

Desired Features for a barge

Feature	Importance
Convenient Outside Deck – large enough for outside dining for at least 4– preferable usable during cruising and easy access from steering position and from inside.	Mandatory
Large wheelhouse – large windows	V. High
Walk Around Bed*	Mandatory
Inside steering position	Mandatory
Outside steering position	High
Side doors for wheelhouse	High
2 nd bedroom – can be small – needs to have at least double bed.	High
Decent bathroom – including shower*	V.High
Separate toilet from bathroom or additional toilet	Medium
Good storage suitable for storing Howard’s fishing gear – could be accommodated by a lock up box on the deck.*	V. High
Good windows in Salon/Kitchen	High
Good indoor living spaces, including space for desk	V. High
Deck area for storing bikes	High
Reasonable kitchen * – including good fridge/freezer (can be separate), oven, hob, microwave, sink, bench space, cupboards, extractor fan	V. High
Dishwasher	Medium
Washing machine and dryer or an all in one washer-dryer*	V. High
Fly wire screens*	High
Good ventilation	High
Air conditioning – master bedroom	Medium
Insulation and heating to allow us to winter over	V.High
Good storage in master bedroom	High
Good storage Other	High
Reliable engine with enough power to navigate Saone and Rhone.	Mandatory
Closed cooling system for engine	V.High
Bow thruster*	Mandatory
TRIWV	Mandatory
TRIWV Rhine (Zone R)*	High
Seagoing – Class C	Medium
Electricity Generator*	Mandatory
At least 2500l water tank	V.High
Air Draft – needs to be able to go into canal du midi	V.High
Draft – 1.1m	V.High
Length - 20-24m	V.High
Ease of travelling around deck to tie up at locks etc. includes railing, wide walkway on side deck and non-slip surface	V.High
Bollards – good for tying off ropes	V.High
Strong wheelhouse roof that you can jump onto if required	High

* Or ability to modify/upgrade to achieve same result