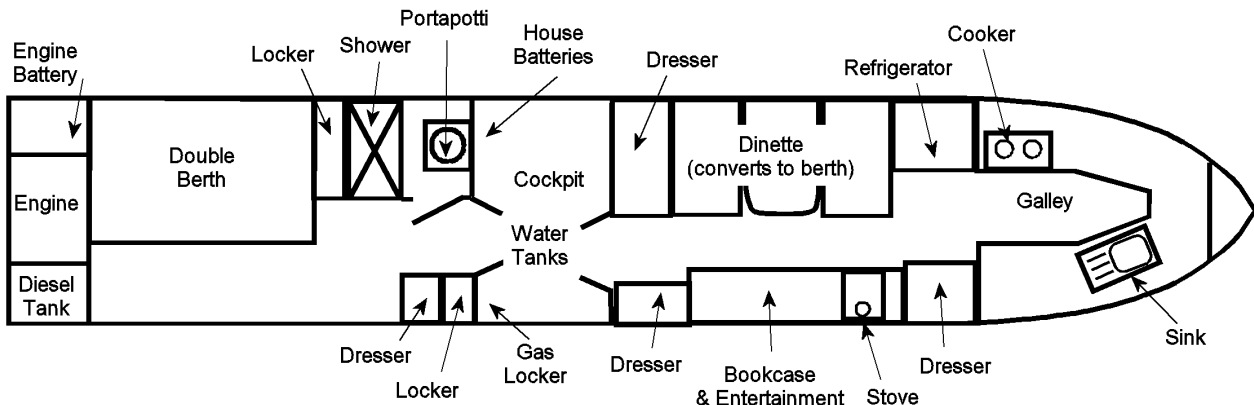


Dawn Adventure Description & Features



Dawn Adventure was built by Ralph Wilson, head of Dawncraft, in 1978 for his personal use. She has a unique cabin arrangement well suited to a couple, rather than the factory standard “sleeps six” hireboat arrangement.

Dawn Adventure Layout



She is fitted with a Lombardini diesel engine (about 300 hours since new), an Enfield 130 Z-drive (about 160 hours since professional rebuild), and an 8 x 13 inch propeller. We have found this installation satisfactory on both canals and the River Weaver. Typical of GRP cruisers, she will travel at maximum allowable canal speeds with modest wake. For planning purposes, I estimate fuel consumption at 1 liter per hour, but this will vary depending on time spent in locks, battery charging, etc.

The forward cabin includes the galley, located in the bow. There is a 2-burner, grill and oven Flavel cooker, a LEC electric refrigerator, sink, and good storage and counter space.



This is followed by the “living” area with dinette (convertible to a broad single or very narrow double berth), Carabo solid fuel heating stove, bookshelves, TV and radio.



Sleeping and toilet facilities are aft. There is a full-sized double bed with standard mattress plus foam topper, a shower with warm water, and a portapotti. I am among the experienced canal boaters who find the portable toilet more convenient than a pump-out as well as significantly less expensive.



Exterior features of note include a small solar panel for battery maintenance between cruises and custom made metal hand rails. (Many cruisers have frail wooden rails.)

