Many liveaboard boaters start off by living in a marina. An alternative is to spend a season in an established live aboard anchorage. This article will define what they are, what happens in a typical live aboard anchorage and why you might want to consider calling one home for a season or several. Many sailboat owners avoid marinas and choose to spend the winter in one location at one anchorage, such as The Bahamas and the summer at another – perhaps the north east coast of America. Some boaters are chasing perfect climates and others are working towards finding the best place to live taking into consideration the hurricane, typhoon or cyclone season.

Itinerant boat-dwellers ('boaters') on the waterways of London speak about their lives as occurring in a time zone that is separate from the sedentary world around them. 'Boat time', as boaters call it, is simultaneously slow and unpredictable. The slow aspect of boat time is said to provide a much-needed contrast to the fast and highly choreographed movements of the city surrounding the towpaths. It becomes part of the boaters' rhetoric of difference from, and resistance to, the state and other sedentary elements surrounding them. This article suggests that temporal experiences are a constitutive part of identity, a strategic component of resistance to the sedentary order, and a thread that links the disparate aspects of boaters' own lives aboard.