distinctive. Floating pontoon platforms create elegant and creative spaces for guests, seating and ceremony areas.

Safe and stable

Designed with safety and guest comfort in mind, our pontoons provide secure, stable surfaces that support high footfall and smooth movement in unique waterfront settings. Pontoons may be configured to take marquees of any size.

Pontoon housing marquee for wedding breakfast and party at private estate in Cotswolds.

Sports platforms

Water-based sporting events often require temporary floating infrastructure to support athletes, officials, equipment and spectators. Pontoons are particularly suitable for rowing, sculling, triathlon and obstacle course events.

Participant friendly

Pontoon platforms are configured to suit course layouts and spectator zones, providing safe, stable surfaces for competitive and recreational events. The pontoons have a non-slip design suitable for bare feet and are otherwise completely smooth.

Pontoons used on obstacle course race as one of the obstacles.





Safe platforms

Where safe working platforms are required, our pontoons provide a flexible and dependable solution. Configured to suit almost any shape or size, they follow the contours of bridges, arches and harbour walls while safely supporting scaffolding and plant.

Planned installations

Each installation is planned around site conditions, access constraints and loading requirements, delivering a stable working platform that supports safe, efficient operations.

Work platform for bridge repairs and strengthening in Taunton for Walters UK

Towpath diversions

Temporary towpath diversions are easily achieved using floating pontoon walkways, allowing pedestrians and cyclists to bypass restricted sections during canal maintenance and restoration works and therefore retain essential access.

Canal civils

Installations can include edge protection, ramps, lighting and fendering. Pontoons can also support site access and working platforms, accommodating loading requirements for inspections, maintenance and construction projects along the canal network.



Pedestrian diversion allowing for towpath works in Greater London for JSM Ltd.



Bridge inspections

Ideal for bridge inspections and surveys, our pontoons provide stable access at water level on canals, rivers and lakes. Positioned close to the structure, they facilitate efficient work and provide support for tools and inspection equipment.

High load capacity

With a safe working load of up to 350kg per square metre, installations can support scaffold towers and MEWPs, tailored to site conditions and inspection requirements.

Bridge inspection with outboard motor and tower in North Wales on the River Conwy

Bridge maintenance

For bridge repair and maintenance works, pontoons provide a secure floating platform positioned directly at the structure. This enables efficient access to critical areas while reducing reliance on temporary scaffolding or shore-based solutions.

Heavy plant

Configured to suit site conditions and loading requirements, pontoons support manual repairs through to heavier plant and equipment, with fittings and accessories selected to meet project demands.

Bridge repair pontoon in North Yorkshire allowing for installation of strengthening steels.





Mechanised plant

Designed for demanding civils works, our pontoons offer a robust solution for supporting mechanised plant and excavators. Heavy machinery can operate safely over waterways, embankments and soft ground, reducing reliance on temporary works.

Load calculations

Project-specific load calculations are made for each installation, assessing machine weights, working loads and site conditions to deliver secure, compliant platforms for tracked plant across inland and tidal environments.

Double stacked plant access pontoon bridging islands at Hayling Island, Portsmouth.

Submersible Pumps

Pumping operations

Pontoons provide a stable platform for supporting submersible pumps, lifting gantries and floating pipelines, both offshore and alongside the water's edge. Configurable layouts allow multiple pumps to be accommodated while keeping equipment accessible and secure.

Access walkways

Installations can be anchored offshore and connected to shore via access walkways, with optional moonpools allowing pumps to be safely lowered directly into the water for efficient pumping operations.

Floating pumping gantry and run to shore for pipework for Selwood Pumps in Snowdonia.





Environmentally sensitive

Accessing environmentally sensitive areas such as marshlands and reed beds is made possible using low-impact pontoon platforms. Their buoyancy minimises disturbance to soft ground and vegetation whilst allowing access for personnel and light equipment.

Surveys and monitoring

Configured to suit site conditions, pontoons support surveys, ecological monitoring and maintenance works, and provide secure access where traditional methods are impractical.

Pedestrian access pontoon across marshland at rail bridge in Derbyshire for AMCO Giffen.

Scaffold Platforms

Scaffold installations

Providing stable access where conventional scaffolding is impractical, floating pontoon platforms create secure working surfaces for scaffold installations. Their buoyancy allows structures and operatives to work effectively despite fluctuating water levels.

Individually tailored

Each platform is tailored to site conditions and loading requirements. Pontoons improve access, safety and efficiency on construction and maintenance projects across marine and inland waterway environments.



Pontoon housing 3-storey scaffold installation
at Lakeside in Essex



Efficient surveying

Geotechnical and underwater investigations carried out from the water benefit from stable, load-bearing pontoon platforms that provide reliable access for probing, sampling and in-situ testing.

Specialist equipment

Designed to support specialist investigation equipment, these platforms accommodate drilling rigs, coring systems and associated plant, while maintaining stability and workflow throughout the project.

Pontoon housing drilling rig for geotechnical investigation in Central London.



Support boats

Supporting marine works and on-water safety operations, our work and safety boats provide reliable performance across rivers, harbours, lakes and coastal environments. Our boats range from open work boats with electric or petrol outboards, to fully enclosed seagoing vessels.

Qualified crew

Operated by qualified, experienced skippers, our boats are used for safety cover, crew transfer, towing, fendering and general site support.

Rigiflex work boat towing mini excavator down canal to work site.

Rib Charter

Our Commercial Rib Charter operation is a leading provider of commercial Ribs, workboats and specialist vessels operating throughout the UK and Europe. We have over fifty vessels on our fleet.

Diverse operations

With a diverse fleet and highly experienced and fully qualified crews, we support surveys, crew transfer, safety cover, patrol boats, dive support vessels, amphibious operations and offshore operations.



Fleet image of a selection of Commercial Rib Charters cabin Ribs



Structural calculations

Where the intended use of the platform requires full structural calculations to ensure safe and suitable floating structures, we commission experienced independent consulting engineers to provide robust loading, design and performance calculations.

Project plans

Detailed assessments of site conditions, machine weights and working loads, produce tailored layouts that meet project demands and regulatory standards.

5.5T excavator tracking over pontoon bridge topped with bog mats.

Buoyancy calculations

Modular pontoon platforms provide 350kg of buoyancy per square metre with a safe working load of 175kg. When configured as a double-height platform, buoyancy effectively doubles, allowing significantly higher loads.

Heavy plant

Correctly designed installations can support vehicles, tracked plant, and temporary bridging, making modular pontoons suitable for high-footfall environments. Full structural calculations may be commissioned when required.

MEWP being used on double stacked pontoon
in tunnel under Manchester Piccadilly Train
Station





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