



70ft Kingsley barge Sacred is equipped with an electric propulsion system and generator supplied by Fischer Panda UK

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EBA Offers Free Membership for New Electric Boat Owners

A new initiative to support boat owners in the move to electric propulsion has been launched by the Electric Boat Association.

Effective immediately, free annual EBA membership will be granted to all UK owners of new electric boats.

Joining up provides a range of benefits including: technical information; full details of the range of electric boats and equipment available worldwide; the

opportunity to participate in rallies, cruises and social events; free information sheets on a wide range of technical and practical issues; electric boat insurance premiums at a lower rate compared to standard marine insurance and a further 10% premium discount to EBA members; and a friendly source of help and advice from other members.

EBA chairman Stuart James said: “We are constantly looking for ways to champion the adoption of electric power generation technologies for UK boat owners. The free membership offer is a really useful benefit for new electric boat owners following their commitment to a more sustainable method of propulsion. During the past few years, the interest in the adoption of renewable energy and new technologies continues to grow. I am excited to support the uptake of hybrid and electric boats and encourage anyone considering the move to contact the EBA for more information.”

The new scheme has been backed by system suppliers Fischer Panda UK and Leoch Battery UK, two of the leading companies meeting customer demand for the latest electric propulsion technology.

Integrated marine system specialist [Fischer Panda UK](#) is perfectly placed to answer the increasing interest in alternatives to traditional petrol or diesel drive systems with its range of full package, electric drive hybrid systems. The leading solutions incorporate either a Fischer Panda ‘Easy Box’ Electric Drive System or Bellmarine system, an AGT DC genset or AC generator, and a Mastervolt BMS (Battery Management System).

With the marine sector a mainstay of [Leoch Battery UK](#)’s business, the company offers a wide range of options for battery power for the new generation of hybrid and electric boats that are long lasting, safe and highly efficient.

Proving particular popular for inland waterway vessels but suitable for a range of boats, electric power can provide all the power and manoeuvrability needed for cruising. Electric propulsion systems dramatically reduce annual maintenance costs over standard petrol or diesel engines. Fuel costs plummet with the systems providing very quiet, environmentally-friendly operation.

The [EBA](#) looks after the interests of electric boat owners, helping with issues such as waterway access, charging points, slipway facilities, reduced licence fees and the Boat Safety Scheme.

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About Fischer Panda UK

Fischer Panda UK Ltd offers full-system design capability, servicing and aftercare as a leading distributor of diesel generators and a major supplier of the latest technology in air-conditioning systems, hybrid electric propulsion systems, integrated mobile power solutions and watermakers for a variety of commercial and leisure vessels.

Renowned worldwide as innovative, reliable and extremely quiet, the extensive Fischer Panda range of compact diesel generators includes its next generation highly efficient and powerful variable speed iSeries-Generators. Fischer Panda generators from the Panda 4000s Neo up to the next generation iSeries Panda 45i genset have passed type approval by members of the IACS (International Association of Classification Societies) board.

Other world-class products from Fischer Panda UK include desalination systems from Sea Recovery, HRO, and Village Marine, with models suitable for day-boats to warships and offshore platforms, plus air-conditioning systems from leading marine HVAC supplier Dometic, CZone digital switching and Mastervolt power solutions.

Fischer Panda UK is ISO UKAS 9000/1 accredited and operates from a

purpose built 9,000 sq. ft facility in Verwood, Dorset. Its experienced engineers, sales and operational staff work with OEMs to develop integrated systems for custom vessels and offer specialist technical support and on-going aftercare to its customers.

Also active in the military and automotive sectors, the company works with UK MOD and other armies around the world providing solutions for specialist vehicle and land-based applications. Two thirds of Formula 1 mobile truck units install Fischer Panda generators, as do the BBC, Sky and many other mobile broadcasting vehicles.

Operating since 1977, Fischer Panda GmbH is headquartered in Paderborn, Germany. The Fischer Panda team covers more than 500 technicians and partners in over 90 countries worldwide.

About Leoch Battery UK

Leoch Battery UK is one of the UK's leading battery specialists, providing complete rechargeable battery solutions that are based on technologies including Flooded (Serviceable), Flooded (Maintenance-Free), AGM, Gel, Gel Tubular and Lithium-Ion. The company has delivered battery systems to a range of industry sectors and businesses including marine, golf, security, UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply), mobility, caravan and motorhome.

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