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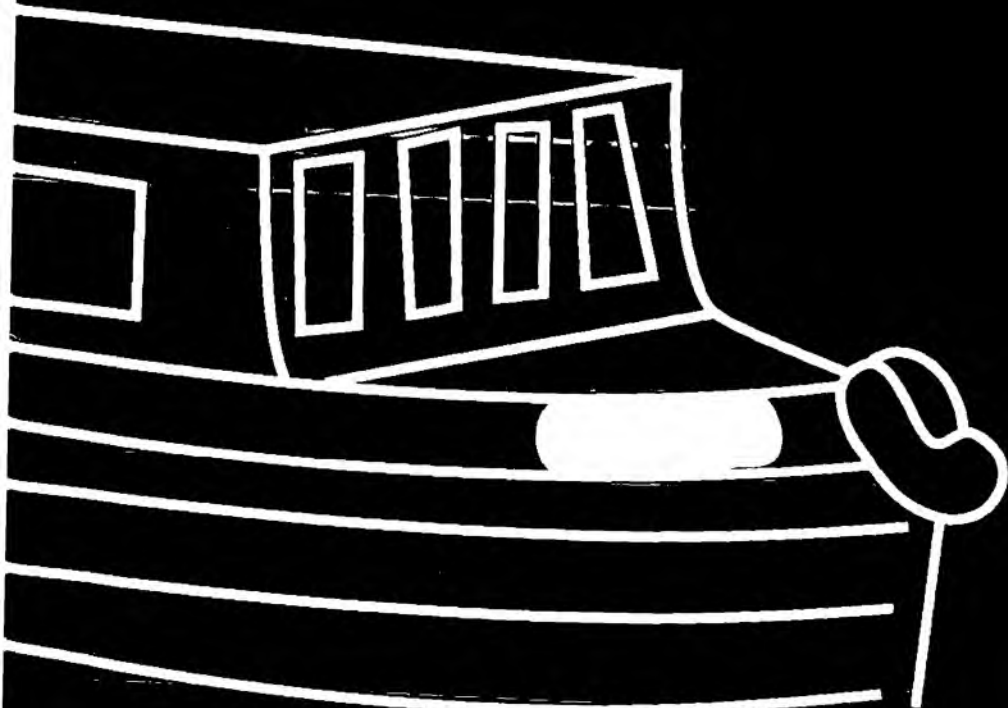
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British Waterways

Take To The Water

A Beginner's Guide To Boating
On Inland Waterways



Take to the water with British Waterways and the National Rivers Authority

With well over 4,000 km (2,500 miles) of rivers and canals to explore, from the south west of England up to Scotland, our inland waterways offer plenty of variety for both the casual boater and the dedicated enthusiast.

If you have ever experienced the pleasures of 'messaging about on boats', you will know what a wealth of scenery and heritage inland waterways open up to us, and the unique perspective they provide.

Boating is fun and easy. This pack is designed to help you get afloat if you are thinking about buying a boat.

Amongst other useful information, it includes details of:

Navigation Authorities

British Waterways (BW) and the National Rivers Authority (NRA), which is to become part of the new Environment Agency for England and Wales on 1 April 1996, manage most of our navigable rivers and canals.

We are responsible for maintaining the waterways and locks, providing services for boaters and we licence and manage boats.

There are more than 20 smaller navigation authorities across the country. We have included information on some of these smaller organisations.

Licences and Moorings

We tell you everything you need to know from, how to apply for a licence to how to find a permanent mooring or simply a place for an overnight stop. We also provide some useful hints on buying a boat, including information on boat builders, loans, insurance and the Boat Safety Scheme.



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Useful addresses

A detailed list of useful organisations and contacts is included. We also suggested some books we think will help you get started.

NATIONAL LIBRARY &
INFORMATION SERVICE

Happy boating!

SOUTHERN REGION

Guildbourne House, Chatsworth Road,
Worthing, West Sussex BN11 1LD

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1 Owning a Boat

Buying a Boat

With such a vast range of boats available to suit every price range, choosing a boat can be quite a tricky business! Many people hire a boat for a holiday before committing themselves (for holiday information telephone 0345 626252). Contacting or joining a local club can also give you a helpful start. BW and NRA offices can provide lists of local clubs. Local information about maximum craft dimensions, speed limits etc. for different navigations is available from BW and NRA offices.

Second Hand Boats

If you are a first time buyer, you may be looking for a second hand boat. These are available through boatyards, brokers and by private sale. One of the best places to start looking is in the monthly boating magazines, from newsagents or by subscription (see sheet 4 - Useful Addresses). Waterways World publishes a booklet entitled "The New Inland Boat Owner's Book" which covers a wide range of useful information for the first time boat buyer.

Once you have found the boat you are looking for, you should arrange for a proper inspection by a surveyor recognised under the Boat Safety Scheme (information on the Scheme is included on sheet 3) before you put in an offer or complete the deal. As an independent adviser, the surveyor will check the boat's condition, specifications and valuation and ensure that the craft complies with the Boat Safety Scheme standards.

A new scheme, organised by the British Marine Industries Federation (BMIF), called Boatmark has been set up to act as both a deterrent to boat theft and to protect against fraudulent sale of boats - so it is worth checking with them before you buy a boat to see if the boat is registered. There is a leaflet about the scheme in this pack. Once you have bought a boat you can have it marked with an unique Hull Identification Number and registered under the Boatmark system.

New Boats

If you decide to have a boat built specially for you, trade organisations such as the Canal Boat Builders Association (CBA) and BMIF (see sheet 4 - Useful Addresses) will be able to provide the names of reputable companies. The free booklet "How to Buy a Narrow Boat" is published for the CBA by BMIF. "The New Inland Boat Owner's Book" (referred to earlier) also includes useful information if you are building your own boat or having one built for you.

Whoever is building your boat, do ensure that the requirements of the Boat Safety Scheme are complied with. It is also worthwhile having your boat marked and registered under the Boatmark scheme (see enclosed leaflet for details).

Shared Boat ownership

Shared ownership schemes offer a good option if you do not want to make the financial commitment to purchase a boat. Several companies offer this type of service, and the advertisement sections of boating magazines are good places to look for more information.

Getting a loan

Boats can be expensive and few of us are lucky enough to have the cash available to purchase a craft outright. But rather than saving long term for your boat, you might want to consider a loan package as a means of getting afloat sooner rather than later. There are a number of options

- a personal loan through a high street bank or building society. However, the boat itself will not usually be accepted as security. You will need therefore to find some other way to secure the loan.
- finance houses - it is possible to get a loan for your boat from a finance house specialising in packages for inland waterways boats. Look in boating magazines for information and advertisements.
- marinas, boatyards or boat builders often have agreements with finance houses and will help in getting a loan.
- brokers - some independent brokers specialise in boat loans.

Insurance

We would strongly advise anyone buying a boat to have it insured. As with a car, the very minimum should be some kind of third party cover which will safeguard you as the owner, or the person who is in charge of your boat, in the event of a claim against you for damage or injury. In addition, you should insure your boat against loss or damage and provide cover for the safety of the crew.

On waters managed by British Waterways third party insurance will be compulsory. See sheet 3.1 - Licensing your boat with British Waterways for more details.

Insurance companies and brokers will advise you on this matter. The best place to start looking for those specialising in marine coverage for inland waterways is in boating magazines. You will find that many boatyards, marinas etc. provide insurance packages.

2 Navigation Authorities

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For general information contact:

British Waterways
Customer Services
Willow Grange
Church Road
Watford WD1 3QA
Tel: 01923 226422
Fax: 01923 201300

National Rivers Authority
Navigation Section
Rivers House
Waterside Drive
Aztec West
Almondsbury
Bristol BS12 4UD
Tel: 01454 624400
Fax: 01454 624409

This pack also includes a map showing the location of the waterways managed by BW and NRA.

2.1 British Waterways

British Waterways manages and cares for over 3 000 km (2 000 miles) of canals and rivers and conserves the historic buildings, structures and landscapes which blend to create the unique environment of the inland waterways. Our work involves ensuring that our waterways are safe places for people to enjoy, which includes maintaining the locks, bridges, towing paths and canal beds. We also look after the surrounding area, wildlife and buildings which are all connected with our canals and rivers. We aim to take care of all of these things in a way which will provide the greatest benefit and enjoyment for the people who use our canals and rivers - now and in the future.

British Waterways - Regional Addresses

British Waterways

Scotland

Canal House
Applecross Street
Glasgow
G4 9SP
Tel: 0141 332 6936
Fax: 0141 331 1688

British Waterways

North West

Navigation Road
Northwich
Cheshire
CW8 1BH
Tel: 01606 74321
Fax: 01606 871471

British Waterways

North East

1 Dock Street
Leeds
LS1 1HH
Tel: 0113 281 6800
Fax: 0113 281 6886

British Waterways

Midlands & South West

Peel's Wharf
Lichfield Street
Fazeley
Tamworth
Staffordshire
B78 3QZ
Tel: 01827 252000
Fax: 01827 288071

British Waterways

South

Brindley House
Corner Hall
Lawn Lane
Hemel Hempstead
Hertfordshire HP3 9YT
Tel: 01442 235400
Fax: 01442 234932

2.2 National Rivers Authority

The rivers managed by the National Rivers Authority (NRA) contrast greatly with each other, from remote fenland rivers in East Anglia to the grand River Thames which stretches from the Cotswolds to the City of London. Steeped in history and winding their way through some of England's most beautiful countryside, these rivers provide a host of recreational opportunities, but are also important habitats for many types of fish, animals, birds and plants.

The NRA works to maintain and improve these waterways and their facilities for use by the public. The rivers for which the NRA is the navigation authority are in its Anglian, Thames and Southern Regions, and navigation staff in the relevant Regional offices will be happy to give advice and local information.

National Rivers Authority - Regional Addresses

National Rivers Authority - Anglian Region

Kingfisher House
Goldhay Way
Orton Goldhay
Peterborough
PE2 5ZR.
Tel: 01733 371811
Fax: 01733 231840

National Rivers Authority - Southern Region

Guildbourne House
Chatsworth Road
Worthing
West Sussex
BN11 1LD
Tel: 01903 820692
Fax: 01903 821832

National Rivers Authority - Thames Region

Kings Meadow House
Kings Meadow Road
Reading RG1 8DQ
Tel: 01734 535000
Fax: 01734 500388

The Environment Agency - business as usual for boaters

On 1 April 1996, the NRA will become part of the new Environment Agency for England and Wales. All the functions of the NRA, including its responsibilities for navigation, will be transferred to the new Agency, where they will continue as described here.

It will be business as usual for boaters and the information in this pack will remain relevant when the Environment Agency comes into being.

2.3 Inland Navigation Authorities

In addition to British Waterways and the National Rivers Authority, there are a number of other smaller navigation authorities with responsibility for some inland waterways. The main navigations outside BW or NRA.

River Avon (Bristol)

Harbour Master's Office
Port of Bristol Authority
Underfall Yard
Cumberland Road
Bristol
Avon
BS1 6XG
Tel: (01777) 926 4797
(Hanham Lock to Avonmouth)

River Avon (Warwickshire)

Lower Avon Navigation Trust
Mill Wharf
Mill Lane
Wyre Piddle
Pershore
Worcs.
WR10 2JF
Tel: (01386) 552517
(Tewkesbury to Evesham)

Upper Avon Navigation Trust

Bridge 63
Harvington
Evesham
Worcs.
Tel: (01386) 870526
(Evesham to Stratford)

Basingstoke Canal

Basingstoke Canal Authority
Mytchett Place Road
Mytchett
Surrey GU16 6DD
Tel: (01252) 370073

Beverley Beck

Beverley Borough Council
The Hall
Lairgate, Beverley
North Humberside
HU17 8HL
Tel: (01482) 882255

Bridgewater Canal

Manchester Ship Canal
Land & Planning Division
Quay West
Trafford Wharf Road
Manchester
M17 1PL
Tel: (0161) 872 2411

River Cam

River Cam Conservancy
Archer & Archer
Market Place
Ely
Cambridge
Cambs.
CB7 4QN
(01353) 662203
(Cambridge to Bottisham)

Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation

Chelmer & Blackwater Nav. Ltd
Paper Mill Lock
Little Baddow
Chelmsford
Essex
CM3 4BF
Tel: (01245) 225520

River Dee

Chester City Council
Town Hall
Chester
Cheshire
CH1 2HN
Tel: (01244) 40144
(Almere ferry to Chester Weir)

The Driffield Navigation

The Driffield Navigation Ltd
Registration Details
Mr D G Madin
73 Green Lane
Tickton
Beverley
HU17 7RH
Tel: (01964) 543124

Droitwich Canals

Droitwich Canals Trust
1 Hampton Road
Droitwich
Worcs.
WR9 9PA
Tel: (01905) 774225

Exeter Ship Canal

Exeter City Council
Canal Basin
Haven Road
Exeter
Devon
EX2 8DU
Tel: (01392) 74306

River Foss

York City Council
Engineering Services
9 St Leonards Place
York
YO1 2ET
Tel: (01904) 613161

Grand Western Canal

Devon County Council
Engineering & Planning Dept
County Hall
Exeter
Devon
EX2 4QQ
Tel: (01884) 254072

River Humber

Associated British Ports
PO Box 1
Port House
Corporation Road
Hull HU9 5PQ
Tel: (01482) 27171

Lake Windermere

Lake Wardens
Lake Admin. Office
Ferry Nab
Bowness-on-Windermere
Cumbria LA23 3JH
Tel: (015394) 42753

Lydney Canal

Harbour Master's Office
Lydney Docks
Lydney
Gloucestershire

Manchester Ship Canal

Manchester Ship Canal Co.
Harbour Office
Queen Elizabeth II Dock
Eastham
Wirral
L62 0BB
Tel: (0151) 327 1461

River Mersey

Mersey Docks & Harbour Board
Dock Office
Liverpool
L3 1BZ
Tel: (0151) 236 6010

Middle Level Navigations

Middle Level Commissioners
Middle Level Offices
Dartford Road
March
Cambs.
PE15 8AF
Tel: (01354) 53232

Neath Canal

Neath Canal Project
Canals Officer
Neath Borough Council
Civic Centre
Neath
West Glamorgan
SA11 3QA
Tel: (01639) 55282

Norfolk & Suffolk Broads

Broads Authority
Thomas Harvey House
18 Colgate
Norwich
Norfolk
NR3 1BQ
Tel: (01603) 610734

River Ouse (Yorkshire)

Associated British Ports
PO Box 1
Port House
Corporation Road
Hull
HU9 5PQ
Tel: (01482) 27171
(Trent Falls to Skelton Bridge)

Linton Lock Commissioners

1-3 Wheelgate
Malton
North Yorks.
YO17 0HT
(Widdington Ings to Swale
Nab)

Rochdale Canal

Rochdale Canal Company
75 Dale Street
Manchester
M1 2HG
Tel: (0161) 236 2456
(Manchester 9 Locks)

Rochdale Canal

Rochdale Canal Trust
Rochdale Canal Workshop
Callis Mill
Charles Town
Hebden Bridge
West Yorkshire
Tel: (01422) 844990
(Restored Section)

Sleaford Navigation

Sleaford Navigation Society
10 Chelmer Close
North Hykeham
Lincoln
LN6 8TH
Tel: (01522) 689460
(Kyme Eau)

Stroudwater Navigation

Company of Proprietors
Rockies
Old Gloucester Road
Upper Randwick
Stroud
Glos.
GL6 6JN
Tel: (01453) 762781

River Tees Barrage

Teesside Development
Corporation
Dunedin House
Riverside Quay
Stockton-on-Tees
Cleveland
TS17 6BJ
Tel: (016442) 633272

Tennant Canal

Port Tennant Co.
49 Mansel Street
Swansea
SA1 5TB
Tel: (01792) 55891

River Trent

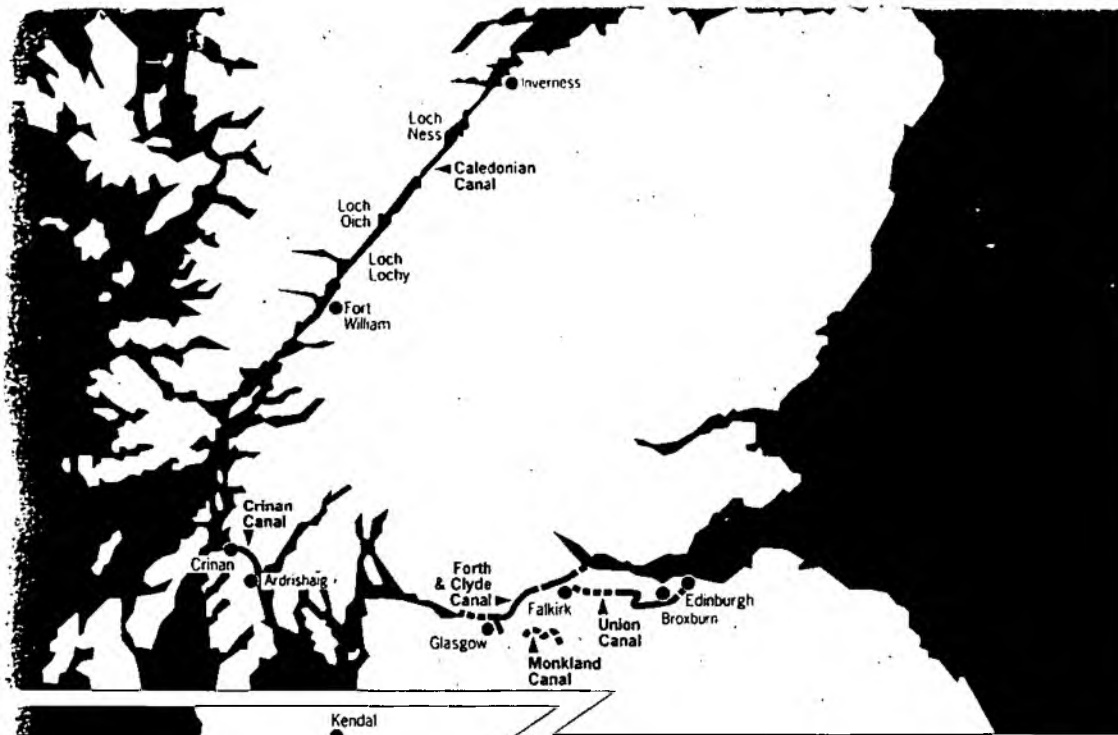
Associated British Ports
PO Box 1
Port House
Corporation Road
Hull
HU9 5PQ
Tel: (01482) 27171

River Wey

National Trust
Daphne Wharf
Wharf Road
Guildford
Surrey
GU1 4RR
Tel: (01483) 61389

Witham Navigable Drains

Witham & Fourth District Internal
Drainage Board
47 Norfolk Street
Boston
Lincs.
PE21 6PP
Tel: (01205) 310099

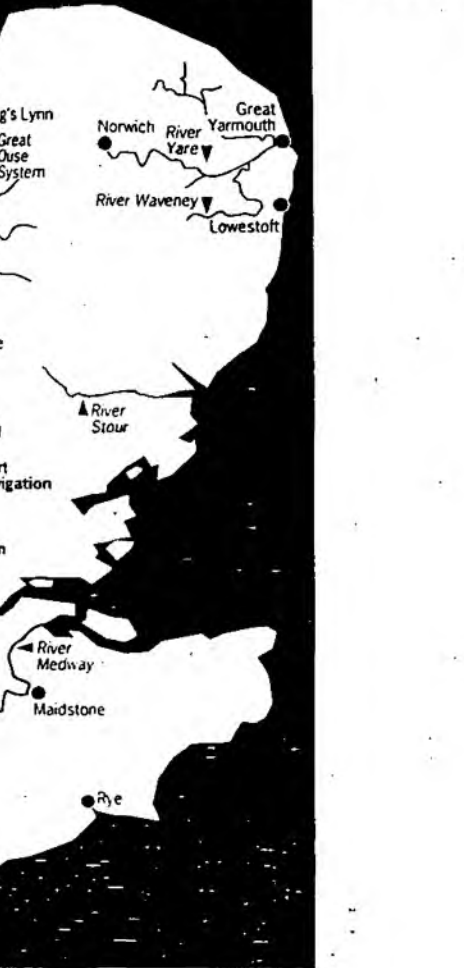
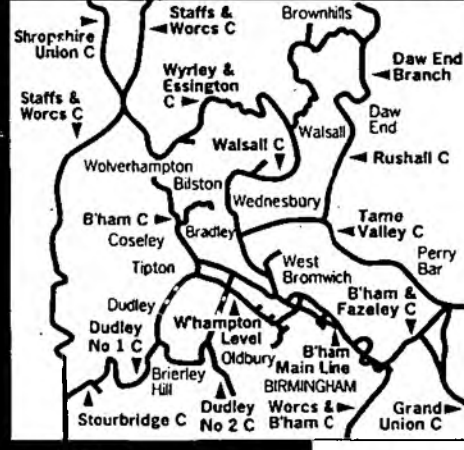


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	British Waterways narrow navigable canals and rivers
	British Waterways unnavigable canals and rivers
	National Rivers Authority
	Broads Authority
	Middle Level Commissioners
	Canals and rivers not administered by British Waterways, National Rivers Authority, Broads Authority or Middle Level Commissioners
	Unnavigable canals and rivers not administered by British Waterways, National Rivers Authority, Broads Authority or Middle Level Commissioners



BCN Birmingham Canal Navigation



3 Licences and Moorings

Getting a licence

Every boat on an inland waterway must be licensed and/or registered with the relevant navigation authority. To do this you will have to pay a fee.

Some reservoirs have special licence arrangements granting exclusive sailing rights to clubs; so club members do not need a separate licence. BW and the NRA can tell you where these special licence arrangements apply.

The money you pay in licence fees is spent directly on maintaining and improving waterways and on providing facilities for boat users such as sewage disposal, water supply and electricity charging points.

Separate information sheets tell you how to go about licensing your boat on BW and NRA navigations.

Moorings

For general cruising around inland waterways there are plenty of visitor mooring sites to choose from.

However, you will need a place to leave your boat when you are not using it. This could be permanent mooring, for example, in a marina. Having a mooring can be necessary to get a licence.

There are many sites along the inland waterways, ranging from basic towpath moorings to fully equipped marinas. Both BW and the NRA own a number of moorings for letting to boat owners - others may be run by private businesses or land owners.

Mooring costs vary depending on location and facilities. Contact BW Customer Services or NRA Regional Offices for information, or look in waterways and boating guides and magazines for independently run moorings.

It's worth remembering that demand for mooring sites is often high, particularly in popular locations, so there may be a waiting list.

Living on a Boat

BW produces a special information sheet called "Living on the Waterways" - contact customer services for a copy.

Boat Safety Scheme

If you are going boating, you must ensure that your boat is safe - not just for your own safety and security, but for that of other waterway users.

British Waterways and the National Rivers Authority have developed the Boat Safety Scheme - a harmonised set of technical boat safety standards which apply to boats on our waterways.

Under the Scheme, all boats must be examined by a surveyor or examiner recognised under the Boat Safety Scheme. They will issue Boat Safety Certificates to boats which meet the standards.

Meeting the Boat Safety Scheme Standards will be a condition of licensing or registration on both BW and NRA waters. Please see sheet 3.1 for further details.

A free information pack describing the scheme, with a list of approved surveyors and examiners, is available from BW or the NRA.

3.1 Licensing your Boat on BW Navigations

Type of licence

We have different licences depending on whether you want to use your boat:

- on our canals and rivers
- just our rivers
- for cruising
- as a houseboat

Cost

How much you pay for your licence will depend on:

- the length of your boat
- the amount of time you want your licence to last

Duration

We issue licences for:

- 1 day
- 7 days
- 1 month
- 3 months
- 6 months, and
- 12 months

Boat Safety Scheme and Insurance

Boats built in 1971 *and after* will need a Boat Safety Certificate when renewing or taking out a licence from 1 January 1997. They will also need to have third party insurance cover of at least £1,000,000 for any one claim from this date.

Boats built in 1970 *and before* will need a Boat Safety Certificate when renewing or taking out a licence from 1 January 1998. They will also need to have third party insurance cover of at least £1,000,000 for any one claim from this date.

We strongly recommend that your boat meets the standards and that you have third party insurance before these dates.

Moorings

You will need to have a place to leave your boat when you are not using it. British Waterways will be introducing a requirement that you have a mooring before we will licence your boat. We are currently consulting with representatives of boaters about when to introduce this.

We will give boaters advance notice and time to comply.

Navigation restrictions

We sometimes have to restrict or close our waterways to navigation to do essential work. Most of these "stoppages" are planned to take place in the winter months.

We publish lists of planned stoppages in the spring and autumn. These are sent to all boaters in a newsletter called *British Waterways News* which contains other useful information and news about the waterways.

Up to date information about unplanned stoppages can be found on Ceefax pages 555 and 556. We also have two recorded message services for unplanned stoppages called "Canalphone". The Canalphone numbers are:

- North 01923 201401
- South 01923 201402.

Waterways Codes

We have a series of free codes which guide our users on how to enjoy the waterways safely and without spoiling the enjoyment of other users. For boaters we have the following codes:

- Waterways Code for Boaters
- Waterways Code for Users of Unpowered Craft
- Waterways Code for Boaters on the River Kennet
- Waterways Code for Boaters on the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal and the River Severn
- Waterways Code Cruising Notes for Boaters on the River Ouse
- Waterways Code Aire & Calder Navigation Cruising Notes
- Waterways Code for Boaters on the Leeds and Liverpool.

You can get copies of these from customer services on 01923 226422.

Further information

If you would like any more information please contact our customer services team on 01923 226422.

3.2 Licensing your Boat on NRA Navigations

The NRA is responsible for over 800km (500 miles) of Britain's finest river navigations. If you intend to go boating on any of the NRA's navigations you must apply for a licence from the relevant NRA Region. Failure to do so could result in prosecution and a fine.

Classes and categories exist for every type of vessel: powered craft, unpowered craft - canoes, kayaks, dinghies, houseboats - and also for other commercial craft. Most craft pay an annual fee, but for visitors and occasional users a range of short term licences are available. Your licence fees contribute towards the improvement of our navigations for your benefit.

The NRA navigations are:

NRA Anglian Region

Rivers Ancholme, Welland/Glen, Nene, Great Ouse (and its accompanying system) and Stour.

Free leaflets on many of East Anglia's rivers and waterways are available from the NRA Anglian Region. (See sheet 7 - Publications From the NRA, for details.) For licence information, charges, application forms etc. contact:

Navigation Section
NRA Anglian Region
Kingfisher House
Goldhay Way
Peterborough PE2 5ZR
Tel: 01733 371811
Fax: 01733 231840

NRA Southern Region

The River Medway - between Maidstone and Tonbridge.

Free leaflets and information about the Medway Navigation are available from NRA Southern Region (see sheet 7 - Publications From the NRA). For licence information, charges, application forms etc. contact:

Navigation Section
NRA Southern Region
Guildbourne House
Chatsworth Road
Worthing
West Sussex BN11 1LD
Tel: 01903 820692
Fax: 01903 821832

NRA Thames Region

The River Thames.

For books and free leaflets from the NRA Thames Region see sheet 7 - Publications From the NRA. For licence information, charges, application forms etc. contact:

Navigation Department
NRA Thames Region
Kings Meadow House
Kings Meadow Road
Reading RG1 8DQ
Tel: 01734 535000
Fax: 01734 500388

Navigation Closures

From time to time, it is necessary to close parts of our navigations, locks etc. for essential maintenance or improvement works.

Although we make information on closures available through notices and local press etc., it is always advisable to check with the relevant NRA Region for information on planned closures to avoid disappointment and disruption to your boating.

4 Useful Addresses

British Waterways
Customer Services
Willow Grange
Church Road
Watford WD1 3QA
Tel: 01923 226422
Fax: 01923 201300

National Rivers Authority
Rivers House
Waterside Drive
Aztec West
Almondsbury
Bristol BS12 4UD
Tel: 01454 624000
Fax: 01454 624409

Boating Organisations:

Amateur Rowing Association
(ARA)
The Priory
6 Lower Mall
Hammersmith
London W6 9DJ
Tel: 0181-748 3632
Fax: 0181-741 4658

Association of Pleasure Craft
Operators (APCO)
35a High Street
Newport
Shropshire
TF10 BJW
Tel: 01952 613572
Fax: 01952 620363

Association of Waterways
Cruising Clubs (AWCC)
6-Navisford Close
Thrapston
Northants
NN14 4TG
Tel: 01832 733762

British Canoe Union (BCU)
John Dudderidge House
Adbolton Lane
West Bridgford
Nottingham NG2 5AS
Tel: 01602 821100
Fax: 01602 821797

British Marine Industries
Federation (BMIF)
Meadlake Place
Thorpe Lea Road
Egham
Surrey TW20 8HE
Tel: 01784 473377
Fax: 01784 439678

Canal Boat Builders
Association
c/o Narrowcraft Ltd
The Boatyard, Robey's Yard
Aivecote, Nr Tamworth
Staffs B78 1AS
Tel: 01827 898585

Commercial Narrowboat
Operators Association
1 Canalside
Stoke Bruerne
Towcester
Northants NN12 7SE
Tel: 01604 862887

Community Boats Association
4 The Locks
Hillmorton
Rugby
Warwickshire CV21 4PP
Tel: 01788 560104

Cruising Association
Ivory House
St Katherine's dock
London E1 9AT
Tel: 0171-481 0881

Canoe Camping Club
25 Waverton Road
South Norwood
London
SE25 4HT

English Tourist Board
Thames Tower
Black's Road
Hammersmith
London W6 9EL
Tel: 0181-846 9000

Electric Boat Association
8 Glebe Wood
Bagshot Road
Bracknell
Berks RG12 3DG
Tel/Fax: 01344 483841

Inland Waterways Association
114 Regents' Park Road
London
NW1 8UG
Tel: 0171-586 2510
Fax: 0171-586 2556

National Association of Boat
Owners,
111 Maas Road
Northfield
Birmingham
B31 2PP

Residential Boat Owners
Association
3 Ducks Walk
Twickenham
Middx TW1 2DD
Tel: 01374 851686
(after 7.00pm)

Royal Yachting Association
RYA House
Romsey Road
Eastleigh
Hants SO5 4YA
Tel: 01703 629962

Steam Boat Association of
Great Britain
35 Acacia Road
Hampton
Middx TW12 3DS
Tel: 0181-941 1505

Welsh Canoeing Association
Canolfan Tryweryn
Frongoch
Bala
Gwynedd LL23 7NU
Tel: 01678 521276

Yacht Charter Association
60 Silverdale
New Milton
Hants BH25 7DE
Tel: 01425 619004

Yacht Harbour Association
Evergate Park Barn
Smeeth
Ashford
Kent TN25 6SX
Tel: 01303 814434

Museums

The Canal Museum
British Waterways
Stoke Bruerne
Towcester
Northants NN12 7SE
Tel: 01604 862229
(mail order available)

London Canal Museum
12-13 New Wharf Road
King's Cross
London N1 9RT
Tel: 0171-713 0836

The National Waterways
Museum
Llanthony Warehouse
Gloucester Docks
Gloucester GL1 2EH
Tel: 01452 318054

The Boat Museum
Ellesmere Port
Cheshire
L65 4FW
Tel: 0151-355 4079

Boating Magazines

Canal & Riverboat
Stanley House
9 West Street
Epsom
Surrey KT18 7RL
Tel: 01372 741411
Fax: 01372 744493

Motor Boat and Yachting
IPC Magazines
King's Reach Tower
Stamford Street
London SE1 9LS
Tel: 0171-261 5333
Fax: 0171-261 5419

Practical Boat Owner
Westover House
West Quay Road
Poole
Dorset BH15 1JG
Tel: 01202 680593
Fax: 01202 674375

Waterways World
Kottingham House
Dale Street
Burton on Trent
Staffs DE14 3TD
Tel: 01283 564290
Fax: 01283 561077

5 Bibliography

The following books, guides, maps and leaflets provide useful reading for anyone interested in boating on inland waterways. Some of the books may be out of print, but you should be able to find copies through your local library.

Title	Author/Editor	Publisher
Maps and Guides		
Canal Companion Series	Pearson, M & J	J M Pearson
Geoprojects Map Series		Geoprojects
Inland Waterways Map of England and Wales		
Inland Waterways Route Planner		Belmont Press
Lockmaster Maps	Smith, D	Lockmaster Productions
Ordnance Survey Guide to the W/w (South, Central & North)	Perrot, D (Ed)	Robert Nicholson
Ordnance Survey Inland Waterways Map of GB		Robert Nicholson
Stamford's Inland Cruising Map for Larger Craft	Gagg, John	Belmont Press
Waterways World Cruising Guides		Waterways World
West Yorkshire Waterways Guide	Noble, K (Ed)	Calder Navigation Society
General Boating		
Affordable Boating		British Marine Industries Federation (BMIF)
Boating & Watersports Facilities		BMIF
Boating Holiday Guide		BMIF
British Canoe Union Yearbook		British Canoe Union
Canal Cruising	Hankinson, John	J M Pearson
Canal & River Cruising	Davenport, Sheila	Fernhurst

The Canals Book		Link House Publications
A Guide to Boating and Watersports - Facilities in UK		BMIF
How to Buy a Narrowboat - the CBA Handbook		BMIF
Inland Cruising Companion	Liley, John	Stanford
Inland Waterways Guide	IWA	A E Morgan Pub Ltd
Inland Waterways of Great Britain	Edwards, LA	Imray
Launching on Inland Waterways	Van der Klugt, D	Opus Book Publishing
Looking at Inland Waterways Series	Gagg, John	Belmont Press
Marinas and Moorings		Canal and Riverboat magazine
Motor Boating: A Beginner's Manual	McMullen, A	Fernhurst
Motor Boating Guide		BMIF
Narrow Boat Builder's Book	Burnett, A	Waterways Productions
New Inland Boat Owner's Book	Burnett, A (Ed)	Waterways Productions
North East Waterways	Bowskill, D	Imray
Practical Boat Handling on Rivers and Canals		Hollis & Carter
Sailing Guide		BMIF
Start Boating Guide		BMIF
Water Safety (for children)		Ladybird
Water Safety On and Off the Water - a Code of Practice and Guidance Notes		Amateur Rowing Assoc.
Where to Launch around the Coast	Van der Klugt, D	Opus Book Publishing
Where to Launch Your Boat		Barnacle Marine

Walking

Great Towpath Walk	Bearshaw, B	Hale & Co.
Towpaths of England	Bearshaw, B	Hale & Co.
Walking Canals	Russell, Ronald	David & Charles

General Reading

British Canals (7th Edition)	Smith, P	Shire Publications
Canal Architecture in Britain	Pratt, Frances	British Waterways
Canal Books - a Guide to Literature	Baldwin, Mark	M & M Baldwin
Clothes of the Cut	Landsall, Avril	British Waterways
Discovering Canals in Britain	Smith, P	Shire Publications
Exploring England by Canal	Owen, D E	David & Charles
Inland Waterways	Hadfield, Charles	David & Charles
Lost Canals & Waterways of Britain	Russell, Ronald	David & Charles
Narrow Boat	Rolt, L T C	Methuen
Narrow Boat Painting	Lewery, A J	David & Charles
Observers Book of Canals	Gagg, John	Penguin
Shell Book of Inland Waterways		David & Charles
Short History of the Narrowboat	Chaplin, Tom	Shepperton Swan
Story of Our Canals (for children)		Ladybird
Waterway Conservation	Chaplin, Peter	Whittet Books
Wildlife of Rivers and Canals	Hopkins, T & Brassley, P	Moorland Publications

6 Material Available From BW

Customer Order Form

If you require any of the following please tick the appropriate box and return the form to:

Customer Services, British Waterways, Willow Grange, Church Road, Watford. WD1 3QA. Telephone: 01923 226422 Fax: 01923 201300

We charge for some of the items below. Please make your cheques payable to British Waterways.

- 1 **Licence application forms:**
 - Short term - up to 1 month and unpowered craft
 - Long term - 1 month to 1 year

- 2 **Direct debit form**

Can be used for one full payment or:
- payment over a 5 month period - add 5% to your licence fee.
- payment over a 10 month period - add 8% to your licence fee.

- 3 **Boat Safety Scheme**

A comprehensive pack on the construction and equipping of boats.

- 4 **Stoppage programme**

Current listing of scheduled stoppages

- 5 **Waterways Codes:**

All Together Better	<input type="checkbox"/>	Boaters	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unpowered Craft	<input type="checkbox"/>	Boater's Video	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cyclists	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anglers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organised Parties	<input type="checkbox"/>		

- 6 **Colour leaflets**

Leaflets relating to specific waterways may be obtained from your local Waterway Office (please see their contact details enclosed)

Scotland	<input type="checkbox"/>	North	<input type="checkbox"/>	Midlands	<input type="checkbox"/>
South	<input type="checkbox"/>	General	<input type="checkbox"/>	Museums	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 7 **Caring for Britain's Waterways**

Booklet outlining what British Waterways does and its commitments to the public.

8 **Meeting your needs**
Booklet reporting British Waterways' progress towards achieving specific targets for waterway maintenance and service provision.

9 **Rosie & Jim water safety information**
Told by these popular TV characters:

- Rosie & Jim's safety leaflet (free)
- Rosie & Jim's activity pack.
- I enclose £1.50 to cover postage and packing
- Rosie & Jim's 7-minute water safety video 'Stay Safe Near Water'
- I enclose £2.50 to cover postage and packing.*

£ . p

10 **Canals Alive!**
Information about this programme of activities which celebrates the art and tradition of canals.

Name _____
Address _____

Postcode _____

Tel no _____

Please return to:

**British Waterways, Customer Services, Willow Grange, Church Road,
Watford. WD1 3QA**

* The video is available free of charge to schools and organised groups.

7 Publications From the NRA

All publications are free unless a cover price is stated:

Publication	Available from
The NRA Navigations	All NRA Offices
Respect the River - A Code for Boat Owners	"
Navigation in the Anglian Region*	NRA Anglian Region
Navigation in the Anglian Region - Map	"
Navigation - the Anglian Experience"	"
Navigation Notes - Advice to Boat Owners	"
River Stour Navigation - A Brief History	"
Waterways - A Code of Conduct	"

*This booklet contains much of the information in the other Anglian Region publications listed here.

Boating on Sussex Rivers	NRA Southern Region
Guide to the Medway Navigation	"
The Medway Navigation	"
Medway River Project Annual Report	"
Locks and Weirs on the River Thames - How do they work?	NRA Thames Region
Cruising on the River Thames	"
Navigation - Levels of Service	"
River Thames Handbook	"
Thames Launch Safety Specification	"
Thames Navigation Byelaws 1994 (£2.00)	"
River Thames Handbook	"

The following recreational publications from NRA Thames Region may also be of interest:

Abingdon Riverside Walk (40p)	NRA Thames Region
Camping Beside the River Thames	"
Enjoy Oxford's Waterways	"
England's River - the attractions, wildlife and people	"
England's River - the sporting and leisure life of the River	"
Enjoying the Waterside, Amenity & Recreation	"
The Rivers Walk (40p)	"
Hurley Walks (45p)	"
Thames path - National Trail (with the Countryside Commission)	"



British Waterways

Willow Grange, Church Road, Watford, WD1 3QA

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EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR APPLICATION FORM BW/AS 25 All Licences greater than 1 month and BW mooring applications

FORM USE

This form should be used for all licence and mooring applications and renewals with the exception of short term licences and small unpowered (eg rowing boat, dinghy, canoe) craft in which case you should use the form BW/AS 24.

GENERAL

These Explanatory Notes have been written to help you understand the licensing arrangements for boats on waterways managed by British Waterways. Please remember that you need a valid licence or certificate at all times when your boat is on our waterways whether the boat is cruising or stationary. Details of our fees and charges are available separately from our waterway offices or one of our authorised Agents. From those schedules please insert the correct fee in the fee column on the right hand side of the form and total them at the bottom. If your application is accepted your licence, certificate or permit will be issued within 21 days from our receipt. In the interests of safety BW are introducing new requirements for Boat Safety Certificates and Insurance. These requirements will be phased in from 1st January 1997, please see sections 6 and 7 for details.

WHAT ARE YOU APPLYING FOR?

Please indicate if this is a new application or a renewal by ticking the appropriate box. Also at the top of the form a number of selections can be made under "A", "B" or "C" and you should tick the appropriate box(es). Listed below are the different applications which can be made and relevant boxes to be completed:-

The PRIVATE category covers:

Pleasure Boat Licence
River Registration Certificate
Houseboat Certificate
Mooring Permit

BOX A

Licence
Licence
Licence
Mooring

BOX B

Private
Private
Private
Not Applicable

BOX C

Canal and River
River Only
Not Applicable
Not Applicable

The BUSINESS category covers:

Hire Boat Licence
River Registration Certificate (Hire)
Commercial Carrying Vessel Licence
Pleasure Boat Multi-user Licence

Licence
Licence
Licence
Licence

Business
Business
Business
Business

Canal and River
River Only
Not Applicable
Canal and River

Note 1: A Department of Transport (DTp) Passenger Certificate is required for all boats carrying more than 12 passengers.

Note 2: For river use only the cost is 60% of the full licence which covers both canals and rivers. Details of which rivers you may use if you select the river use only category are given at the end of these explanatory notes.

1. BOAT DETAILS

This section needs to be completed in full giving the details of the boat to which the licence is to apply. All boats licensed with BW for periods in excess of 1 month are given a unique Index Number, similar in principle to a car registration number. If you already have a number, please quote it. If you change the name of your vessel include the old name in brackets. When applying for non-use of locks ensure you include the BHP of your engine.

2. OWNER DETAILS

Please complete this section with all requested details.

3. USE OF BOAT

Private - If you are applying for a licence in this category, tick this box and tick whether you will be using your boat for "pleasure" or as a "houseboat". New houseboat customers should first discuss their application with the local Waterway Manager.

Business - If you are applying for a licence in this category, tick this box and complete the additional information. If you specify use as "other" please indicate the use to which the boat is put e.g. Multi-User. New business customers should first discuss their application with the local Waterway Manager.

4. LICENCE

All Private long term licences start on the first day of a month. Please indicate the month and year in which you want the licence to start. Long term Private licences can be issued for 12 months, 6 months or 3 months. Business licences are only issued for 12 months and always start on 1st April.

5. MOORING

Please enter details of your mooring location even if you are not applying for a mooring permit. This will enable us to allocate the licence income to the correct waterway. Please state the canal or river and the mooring site name. To aid identification please also state the nearest bridge name and number. **Do Not** enter dates and period of duration unless applying for a permit. BW Mooring Permits are available for 3, 6, 9 and 12 months and you should consult your local Waterway Manager for details.

6. INSURANCE

Please give details of any insurance which you may have for your boat indicating whether it is third party or comprehensive cover. This is not obligatory at this time, but from the introduction of the Boat Safety Scheme all craft will require third party insurance to obtain a licence (see dates in section 7). The minimum level of cover for third party insurance will be set at £1 million.

7. BOAT STANDARDS

British Waterways are committed to providing a safe environment for customers, local communities and staff. Minimum safety standards are currently compulsory for Houseboats and most business craft. These safety standards will become mandatory for all craft during the two years commencing 1st January 1997. Craft built in 1971 and after will need a Boat Safety Certificate (BSC) when renewing or taking out a new licence on or after 1st January 1997. Craft built in 1970 or before will require a BSC when renewing or taking out a new licence on or after 1st January 1998.

The £20 discount previously offered for voluntary compliance with the Boat Safety Scheme will cease from 1st January 1996. However, for those of our customers who voluntarily complied the discount will continue until the mandatory start date, i.e. 1st January 1997 or 1st January 1998, depending on the year of construction.

8. METHOD OF PAYMENT

Credit Card - Should you wish to pay for your licence by credit card, please tick whether this is Access or Visa and include the expiry date of your card.

Cash/Cheque/Postal Order - Please delete those items which are not applicable. Cheques and postal orders are to be made payable to "British Waterways". **Only send cash by Registered Post.**

Direct Debit - For payments for 12 month licences, permits or certificates, you are also able to pay by way of an open direct debit facility which spreads the payments. This is available as either 5 payments with a 5% handling charge or 10 payments with an 8% handling charge payable in addition to the licence fee. Alternatively, the option is available to pay by Direct Debit by one single payment each year and no handling charge is made. Please clearly indicate whether you are applying for 1, 5 or 10 payment option. A separate Direct Debit Mandate form is available and should be completed in full. If you are renewing a licence or mooring permit which was previously paid for by Direct Debit, there is no need to complete a Mandate form unless your Bank Details have changed. However, you must sign and return the Renewal Application to continue this type of payment method.

Please note your payment should be equal to the total box at the bottom of the fee column.

9. SUNDRIES

If at the time of application you are making a purchase through our local office and your payment is to cover that as well, please indicate what the purchase was and the amount.

10. DON'T FORGET TO SIGN AND DATE THE DECLARATION AT THE BOTTOM OF THE FORM AND ENSURE THE FEE COLUMN IS COMPLETED.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Agents - Agents may only be used if applying for a short term licence, namely those of 1 month or less duration OR in the case of long term licences where the boat is permanently moored at the licensing agent's site.

APPENDIX

Rivers managed by British Waterways which can be used with a River Registration Certificate.

The River Avon - Hanham Lock to Bath

The Fosdyke Navigation

The River Lee Navigation - Hertford to Limehouse

The River Stort Navigation

The River Severn - Stourport to Gloucester

The River Soar - River Trent Junction to Leicester

The River Trent - Shardlow to Gainsborough, including the Nottingham & Beeston Canal

The Weaver Navigation - Winsford Bridge to the Manchester Ship Canal

The Witham Navigation - Lincoln to Boston

The Yorkshire Ouse and River Ure - Ripon to Goole

Full details of the BW managed sections of these rivers can be obtained from the local Waterway Office.

Renewal No _____
 Application No _____



British Waterways

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 Willow Grange
 Church Road
 Watford
 WD1 3QA
 Telephone 01923 226422
 Fax 01923 226081

Application

(Tick boxes as appropriate)

New application
or **for**
Renewal

A Licence **B** Private **C** Canal & river use
Mooring **Business** **River use only**

Please use
**BLOCK
 CAPITALS**
 when filling
 in this form

British Waterways have produced some explanatory notes to assist you in completing this form which you should read carefully and retain. If you do not already have a copy of the notes, please contact us at the address overleaf.

1 Boat details **Index No** _____ **Name** _____ **FEE (£)** _____

Length ft/m _____ Beam ft/m _____ Draught ft/m _____

Year of construction _____ Hull material _____

Boat makers name _____

Powered Unpowered Electric Engine size _____ BHP _____

2 Owner details **Forenames** _____ **Mr/Ms/Ms/Ms/** **Surname** _____

Address _____ Postcode _____

Customer No (if known) _____ Tel: (home) _____ (work) _____

3 Use of boat **Private** *If private, please state use:* pleasure houseboat
Business *If business, please state:* max no. of passengers _____
 Use of locks Yes No Expiry date of DTp cert. _____

If business, please tick use:
 weekly hire day hire trip restaurant hotel shop carrying cargo workshop M/user
 other (specify) _____

4 Licence **Start date** 01/ /19 **Period** _____ months

Does the start date follow immediately the expiry of the last licence? Yes No

if no, where has your boat been? _____

5 Mooring **Name of Canal/River** _____ **Site name** _____

(Name and number or other location, please specify) _____

if applying for BW mooring permit please indicate: **Start date** 01/ /19 **Period** _____ months

6 Insurance **Third Party** **or Comprehensive**

Insurance Co _____

Policy No _____

Start date _____ **Expiry date** _____

New start date _____ **New expiry date** _____

7 Boat standards **B.S.C. No** _____ **Issue date** _____ **Period** _____ yrs

Inspector's name _____

8 Method of payment **Credit Card** **Visa** **Access** **Cash/cheques/POs** **D/Debit** **1 Instalment**
 5 Instalments
 10 Instalments

Credit card no _____ **Expiry date** / / _____

Card holders name and address (if different from above) _____ **Signature (if different from below)** _____

9 Sundries (Please specify) _____

10 Declaration I declare that the information given above is true. I agree to observe the conditions printed overleaf. **TOTAL £** _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

OFFICE USE

Ch. code

PMS

Ins attach

B.S.C. attach

Mandate

CONDITIONS

Advisory Notes

Any pleasure boat on any of BW's Waterways must have a valid licence at all times. Failure to have a valid licence may result in prosecution and the imposition of a fine. You may also require a Department of Transport Passenger Certificate. It is an offence under the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 to use a vessel on any waterway (including the Board's canals) to carry more than twelve persons (exclusive of necessary crew) unless a Passenger Certificate is in force which has been obtained from the Department of Transport. The Board will not issue licence for such passenger vessels unless the appropriate Passenger Certificate has first been obtained and been produced to the Board's Licensing Office. Details of survey requirements can be obtained from the nearest Mercantile Marine Survey Office or from the Department of Transport.

Licences and permits are issued by the Board subject to the following Conditions. Please note that licences and permits are not issued to persons under 18 years of age except in respect of the use of canoes and small unpowered boats.

PLEASURE BOAT LICENCE CONDITIONS

1. The Board's Pleasure Boat Licence authorises the use of the boat only on those waterways described in "Waterways Available for Pleasure Cruising" a copy of which may be obtained from the Board's main offices. Where a licence is issued with restricted validity, in accordance with Condition 21 below, the boat shall be used only upon the waterway or waterways on which the licence is valid.

2. The owner, Licensee and any person in charge of a licensed boat shall at all times comply with the Acts, Bye-laws and Regulations from time to time in force on the Board's waterways and with any lawful directions, written or oral, given by the Board or by an authorised person on their behalf.

3. Details of any change in the name of a licensed pleasure boat, or the address of the Licensee, shall be given to the Board's Licensing Officer at Watford immediately they occur. The licence granted may be transferred, with the Board's consent, to another person; but if the Licensee fails to notify the Board in writing of the proposed transfer, he shall remain liable to the Board for compliance with these Conditions. Licences shall not be transferred from one boat to another.

4. Refunds of licence fees will only be made upon the Board being satisfied that the boat in question has been relicensed by another person or has been removed from the Board's canals or land in the Board's occupation. Such claims will be considered only from the date of receipt by the Board of appropriate notification.

5. If a licence is lost, a duplicate may be issued by the Board on payment of the fee prescribed by the Board.

6. The Licensee shall ensure that the appropriate valid licence is displayed on his pleasure boat while on the Board's canals so as to be clearly visible from the outside at all times.

(NOTE: Boat covers should be fitted in such a way that licences are still visible. Licences should be affixed on the port side of the boat, preferably facing forward or aft.)

7. A licence is revocable by the Board at any time without notice. If the licence is revoked for any reason other than for non-compliance by the Licensee of the boat with any of these Conditions or the Bye-laws or Regulations of the Board, a proportion of the licence fee paid will be refunded.

8. On determination of the licence, whether by revocation or expiration of time, unless the boat is relicensed by the Board, the Licensee shall forthwith remove the boat out of or from the Board's canals. If the Licensee does not comply with this condition the Board may take action under British Waterways Act 1983.

9. A boat licensed by the Board as a pleasure boat only shall not be used as a houseboat or let or used for hire or used for the carriage of freight while on the Board's waterways.

10. The Licensee shall ensure that the boat is moored only at places where mooring is permitted by the Board.

(NOTE: The Licensee may remove (or require the Licensee to remove) any boat moored elsewhere or found to have broken loose from its moorings and may re-moor it and the Board shall not be liable for any loss or damage arising therefrom, however caused.)

11. The Licensee shall ensure that his boat's mooring lines and stakes do not obstruct the towing path and that those using his boat do not store any materials on the towing path or other lands of the Board without prior written consent.

12. The Licensee shall be absolutely responsible for any damage or obstruction caused by his boat (whether by the act or default of the Licensee, his servants, agents or not) to the canal or waterway or to any property of the Board or to third parties thereon.

13. Subject to the provisions of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 the Licensee shall be responsible for and release and indemnify the Board, their servants and agents from and against all liability for loss of or damage to property arising out of or resulting from dangers due to the state of the Board's premises including the waterways, its structures and towing path whether or not such dangers may have been caused by the act or neglect of the Board. In granting a licence the Board make no representation or give any warranty as to the condition of the waterway or its banks or towing paths thereon.

14. The Board shall in no circumstances be liable for the consequences of any stoppage of navigation or delay to pleasure boats however arising and no refund of licence fees shall be made by the Board or claim entertained by the Board except as provided for in Conditions 4 and 7 above.

15. The Licensee shall at all times keep his boat in a sound and watertight state and in a general condition such that it is not prejudicial to the amenities of the area or liable to cause damage to other boats or to the Board's property or apparatus. He shall also ensure that his boat complies, within the periods of time specified by the Board, with any Standards relating to the construction, equipping and maintenance of pleasure boats which shall be prescribed by the Board.

16. The Licensee shall, upon being given reasonable notice in writing by the Board, provide access to his boat for the purposes of inspection by or on behalf of the Board prior to the issue of a licence.

17. The Licensee shall ensure that persons using his boat dispose of sewage and rubbish in accordance with the requirements of Local and Water Authorities from time to time in force and in a manner satisfactory to the Board and that they comply with any other requirements of Local and Water Authorities relating to the use of pleasure boats on the Board's waterways. He shall also provide any information required by the Board as to the sanitary appliances fitted in his boat.

18. The Licensee shall pay all rates, taxes, assessments and outgoings imposed or charged upon the boat or its moorings.

19. Every Licensee shall ensure that his boat on every possible occasion shares locks up to their capacity. There is no right to the exclusive use of a lock.

20. The Licensee shall ensure that when his boat is used on any of the Board's Commercial Waterways it shall be navigated to give way to commercial vessels using the waterway.

21. The Board may at their sole discretion issue special licences subject to specified restrictions, including limits of availability, the maximum dimensions of pleasure boats which may use any particular waterway, the use of locks by boats capable of being carried around them, the use of canal tunnels or the purposes for which boats may be used.

22. Upon receiving from the Board notice to do, every Licensee of a pleasure boat shall securely affix and exhibit at all times thereon on the outside thereof, on both sides of the boat where prescribed by the Board, the plates bearing the index mark and number which the Board have assigned to that boat.

23. Pleasure Boat Licences give no permission to use the Board's towing paths for the purpose of towing boats by animals or vehicles except when special authorisation is given by the Board in writing when the Licence is issued.

PLEASURE BOAT (MULTI-USER) AND HIRE BOAT LICENCES ARE ISSUED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS TO THOSE ABOVE:

24. Every Pleasure Boat (Multi-User) and every hire boat shall comply with the Board's Standards for the Equipping and Construction of Pleasure Boats and Houseboats at all times.

25. The Licensee of every Pleasure Boat (Multi-User) shall have and maintain in good condition aboard that boat, while in use and the Licensee of every hire boat shall supply and maintain in good condition aboard the boat while in use by the public, the following equipment:-

a) a lifebuoy, of a standard acceptable to the Department of Transport's Surveyors, positioned where the helmsman can reach it without leaving the wheel or tiller;

b) a boarding plank of sufficient width, of adequate length for the navigations upon which the boat is to be used and of suitable thickness and strength;

c) a short boathook suitable for clearing fouled propellers (in the case of powered boats);

d) an additional shaft or boathook or adequate length and strength for use of the waterway upon which the boat is to be used;

e) a sufficient number of mooring ropes of adequate length and strength;

f) at least three mooring stakes and a suitable hammer for driving them.

26. On every occasion that a boat is used or let out on hire from its base the Licensee or his agent shall ensure that the user or hirer and at least one other member of the user's or hirer's party are:

a) competent to navigate the boat safely on the waterways upon which the user or hirer intends to cruise;

b) instructed in the proper use of locks and operation of moveable bridges;

c) aware of the location of all safety equipment and how it should be used in an emergency;

d) warned as to the potential dangers of incorrect procedure in operating and negotiating swing and lift bridges and other heavy equipment. The warning given should include reference to the necessity to stand clear of moving equipment and clear of the decks of all bridges of whatever design or size and that persons steering boats should allow for low headroom or overhang.

HIRE BOAT LICENCES ARE ISSUED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS TO THOSE ABOVE:

27. Hire Boat licence fees paid will not be refunded.

28. Every powered or towed boat licensed for hire shall have the name and the address or telephone number of the Licensee displayed on both sides of it so as to be visible at all times at a distance of 20 yards.

29. The Licensee or his agent shall offer the hirer and all members of his party the use, free of extra charge, of properly maintained personal buoyancy aids.

30. In respect of each boat licensed for hire, the Licensee or his agent shall maintain a record, satisfactory to the Board, of specifications of the boat, its equipment and gear and of the works of maintenance and repair undertaken to the boat since the issue of the last licence by the Board.

31. In the circumstances that for a licensed hire boat additional licences or consents are required from the Board, or that a Passenger Certificate is required from the Department of Transport, these shall be obtained by the Licensee before the boat is used or let out for hire.

32. A suitable vessel for which there is in force a Hire Boat Licence may, with the Board's prior consent in writing, be used between September and March in any year to carry freight or for towage but only on those waterways on which the Board's Commercial Vessel Licences are valid. If such consent is given, no additional licence fees will be payable while a Hire Boat Licence is in force but the use of the boat will at all times be subject to the Board's Commercial Vessel Licensing Conditions in force when the consent is given.

33. Hire Boat Licences may not be transferred from one boat to another. If a hire boat is replaced then the value of the unexpired portion of the licence in force for the boat will be credited towards the cost of a licence in respect of a replacement boat (having the Board's prior approval which shall be given or withheld at the Board's absolute discretion) provided that the date of surrender of the licence in respect of the displaced boat is the day immediately prior to the commencement date of the licence for the replacement boat. Credit will only be granted in respect of 12-months' hire boat licences and a fee will be charged for this facility. (The cost of a licence for a replacement boat will be based on the proportion of the licensing year required for the new boat.)

MOORING PERMIT CONDITIONS

1. The Permit Holder shall ensure that when his boat is moored at the Board's moorings a valid licence (or Registration Certificate under the British Waterways Acts 1971-1975 on those waterways where such registration is valid) is in force at all times.

2. The Mooring Permit shall be displayed on the boat at all times so as to be clearly visible from the outside thereof.

3. The Board's Pleasure Boat Licence Conditions, except for Conditions Nos. 1, 4, 6, 19 and 20, shall apply to all boats using moorings for which Mooring Permits have been issued.

4. A Mooring Permit authorises a boat to be moored at the location shown on the Permit, it does not give a right to a specific berth except where such is stated. The Board may remove (or require the Permit Holder to remove) any boat moored elsewhere or found to have broken loose from moorings and may re-moor it and the Board shall not be liable for any loss or damage arising therefrom, however caused.

5. The Board's land shall not be used for any purpose other than access to and from the boat and the facilities provided on the site by the Board.

6. The Permit Holder shall ensure that his boat is properly moored with head and stern lines made fast to adequate stakes where no permanent rings or bollards exist.

7. The Permit Holder shall ensure that his mooring ropes, mooring stakes and other equipment do not obstruct navigation or the use by others of the towpaths or banks and facilities provided by the Board, or cause damage to other boats lawfully moored nearby.

8. The Permit Holder shall ensure that users of the authorised boat do not cause annoyance or nuisance to neighbours or canal users.

9. No works of any description may be carried out by Permit Holders to the Board's mooring sites or to any other mooring places on the Board's property without the Board's written consent.

10. Permit Holders shall be responsible for any damage to their boats or to the property of the Board or third parties.

11. All rates, taxes, assessments and outgoings imposed or charged upon the mooring shall be paid by the Permit Holder.

12. The Permit Holder shall be responsible for obtaining any necessary planning permission.

13. Upon expiry or revocation of the Mooring Permit the Permit Holder shall remove the boat from the mooring site forthwith.

14. No refund of mooring fees will be considered unless the Permit Holder has given prior written notice and returned the Mooring Permit to the Board's Licensing Officer.

15. The benefit of a Mooring Permit may be transferred to another boat owned by the Permit Holder or to the new owner of the authorised boat only after written consent of the Board has been given.

Licences for cargo carrying vessels, other commercial licences not mentioned above and Houseboat Certificates are issued subject to different conditions copies of which are available on request from the address below:

Enquiries to: Licensing Office
British Waterways
Willow Grange, Church Road, Watford WD1 3QA
Tel: 01923 226422 Fax: 01923 226081
Or your local waterway office

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Boat Licence

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Use of boat PLEASURE

TABLE 1 EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JANUARY 1996

Overall length of boat		up to 12 months		up to 6 months		up to 3 months	
Metres	Feet and inches	full fee £	prompt payment £	full fee £	prompt payment £	full fee £	prompt payment £
Up to - 5.49m	Up to - 18'0"	194.92	175.43	166.46	149.81	117.18	105.46
5.50 - 6.49m	18'1" - 21'3"	208.08	187.27	177.41	159.67	124.84	112.36
6.50 - 7.49m	21'4" - 24'7"	221.21	199.09	188.35	169.52	132.50	119.25
7.50 - 8.49m	24'8" - 27'10"	234.34	210.91	199.30	179.37	141.27	127.14
8.50 - 9.49m	27'11" - 31'1"	247.50	222.75	210.25	189.23	148.93	134.04
9.50 - 10.49m	31'2" - 34'5"	260.63	234.57	221.21	199.09	156.62	140.96
10.50 - 11.49m	34'6" - 37'8"	273.78	246.40	233.25	209.93	164.27	147.84
11.50 - 12.49m	37'9" - 40'11"	286.91	258.22	244.20	219.78	171.94	154.75
12.50 - 13.49m	41'0" - 44'3"	300.06	270.05	255.15	229.64	179.60	161.64
13.50 - 14.49m	44'4" - 47'6"	313.20	281.88	266.10	239.49	188.35	169.52
14.50 - 15.49m	47'7" - 50'10"	326.33	293.70	277.05	249.35	196.03	176.43
15.50 - 16.49m	50'11" - 54'1"	339.49	305.54	288.02	259.22	203.69	183.32
16.50 - 17.49m	54'2" - 57'4"	352.62	317.36	300.06	270.05	211.36	190.22
17.50 - 18.49m	57'5" - 60'8"	365.77	329.19	311.01	279.91	219.02	197.12
18.50 - 19.49m	60'9" - 63'11"	378.93	341.04	321.96	289.76	227.79	205.01
19.50 - 20.49m	64'0" - 67'2"	392.04	352.84	332.90	299.61	235.45	211.91
20.50 - 21.49m	67'3" - 70'6"	405.19	364.67	343.88	309.49	243.11	218.80
21.50 - 22.49m	70'7" - 73'9"	418.32	376.49	355.91	320.32	250.78	225.70
For up to each additional metre over 22.49m		13.15	11.83	10.95	9.85	7.67	6.91

TABLE 2 WITHOUT USE OF LOGS EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JANUARY 1996

Category	up to 12 months		up to 6 months		up to 3 months	
	full fee £	prompt payment £	full fee £	prompt payment £	full fee £	prompt payment £
Boats up to 7m (under 23')						
Powered boats max engine size 4bhp	91.99	82.79	78.85	70.97	55.85	50.27
Unpowered rowing boats and dinghies up to 7m (under 23') and canoes of any length						
Adults	43.80	39.42	37.24	33.52	26.28	23.65
Under 18/Youth Organisations	21.90	19.71	18.62	16.76	13.14	11.82

There are important notes overleaf that you should read

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General

This licence allows you to use a boat on any of our waterways listed in *Waterways available for pleasure cruising* as long as you do not use it

- for hire
- for carrying goods
- as a tug, or
- as a houseboat.

You can obtain a copy of *Waterways available for pleasure cruising* from Customer Services at the address below.

The licence begins on the 1st day of any month. It can last for up to: 12, 6 or 3 months.

We also issue licences for up to: 1 day, 7 days, and 1 month. Please see our Sheet 9 for details.

There are conditions printed on the back of the application form. You should make sure you read them as they will form a legally binding agreement between us if we sell you a licence.

How much you pay for your licence will depend on

- the length of your boat and
- the amount of time you want the licence to last.

The standard fees appear in Table 1 overleaf. All the fees include VAT at 17.5%.

Locks

We have reduced fees for boaters who do not use locks. The availability of these licences is subject to certain restrictions on length and engine size. These fees appear in Table 2 overleaf.

Discounts

We will take the discounts off the fees in the following order. For example if the full fee for your licence was £120.00 –

- 10% off £120.00 = £108.00
- 25% off £108.00 = £81.00
- 50% off £81.00 = £40.50
- £20 off £40.50 = £20.50

We offer the following discounts on the fees shown overleaf.

10% discount on the full fee if you pay for your licence on or before the day it is due to begin. The full fee less the discount appears in the table overleaf in colour.

25% discount for battery powered electric boats.

50% discount for boats confined to the lengths of the Montgomery Canal not connected to the main line of the Shropshire Union Canal.

£20 now that a mandatory date has been fixed for the need to obtain a Boat Safety Certificate the £20 discount once per calendar year will only be applied to those who voluntarily obtained a certificate prior to 1 January 1996. We will keep the blue copy for our records.

Payment

You can pay for your licence by cash, postal order, cheque, creditcard or direct debit.

Refunds

In certain circumstances we will refund part of the cost of your licence if you no longer need it. If you would like further details of how to get a refund, please contact Customer Services at the address below.

Applications

If you would like to apply for a licence you will need to complete an application form. If you do not already have a form or a copy of the explanatory notes that go with it, please contact Customer Services at the address below or your local Waterway Office.

Questions

If you have any questions please contact Customer Services at the address below or your local Waterway Office.

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