



Coulam 16 Wheelyboat

Purpose-built wheelchair accessible fishing boat

The Wheelyboat Trust and J M Coulam Boatbuilders have designed and developed the Coulam 16 Wheelyboat, a brand new and purpose-built wheelchair accessible fishing boat. It is based on the successful Coulam 15 Wheelyboat developed in 2006 specifically for disabled anglers on large rivers, like the Tweed.



The Coulam 16 Wheelyboat has been designed for big stillwater fisheries. It is considerably larger than the '15' and will accommodate two wheelchair users and a companion comfortably. The wide open deck is accessible throughout and disabled anglers are able to helm the boat if they wish. Boarding is via a ramp from bank or pontoon onto a hydraulic platform that lowers the angler to deck level. Removable handrails around the platform help keep the angler secure during the procedure which requires the assistance of just one



able-bodied helper. The boat's 6' beam provides a very safe and stable platform but wheelchair strapping points are provided for rougher conditions. This brand new model, which received its public debut at the London Boat Show, is expected to prove extremely popular with disabled anglers and fishery managers alike. The first production model has been ordered by Anglian Water for its 3,000 acre Rutland Water.

Both the '15' and '16' Coulam Wheelyboats have been developed from Jim Coulam's highly regarded reservoir fishing boats. He has built and supplied more than 300 to fisheries all over the UK with his largest customers being the fisheries on Eyebrook, Rutland and Grafham reservoirs in the midlands.

The Wheelyboat Trust is a national charity dedicated to providing disabled people with access to a wide range of waterborne activities on public waters across the UK. It began life in 1985 as the *Handicapped Anglers Trust* since when it has supplied more than 120 Wheelyboats. The Coulam 16 Wheelyboat is a welcome addition to a portfolio of craft that enable disabled people to participate in angling, nature watching and pleasure boating, etc on equal terms with their able bodied counterparts. The Trust's principal role is to help and encourage public venues acquire Wheelyboats for the benefit of their disabled visitors. It also helps groups acquire Wheelyboats for their own use and is happy to sell Wheelyboats to private purchasers.

For more information on the Coulam 16 Wheelyboat, the work of The Wheelyboat Trust and the other Wheelyboat models, visit the Trust's website or contact its Director, Andy Beadsley.

For more information on Jim Coulam's standard reservoir boats, visit his website or telephone him at his factory.

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