

## Touring Glossary

### **Windlass / lock key**

Handle used to wind the mechanism of the lock paddles

### **Rack**

Teeth that the pinion sits in

### **Pinion**

Cog that the windlass attaches to in order to winch the paddles open and closed

### **Safety Catch**

Stops the pinion slipping

### **Paddle**

The panel that opens or closes the sluice that fills or empties the lock chamber

### **Paddle / winding gear**

Mechanism encompassing all the above to work the paddles

### **Cill**

The ledge that extends below the upper gate of the lock

### **'Turning' a lock**

Emptying or filling a lock

### **Booms**

Floats that form a safety barrier, usually in front of a weir

### **Rise**

The change in the lock's water level

### **Reach/Pound**

The stretch of water between locks

### **Chamber**

The lock's enclosure between the gates

### **Marker buoys**

Buoys that mark the channel

### **Fairway**

The main navigation channel in the river

### **Winding Hole**

Place for boats to turn

### **Balance Beam**

Balances the weight of the gate and gives leverage when opening and closing it.

### **Port**

Left hand side of the boat when facing the direction of travel

### **Starboard**

Right hand side of the boat when facing the direction of travel

