

Water good idea . . . Tam in his canoe



IT'S AN IRN-BRU CANOE!

EXCLUSIVE
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INGENIOUS Tam Walker shows he has a thirst for adventure — by paddling in a canoe made of Irn-Bru bottles.

The marine engineer constructed his one-man boat entirely out of two-litre fizzy drinks containers.

And the 55-year-old, of Airdrie, Lanarkshire, plans to paddle the wacky craft from coast to coast.

He said: "I got the idea after seeing all these old bottles bobbing around in the canal.

"I thought to myself 'they never seem to sink' and would make a good boat structure.

"So I started collecting old bottles and soon discovered the two-litre ones were the best to fit together."

Leaks

Tam named his canoe the BB - Bottle Boat - Plastic Fantastic. Although the dad-of-three admits it wasn't all plain sailing.

He said: "On its first sea trial it sprung a couple of leaks. That was mainly because it was too narrow and it stretched when I sat in it. A bit more glue and gaffer tape soon solved that."

He said of his coast to coast plan: "I'm going to take it from the west to east coast along the Forth and Clyde and Union canals for charity."

WATCH Tam paddling his Irn-Bru canoe by logging on to www.thescottishsun.co.uk/news

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Making a splash . . . Tam shows off the bottle boat before taking it for a paddle

