



The 'L-shaped dinette has two table options.

Below left to right
The galley looking forward...

...and towards the stern.

Draining board cover increases the worktop area.

Side doors closed...

....and open – but with no draughts.

through the interior. Only when it is exceptionally cold do they use the diesel-fired boiler which serves a pumped radiator system.

One thing which every boat needs – and this applies especially to residential boats – is storage space. Take a look at all the books, CDs, videos and other comforts of modern life that fill your home and imagine trying to accommodate them all on a narrowboat. Even allowing for the inevitable cull, you would need an enormous number of places to store them. To this end, *Brandywine's* saloon has an array of shelves and cupboards that stretches from the front doors to halfway down the dinette, and these are tailor-made to take books and CDs so that not an inch of space is wasted.

The saloon is furnished with what seem, at first glance, to be the ubiquitous leather swivel chairs: they are, in fact, fixed, four-legged chairs known as the Clyde easy chair from Wilsons of Kinver. These are very comfortable, blend in well with their surroundings and take up remarkably little room. Nevertheless, I have a feeling that I might miss the opportunity to spin round or change the back rest angle if I spent a whole evening on one.

Dinette

The rear part of the saloon contains a convertible 'L-shaped dinette. This not only provides a comfortable place to eat – sometimes overlooked even on residential boats – it can also be used as extra lounging space for visitors. It has two square tables supported on Desmo legs so that one can be used for everyday, two-person use, and the second can be linked to it for four- or six-somes. The base of the dinette has drawers for storage and lift off-panels to gain access to the space behind these for less frequently used items.

Galley

An arched screen, incorporating a glass fronted display cabinet, separates the galley from the forward part of the boat. The galley consists of two opposing 'L-shaped groups of units which shift the corridor from one side of the boat to the other. This arrangement has the advantage of making

