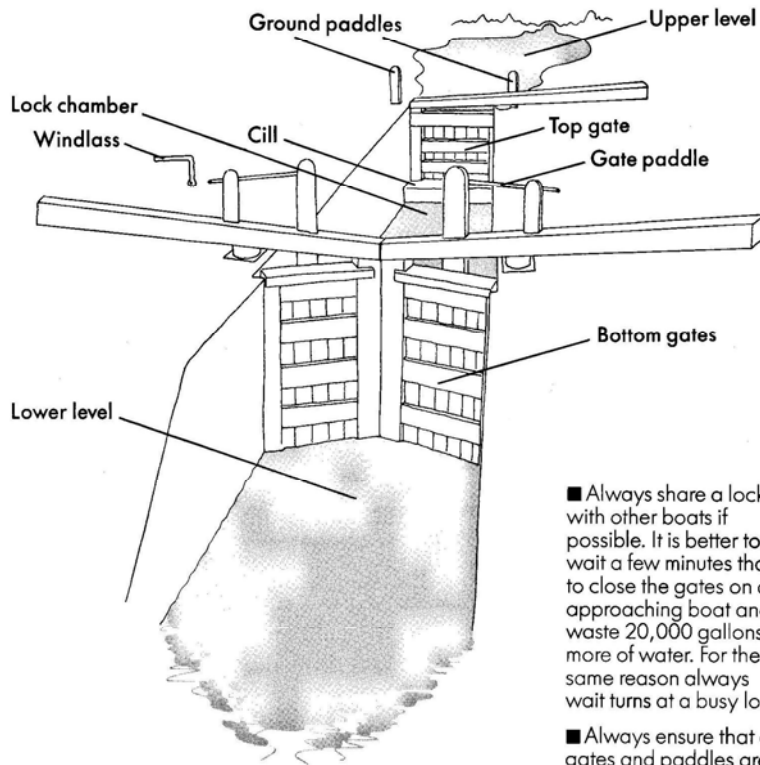


Using locks

Operating locks is simple if you work through the drill systematically and never hurry. On some

locks you will find one top gate and on others two, but the method of working is the same.

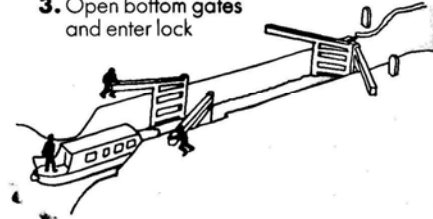


■ Always share a lock with other boats if possible. It is better to wait a few minutes than to close the gates on an approaching boat and waste 20,000 gallons or more of water. For the same reason always wait turns at a busy lock.

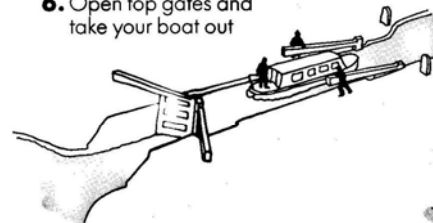
■ Always ensure that all gates and paddles are closed after you leave a lock, unless you can see a boat approaching to use the lock when you should leave the gates open to help them.

Going up

1. Make sure the top gates and paddles are closed
2. If lock is full, empty it by raising bottom paddles
3. Open bottom gates and enter lock



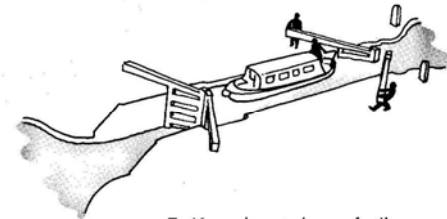
4. Close bottom gates behind you and lower the paddles
5. Open the top paddles to fill lock
6. Open top gates and take your boat out



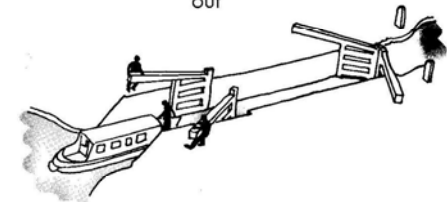
7. Close gates behind you and lower the paddles

Going down

1. Make sure the bottom gates and paddles are closed
2. If lock is empty, fill it by opening top paddles
3. Open top gates and enter lock
4. Close top gates behind you and lower the paddles



5. Keep boat clear of cill and open bottom paddles to empty lock
6. Open bottom gates and take your boat out



7. Close gates behind you and lower paddles