



A study on preservation and utilization of canal networks as a modernization heritage in England

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Schedules of the ITP Program

- **Period:** 20th January 2012 — 28th March 2012
- **Institution Partner:** SOAS, University of London, UK
- **Collecting Data** (Books, Photos, Papers, Statistics, etc.):
 - SOAS Library, British Library, London Canal Museum, National Waterways Museum
- **Survey Schedules** (Study Areas):
 - Regent's Canal, London(21/01/2012 – 25/03/2012)
 - Birmingham, Liverpool(22/02/2012 - 24/02/2012)
 - Cambridge, Oxford(03/03/2012, 07/03/2012)
 - North Wales, Chester, Manchester (12/03/2012 – 15/03/2012)

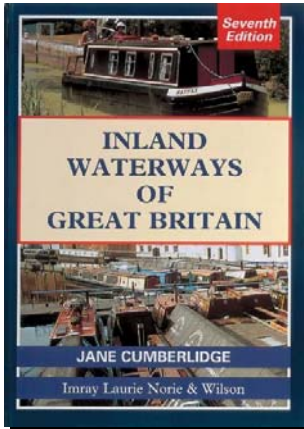





Purpose



- To examine preservation and utilization of major canal networks in England
 - London, Birmingham, Liverpool, Cambridge, Oxford, North Wales, Chester, Manchester
- To clarify the transition of canal use in England
- To investigate utilization, locks and mooring boats of Regent 's Canal, London
- To collect data (books, photos and statistics) of canal


Create the GIS database of Canal networks in England







The Inland Waterways of Great Britain




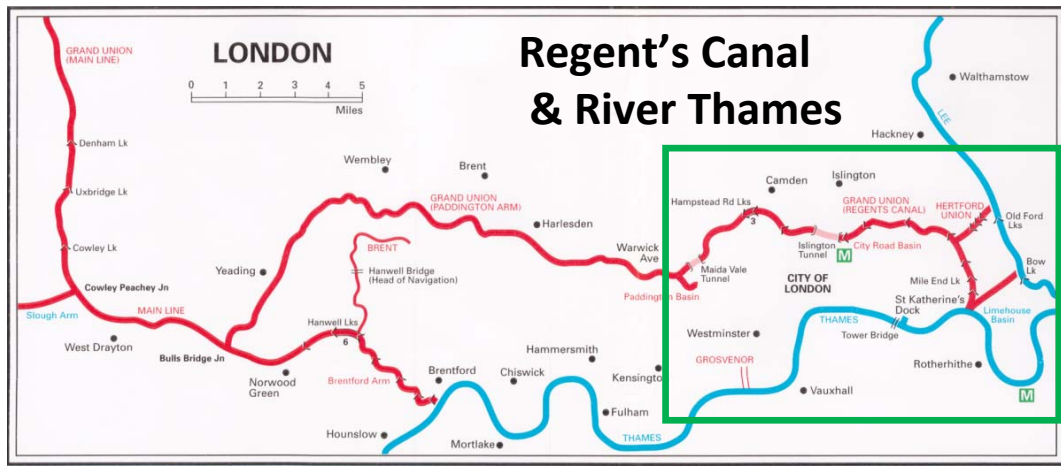
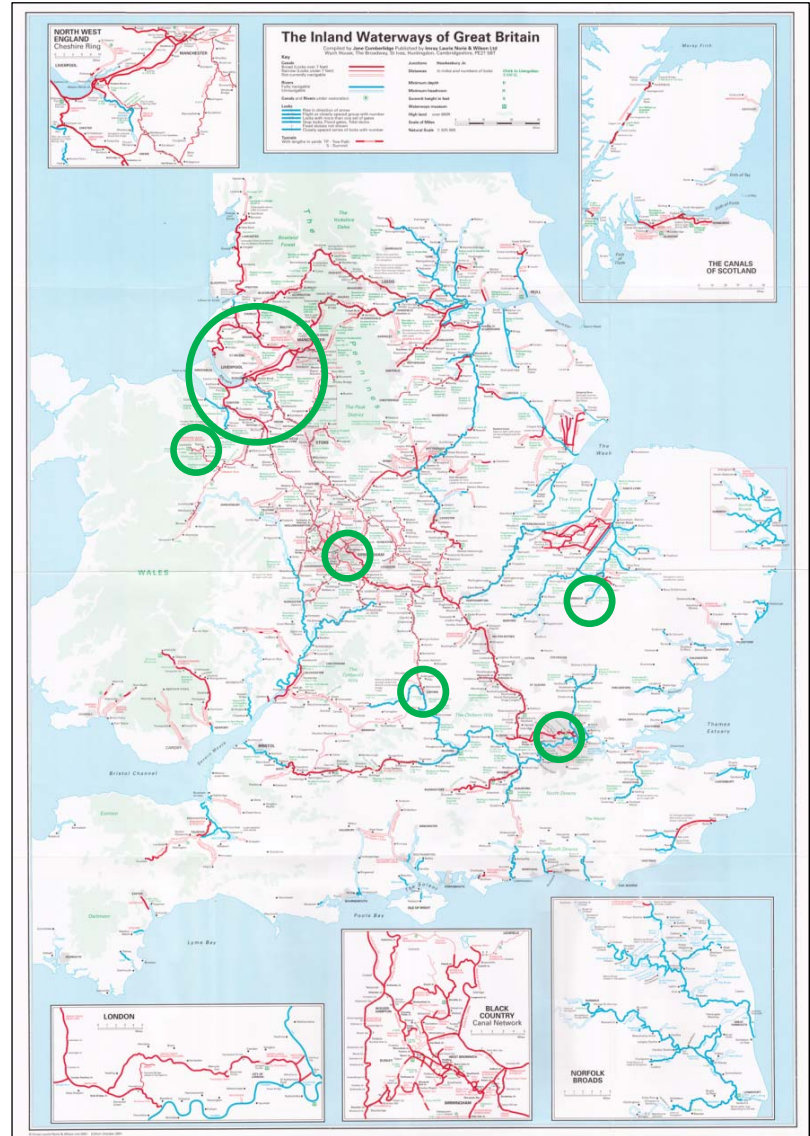
Canals
 Broad (Locks over 7 feet) 
 Narrow (Locks under 7 feet) 
 Not currently navigable 

Rivers
 Fully navigable 
 Unnavigable 

Canals and Rivers under restoration 

Locks
 Rise in direction of arrow
 Flight or closely spaced group with number
 Locks with more than one set of gates
 Stop locks, Flood gates, Tidal doors
 Fixed sluices not shown
 Closely spaced series of locks with number

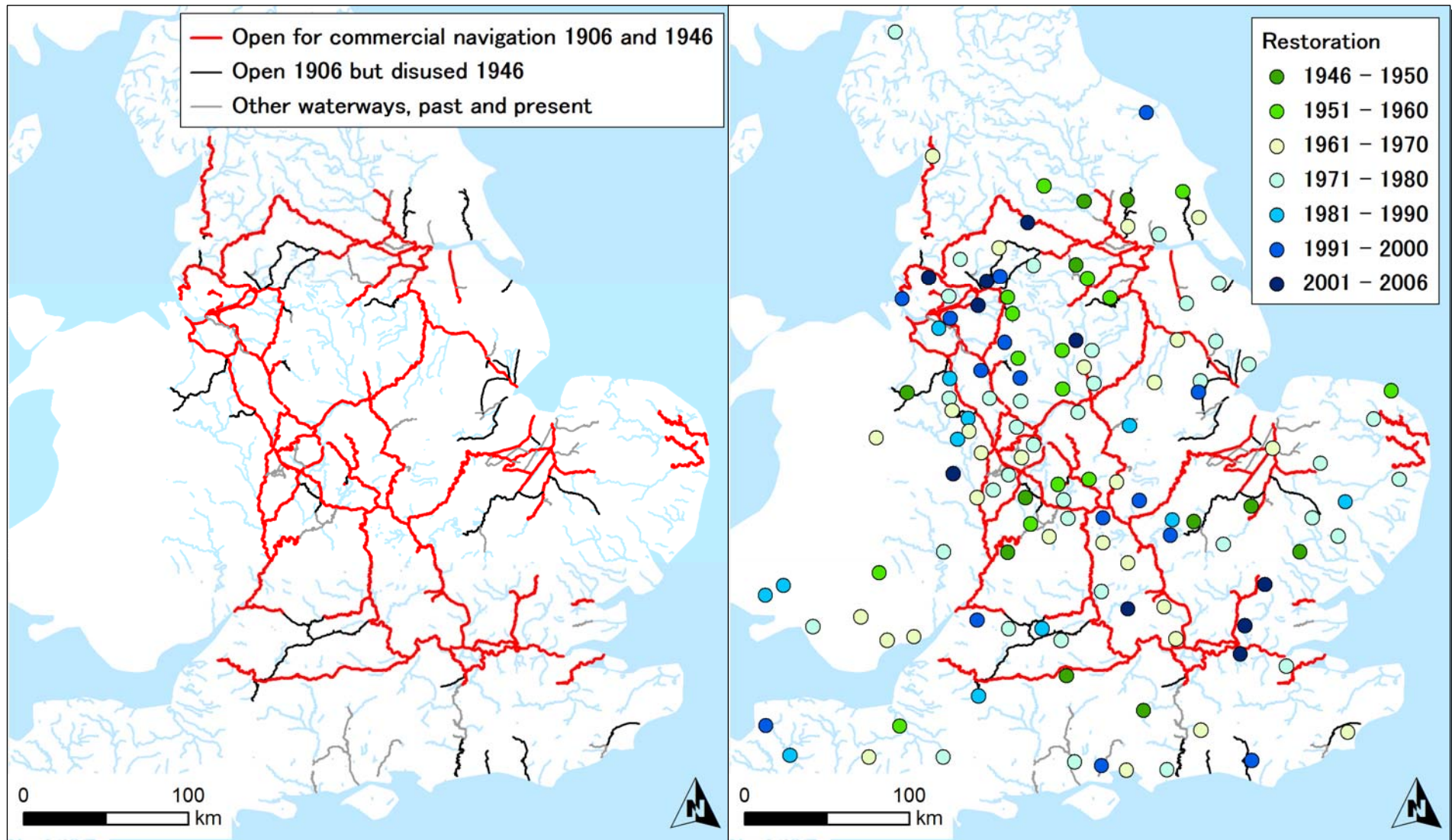
Tunnels
 With lengths in yards TP - Tow Path S - Summit 



Source: INLAND WATERWAYS OF GREAT BRITAIN 7th Edition

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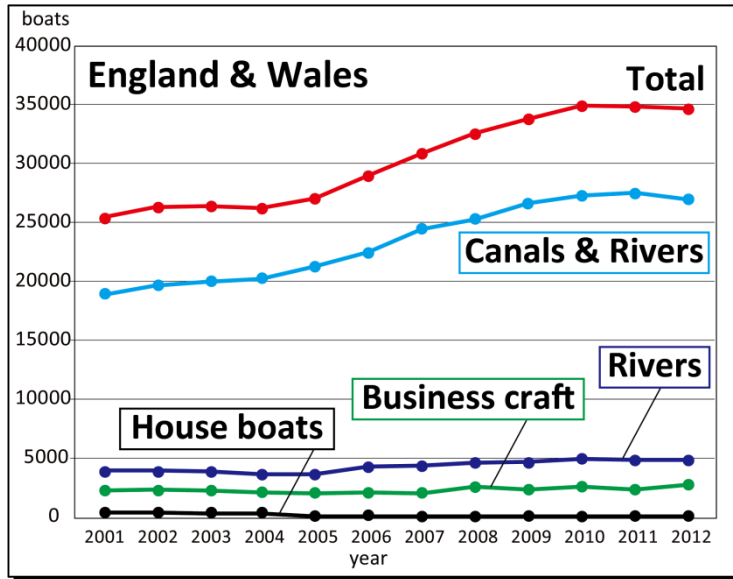
Canals of England: 1906-2006



Source data: Roger Squires "BRITAIN'S RESTORED CANALS", 2007

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Transition of the number of boats: 2001-2012



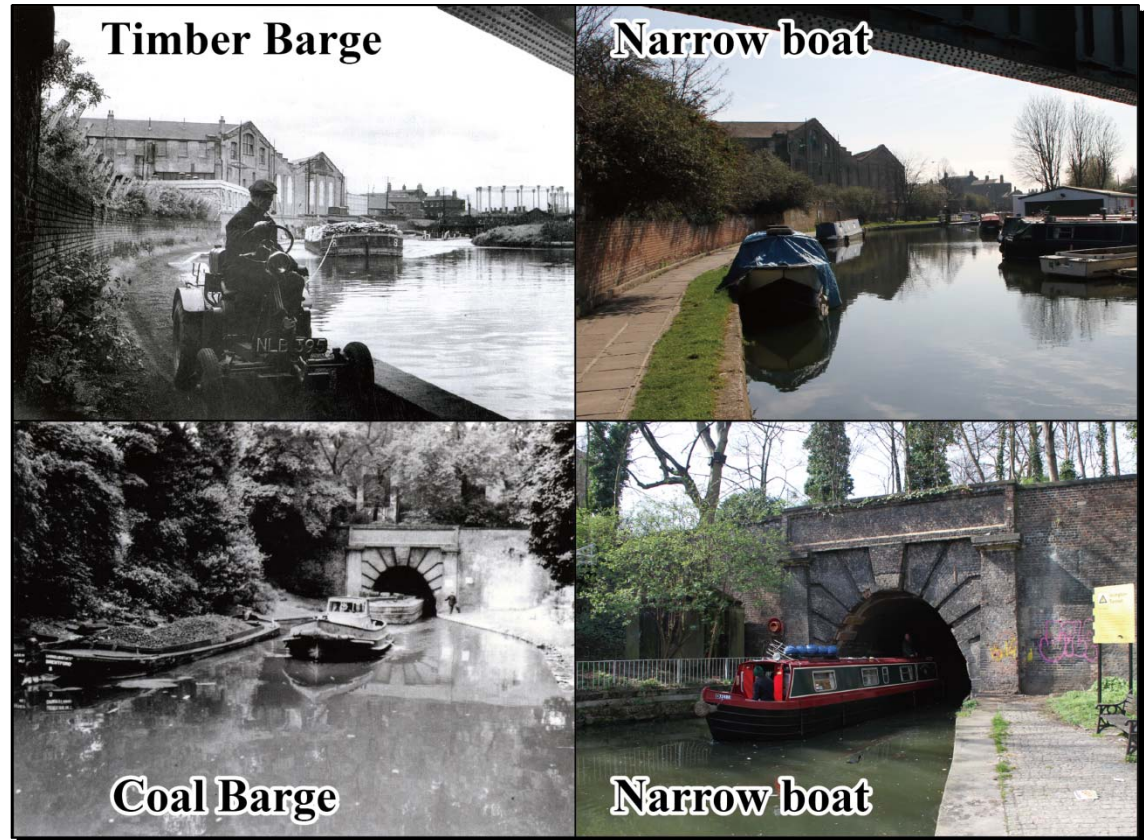
Boat licenses issued in England & Wales by British Waterways

Source: British Waterways
 "Annual Report and Accounts"

British Waterways:

cared for the 3,540 km network of canals and rivers in England, Scotland and Wales until 2nd July 2012.

→ Canal & River Trust, Scottish Canals



Boat and Barge in Regent's Canal (Left:1950s Right:2012)

Source: Aran Faulkner "The Regent's Canal"

Barge Boat → Leisure Boat

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal



Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal: World Heritage Site on 27th June, 2009. The Aqueduct, 307m long and 38m above the Dee Valley, was opened in 1805. In this site, Anglo Welsh (Narrow boat Holiday Company) is lending boats.



Major Canals (include Rivers)



Liverpool: River Mersey (to Manchester)



Manchester: Rochdale Canal



Birmingham: Oozells St. Loop



Ellesmere Port: Manchester Ship Canal



Manchester: Bridge Water Canal



Oxford: Oxford Canal



Ellesmere Port: Shropshire Union Canal

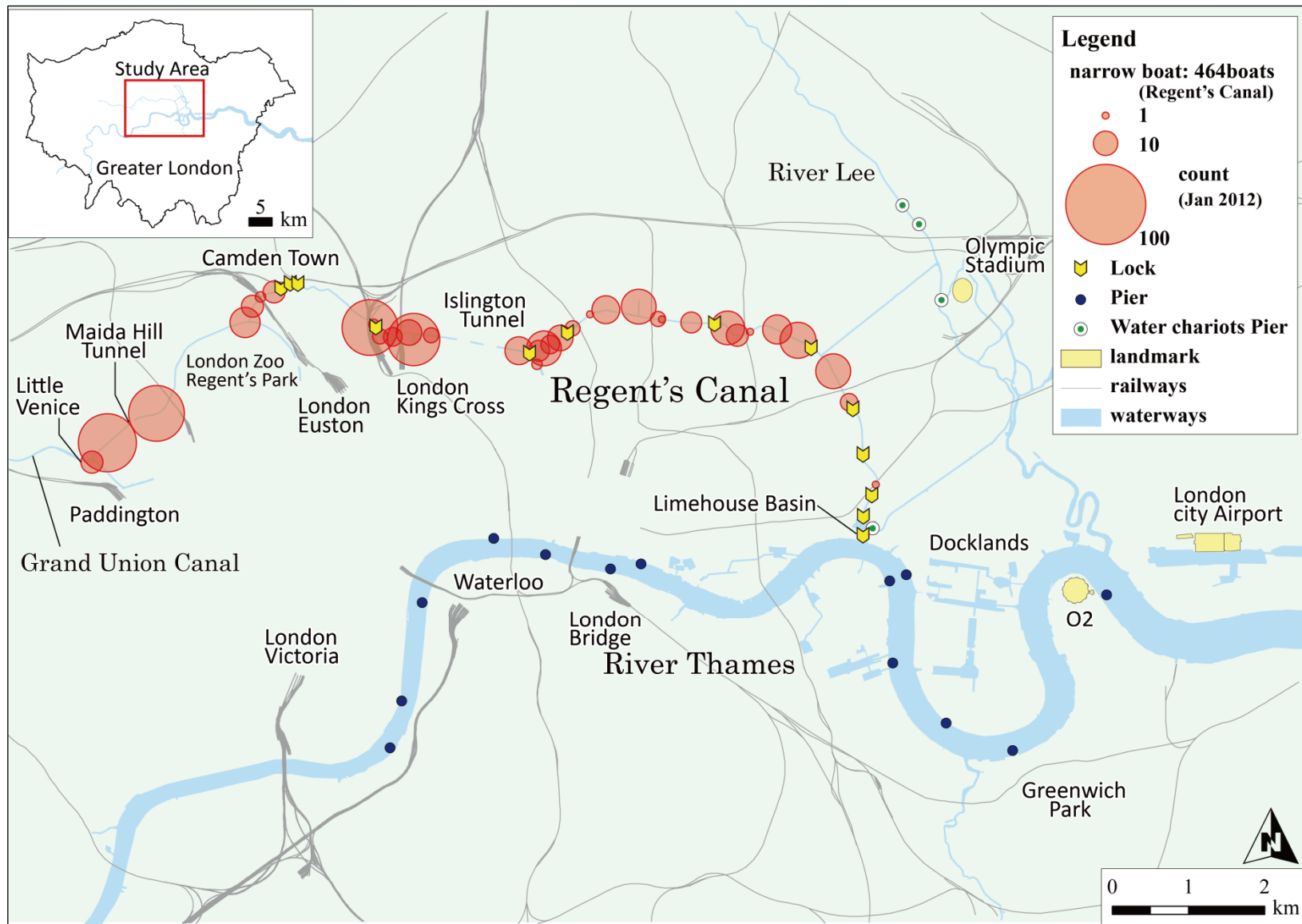


Chester: Shropshire Union Canal



Cambridge: River Cam

Distribution of narrow boats: Regent's Canal



Utilization of Regent's Canal



Private Moorings



Waterside Cafe



London Waterbus Company

Hampstead Road Lock



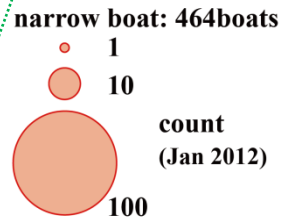
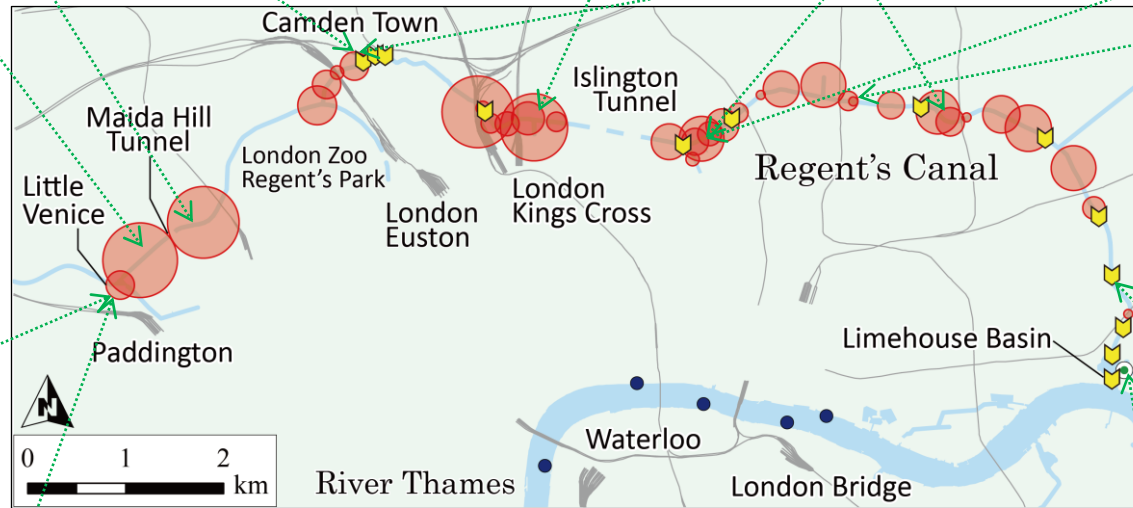
Battle bridge Basin



Bookshop: 3 places



Barge: Coal, Diesel, etc



- Lock
- Water chariots Pier
- Pier (River Thames)
- railways
- waterways

Regent's Canal:
 From Little Venice to
 Limehouse
 Basin(13.8km)
 Locks:13



Canoe & kayak club



Johnsons Lock



Water chariots



Conclusion

- Created a map of the transition of the canals in England from 1906 to 2006. Restoration Projects: 132 sites
- Clarified regional differences of utilization in canals.
 - number of narrow boat, barge and lock
- Constructed the GIS database of the mooring boats, locks in Regent's Canal. (other canal's data is forthcoming)
- Distribution of narrow boats (464 boats) in Regent's Canal.
- Utilization of Regent's Canal is mainly leisure.
 - Commercial Barge, Cargo and Tanker in River Mersey, River Thames and Manchester Ship Canal.



Future Works

- Investigate a historical transition and seasonal changes of transportation (coal shipping, etc. before 1950).
- Collect new materials (statistics, photos, papers, etc.) from Waterways Archive, Records office in England and add data to the GIS database.
- In the future, wants to share the GIS database with researchers of the project of the Historical GIS Research Network in UK.