

PortaBote – The World's Most Portable Folding Boat

Now you can own the one boat that offers better portability than an inflatable with none of the disadvantages. It has a time-proven hull that matches the performance of an aluminium boat but comes at "less than half the weight"!

What Are The Advantages of a PortaBote?

<i>Sets Up Fast!</i>	truly portable.....no inflating.....no trailers.....no punctures..... just add water, and go!
<i>Incredibly Tough!</i>	miracle polypropylene.....developed by space scientists....used to make "lifetime" batteries, car bumpers and even bullet-proof vests.... the more you flex the hinge, the stronger it gets!....steel, aluminium, neoprene, everything else eventually fatigues and breaks
<i>Time Proven!</i>	there are now well over 90,000 satisfied owners world wide, many with PortaBotes that are more than 30 years old and still going strong!
<i>Internationally Tested!</i>	PortaBote meets all US Coast Guard standards for level flotation and stability. All models have been compliance tested as well as being NMMA and European Union approved

The Hull Material has a 10 YEAR WARRANTY.... Your Guarantee of Satisfaction

Why Shouldn't I Get an Aluminium or Fibreglass Boat?

They're "backbreakingly heavy". Similar sized 'lightweight' boats can weigh well over twice as much as a PortaBote! You will have to "buy an expensive trailer". They are "loud"! (Going out in an aluminium boat can be like "sitting in a tin can"! All sounds are amplified 10 times or more – a great way to get a headache, AND drive away the fish!) And when you get home, "where do you store it"?

Do PortaBotes Really Make Inflatables Obsolete?

Over 50% of the people who buy PortaBotes world-wide are "disenchanted inflatable owners". Inflatables can be "easily punctured". Even the more expensive brands come with patch kits (which don't help much when you're in the middle of the water!). If you've ever owned an inflatable, you can probably remember pumping it up at the water's edge only to find it has yet "another leak"! An inflatable also needs a "compressor to inflate it" – unless you want to waste an hour, or so, using a "foot pump". And the inflated skirt can take up as much as "40% of usable space" – so you'll need a 12'(+) inflatable if you want the same space as you're going to get in the smallest 8' PortaBote. A better brand inflatable of that size is going to cost you "more than £2,000"

Where Can I Find Out More About PortaBotes?

If you'd like to see a PortaBote 'in action', check out http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w7QBCDeLm_I

To read what others have written about PortaBotes worldwide, go direct to the international test reviews on <http://www.porta-bote.com/experts.html>.

There's also an international PortaBote users forum on <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PortaBote>

In the UK, Matt and Chris have PB websites on <http://homepage.ntlworld.com/mattjahans/page22.html> and www.cwbr22088.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/Porta-Bote.

Tony is a very keen fly angler and recently collected his new 12' PortaBote. His 'first trial' report is on <http://www.completefisher.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=9774>

Are PortaBotes Available In The UK?

PortaBotes are supplied and distributed in the UK by IntraMore Ltd. in Lowestoft.

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See-Try-Buy

Lowestoft is a 2-hour drive from London. If you'd like to see or try out a PortaBote, visit us here and we'll arrange a test demo for you on the nearby Norfolk Broads. We can normally set this up most days - even weekends - but please give us some advance notice.

Collection/Delivery

If you'd like to collect your boat, the boat hulls will strap to the roof racks of most makes of car and the seats, together with any other accessories, can be carried inside the car. Delivery in Norfolk and Suffolk is by our own transport and we charge a flat fee of £60 to deliver a boat and accessories in this area. Outside the area we use a carrier so we'll confirm the cost of carriage to you before arranging delivery. But in general, delivery costs are between £90 and £150 depending on your location and your requirements. We can normally arrange delivery to you within three (3) working days, subject to stock availability, of course.

Payment Arrangements

A minimum deposit of 10% will secure your order. Most items are usually ex-stock. We will notify you when your order is ready and request payment of any outstanding balance prior to delivery or collection. We accept payment by cheque, bankers draft and all major credit cards.

What Do Other PortaBote Owners Say?

Read what some of our other customers have said about their PortaBotes;

- "...opens up a new boating experience...makes inflatables obsolete...trying is believing..."
- "...surprisingly easy to row, extremely manoeuvrable and very stable..."
- "...all the advantages of an inflatable with none of the disadvantages - no pumping and no punctures..."
- "...matches the performance of an aluminium boat with far less noise and half the weight..."
- "...forget the hustle, just enjoy the fun..."
- "...the boat is truly a joy to fish from...accommodates fly casting without tipping..."
- "...assembly is a doddle...rows well and goes great with just a 2hp outboard..."
- "...I wish I'd had one 12 years ago when I first started fishing here in Scotland..."
- "...easily carried on our campervan and still takes us all off for a picnic..."
- "...two professional inshore fishermen who came out with me were amazed at the boat's stability and seaworthiness..."
- "...we were astonished at the way it handled around force 3 waves and wind..."
- "...as soon as he'd tried his new PortaBote, he was on the phone to me, as excited as a Lottery winner..."
- "...other anglers at the loch stare with envy as I get my PortaBote in the water while they're still struggling at the slipway or trying to find somewhere to park the trailer..."
- "...reminds me of the wife - very functional and extremely tolerant - I just couldn't bear to be without her (!!)"
- "...it's easy to transport, set up and launch. It goes well with 2 adults, 2 children and just a 3.5hp outboard..."
- "...a very solid boat, a good load carrier, motors exceptionally well, a great family boat..."

Are PortaBotes Good Value for Money?

See how PortaBotes compare with other (similar size) boats on the market.

Aluminium Boats

The cheapest aluminium boat of similar size to the 12' PortaBote, is 11'6" long and has a 4'10" beam. It retails around £1900 and weighs just over 50kgs - comparatively light for an aluminium construction, but this is mainly because of the very thin (1mm) single sheet aluminium used throughout. It can be lifted on top of a car's (extended?) roof rack, but it will probably take two people to get it there. It will also spread almost across the full width of most cars. For those who don't wish to try to 'rooftop' the boat, there's an additional cheap lightweight trailer on offer for an extra £600.

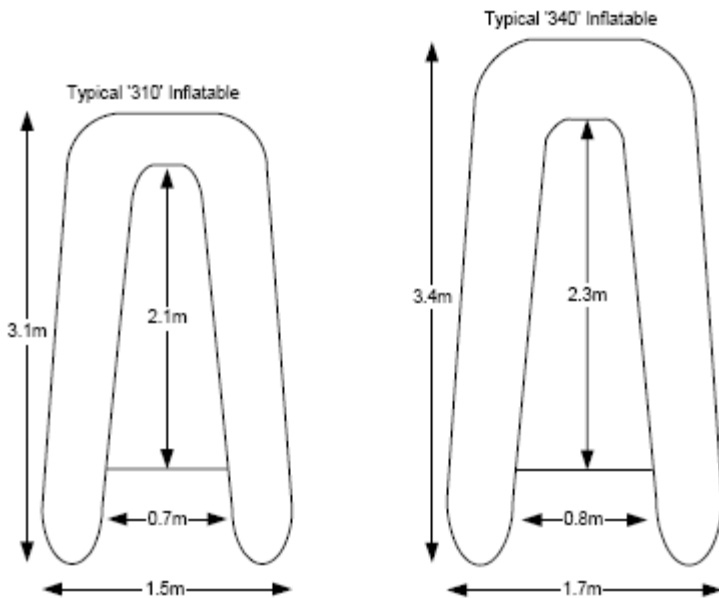
(Total cost £ 2500 - still more than a 14' PortaBote!)

GRP and Wooden Boats

Fibreglass and wooden boats of similar size and space to the PortaBote models weigh in at 100kgs+ and most will need trailers. A new 12' long x 5' beam GRP or wooden boat on a trailer costs between £2200 and £3500 depending on make and quality. The trailer, and/or boat and trailer, needs dedicated and suitable storage space when the boat's not being used.

Inflatables

Most advertisements describe inflatable boats in terms of 'size' and this can be misleading to prospective buyers. Look at the sketches below;



A smaller 8' inflatable (normally called a '260' because of its 2.6 metre overall length) is not shown, but the layout is similar. Note the limited amount of internal deck space...

(This is because most of the space in an inflatable boat is taken up by the inflated flotation skirt.)

A good quality '340' inflatable costs between £1400 - £1900 and has an internal floor space of approximately 2.3m long x 0.8m wide. It usually comes complete with a hand-pump, foot pump and/or compressor, as well as a good puncture repair kit and several patches. Owners tell us many amusing tales when

they talk about their inflatables - punctures, leaks, getting wet, limited capacity, etc. - so it's not surprising this type of craft is readily available on the second hand market!

At 2.8m long and 1.4m wide, the smallest 8' PortaBote provides more internal usable space than inflatable boats with an overall length of up to 4.2m and costing up to £4000.

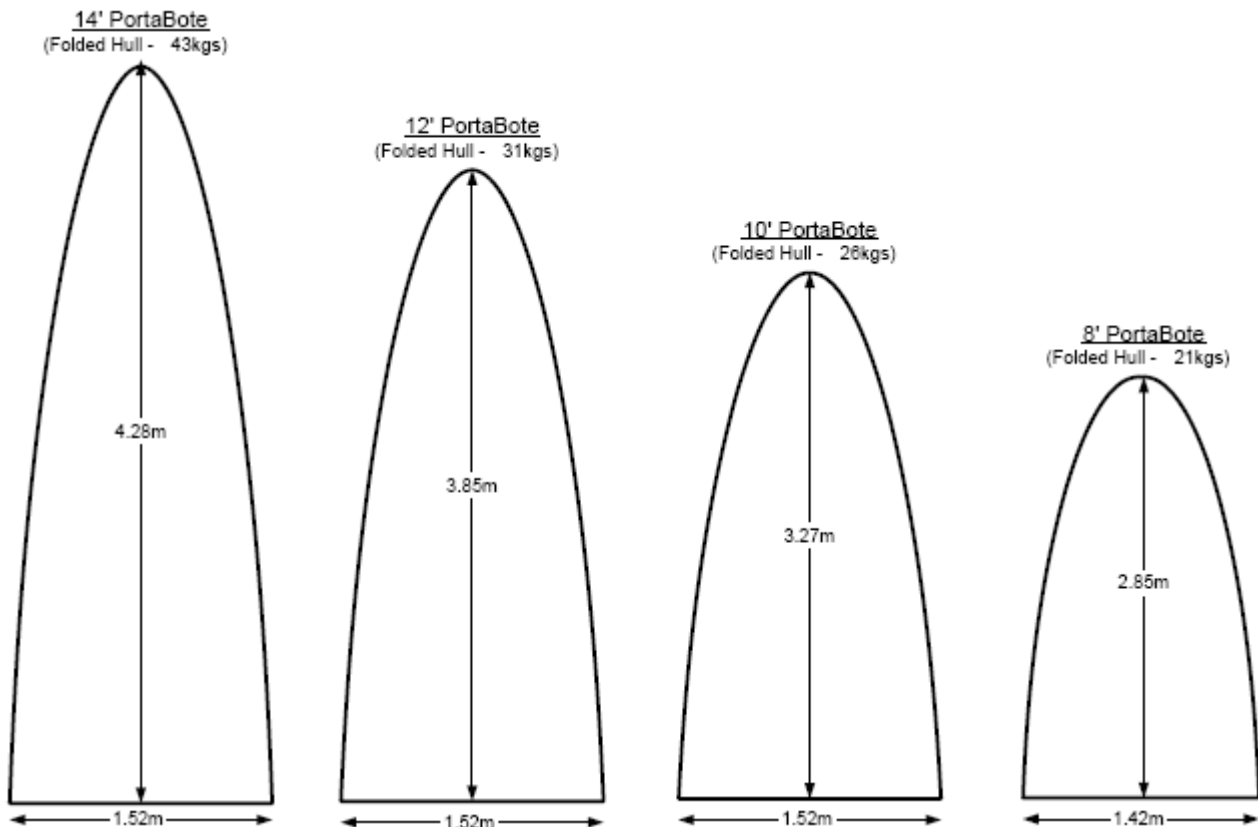
Other 'Portable' Boats

There are other 'portables' and take-apart boats available on the market. Most of them require some form of inflation to assist and/or sustain buoyancy. The wooden portables require routine and regular maintenance, and the internal 'depth' in this type of craft is approximately half of that in a PortaBote. As a result, users invariably find themselves almost sitting at the bottom of the boat with their 'knees under their chins'!! These boats are typically priced between £800 and £3500 depending on type, size, requirement, accessories, etc.. But no other 'portable' boat offers the same amount of internal space, lightness, toughness, durability and portability as a PortaBote for less money.

PortaBotes

A PortaBote has all of its internal space available to the user except for the space taken by the seats/thwarts that are in place to spread the hull. However, as the seats are supported at the sides and the middle by single solid wires, most of the space under the seats is also available to the user.

Here are the four different models of puncture proof PortaBote below;



Summary

If you're seeking a good quality all-round portable boat, the PortaBote offers you the best value for money when comparing internal dimensions and available space, portability, lightness, flexibility, versatility, toughness, maintenance, durability, warranty, etc.. There's no other boat that comes with a 10-year hull warranty - not even the multi-million pound luxury yachts and cruisers!..."

Do PortaBotes Meet UK and European Standards?

All new boats placed on the market or put into service in the European Economic Area (EAA) MUST comply with the Recreational Craft Directive (RCD) 95/24/EC. The 14', 12' and 10' PortaBotes are CE-marked as category "C" and the 8' PortaBote is category "D". For more about the RCD and its design categories, go to http://www.ceproof.com/recreational_craft_directive_overview.htm#Categories

So How Much Do PortaBotes Cost?

These unique "World Quality Boats" are very competitively priced. Compare them against any other boat of similar size and space that will give you the same portability, reliability, durability and lightness....and remember, you won't have to buy, and store, an expensive trailer.

The PortaBote UK Price List can be found at the end of this document. If you're seeking a PortaBote 'package' - e.g., PortaBote plus Oars/Locks plus other accessories, etc - please contact us for an estimated total cost

What Are The PortaBote Specifications and Dimensions?

Check out the table below;

	8' PB	10' PB	12' PB	14' PB
Length Overall (Folded)	9'4" 2.85m	10'9" 3.27m	12'8" 3.85m	14'0" 4.28m
Folded Thickness	4" 11.4cm			
Folded Width	24" 60cm			
Beam (Width when open)	56" 1.42m	60" 1.52m		
Draft on Water	4" 11.4cm			
Internal Depth - Midships	22" 56cm	23" 58cm		
Hull Weight (less seats/transom)	47lbs 21kg	58lbs 26kg	69lbs 31kg	96lbs 43.6kg
Capacity (persons, motor, and gear weight)	445lbs 202kg	585lbs 266kg	670lbs 305kg	807lbs 367kg
Number of Seats/Thwarts	2 Seats	3 Seats		4 Seats
Maximum O/B Engine Weight	56lbs 25.5kg			83lbs 37.7kg
Shaft Length (short shaft)	15" 34.9cm			
Electric Outboard Maximum Size	Any Size			
Electric Outboard Shaft Length	30" – 36" 76.2cm – 91.4cm			

How Do I Find Out About Buying or Seeing a PortaBote?

Please accept my personal invitation to join the thousands of satisfied PortaBote customers world wide who are enjoying the instant fun and relaxation only PortaBote provides. We are ready to talk to you. We can tell you about availability, delivery times and even some 'package' deals. If you'd like to try a PortaBote, we can arrange it here in Lowestoft, or if you'd like to speak to another PortaBote owner, we'll probably know someone who lives in your region. We regularly display PortaBotes at various shows throughout the UK. Please contact us for dates and venues. If you can make it to any of these shows, or you would like to visit us here in Lowestoft, we'll be only too pleased to meet you. We look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

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Other PortaBote (UK) News

PortaBotes Rise to New Heights!!

In 2001, a team from the RAF set out to climb Mount Everest. The intention of the expedition was to climb Everest via the North Ridge in Tibet - the route followed by Mallory and Irvine. Before the expedition started, IntraMore Ltd received a letter from the team leader, Flt Lt Ted Atkins of the RAF Leuchars Mountain Rescue Team. Here's an extract from Ted's letter;

".....it was good to speak to you at the Scottish Game Fair and I was glad for the opportunity to look over your remarkable boats. As I said at the time, I am the leader of the RAF expedition to climb Mount Everest in 2001. One of the problems that I'm



warned to encounter during our time on Everest is crossing a glacial melt lake late in the season between Base Camp and Advance Base Camp. The lake is very high - approximately 20,000 feet, so taking a lightweight craft would be highly desirable....."

IntraMore Ltd donated an 8' boat to the expedition team and they used it on the mountain to cross the melted glacier. This is a World record and it was achieved in a PortaBote!!.

The World's Smallest Survey Boat

Leeds - UK - British Waterways Technical Services took delivery of a new hydrographic survey boat specially designed for use in very shallow water and in areas where access is difficult. The 10' (3.2-metre) craft is a folding boat manufactured by PortaBote International of Mountain View, California, and supplied in the UK through IntraMore Ltd of Lowestoft, Suffolk.

Laurie Waterhouse, British Waterways Technical Services hydrographic surveyor, said, "For many years we have prided ourselves on being able to survey nearly anywhere on the canal system, but recently requests have come from clients asking for surveys in remote reservoirs and on canals where access is unavailable from the towpath. We needed a rugged boat that could be carried to remote sites or lowered down banks but at the same time was easily transportable. The PortaBote can be carried on a roof rack and can be assembled in 10 minutes."



PortaBote Accessories

We can provide several PortaBote accessories including;

HandiRack



The HandiRack will carry up to 80kgs and is ideal for transporting a PortaBote on most makes of vehicle. See more details on <http://www.handirackuk.com>

Boat Seats

If you're going to be fishing for a few hours in your PortaBote, these seats attach to the thwarts for a bit more back support and comfort

Old Town (Canoe) Seat



Lightweight, fixed position

TLD Deluxe Seat



360° Rotation

Fish Finders

Fishin Buddy Fishfinders provide the ultimate in portability, with an ergonomic multi directional clamp mount design that can be used almost anywhere, with absolutely no rigging or wiring, or even a transducer to mount.

140cx Fishin' Buddy



Display: 3.5" Diagonal
320V x 240H
256 Color TFT

Sonar:
Single Beam Down/Side
200kHz / 34° @ -10db
455kHz / 10° @ -10db

Shaft Length:
24" - 40" Telescopic Pole

Power Output:
1000 Watts (PTP)
125 Watts (RMS)

Depth:
240 ft (70m) Down, 120 ft (35m) Side



120x Fishin' Buddy



Display: 4" Diagonal
240V x 160H, FSTN LCD
8 Level Grayscale

Sonar:
Single Beam Down/Side
200kHz / 34° @ -10db
455kHz / 10° @ -10db

Shaft Length:
24" Fixed Pole

Power Output:
1000 Watts (PTP)
125 Watts (RMS)

Depth:
240 ft (70m) Down, 120 ft (35m) Side



110x Fishin' Buddy



Display: 4" Diagonal
160V x 128H, FSTN LCD
4 Level Grayscale

Sonar:
Single Beam Down
200kHz / 34° @ -10db

Shaft Length:
24" Fixed Pole

Power Output:
1000 Watts (PTP)
125 Watts (RMS)

Depth:
240 ft (70m) Down





1. PortaBotes

8' PortaBote	<i>White or Green Hull Colour</i>	£1,591
10' PortaBote	<i>White, Green or Aluminium Hull Colour</i>	£1,728
12' PortaBote	<i>White, Green or Aluminium Hull Colour</i>	£1,932
14' PortaBote	<i>White, Green or Aluminium Hull Colour</i>	£2,341

2. PortaBote Accessories

Bow Trolling Mount	<i>Bow mounting an electric motor for trolling</i>	£71
Oars/Locks	<i>Folding/floating - custom made for PortaBotes</i>	£108
Porta-Shade	<i>Bimini-type boat shade</i>	£204
Porta-Dolly	<i>Easy wheeling an assembled PortaBote over a distance</i>	£236
PortaDeck	<i>Foredeck accessory with seat, cleats and rod rests</i>	£383
Sailkit - Lateen	<i>Complete with sail and all accessories for sailing</i>	£932

3. Motors and Engines

Endura 30	<i>Electric Motor - 30lbs thrust</i>	£169
Endura 40	<i>Electric Motor - 40lbs thrust</i>	£270
Endura 50	<i>Electric Motor - 50lbs thrust</i>	£356
Endura 55	<i>Electric Motor - 55lbs thrust (42" shaft)</i>	£404
Torqeedo 401S	<i>Electric Outboard - 1PS, 14.8v integrated battery</i>	£999
Torqeedo 801S	<i>Electric Outboard - 2PS, 29.6v integrated battery</i>	£1,149
Torqeedo 1003S	<i>Electric Outboard - 3PS, 29.6v integrated battery</i>	£1,349
Parsun 2.6hp S/S 4-S	<i>OB Engine - 17kgs - integral fuel tank</i>	£427
Parsun 4hp S/S 4-S	<i>OB Engine - 25kgs - integral fuel tank</i>	£583
Parsun 5hp S/S 4-S	<i>OB Engine - 25kgs - integral fuel tank</i>	£632
Parsun 8hp S/S 4-S	<i>OB Engine - 35kgs - separate fuel tank (14' PB only)</i>	£1,204
Parsun 9.9hp S/S 4-S	<i>OB Engine - 35kgs - separate fuel tank (14' PB only)</i>	£1,275
Mercury 2.5hp S/S 4-S	<i>OB Engine - 17kgs - integral fuel tank</i>	£586
Mercury 3.5hp S/S 4-S	<i>OB Engine - 17kgs - integral fuel tank</i>	£666
Mercury 5hp S/S 4-S	<i>OB Engine - 25kgs - separate fuel tank</i>	£967
Mercury 6hp S/S 4-S	<i>OB Engine - 25kgs - separate fuel tank</i>	£1,134
Mercury 9.9hp S/S 4-S	<i>OB Engine - 38kgs - separate fuel tank (14' PB only)</i>	£2,063

4. Miscellaneous

Handirack	<i>Inflatable roof rack - up to 80kg load</i>	£50
Old Town Boat Seat	<i>Seat and backrest - fixed canoe chair</i>	£39
TLD Deluxe Boat Seat	<i>Cushioned seat and backrest - 360 degree rotation</i>	£129
Fishin' Buddy 110x	<i>Fish Finder - down beam, b&w display</i>	£177
Fishin' Buddy 120x	<i>Fish Finder - down/side beam, b&w display</i>	£246
Fishin' Buddy 140cx	<i>Fish Finder - down/side beam, colour display</i>	£372
Delivery	<i>Between £90 and £140 to mainland UK - contact IntraMore for details</i>	

All prices shown above include VAT at 17.5%



The World's Most Portable Folding Boat - Just Add Water, and GO!!