

GOLD LICENCE: INFORMATION FOR 2012

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What is a Gold Licence?

The Gold Licence is for people who wish to spend time cruising on a combination of British Waterways and Environment Agency navigations. EA navigations include the River Thames, Anglian waterways and River Medway: currently each of these areas has its own registration/licensing scheme.

The Gold Licence replaces the need for separate licences from the different authorities and covers all BW and EA navigations (including Scotland).

It is a twelve month licence and registration for powered craft only. It doesn't cover the tender to a boat – you need to register or license this separately with the individual authorities.

What does it cost?

If your boat is less than 3.5 metres (11'5") wide, the cost is upward from £491 depending on its length. The fee sheet for boats under 3.5m wide is printed on page 4.

If your home mooring is on the Thames you can obtain a formal quotation for a wider boat by calling 01923 201120 (Mon-Fri 8am – 6pm).

A Gold licence can be more economical than separate licences from the different navigation authorities, depending on the length of time you intend to spend away from your home navigation on any of the waterways covered by the licence.

When is it available?

All Gold licences run from January 1st – 31 December 2012 irrespective of when you apply.

How can I get a refund on my current, unexpired licence or registration?

Your home navigation may issue a pro rata refund for full months unused, providing you send your old, unexpired licence disks back to the original issuing office with your refund request.

However, if you are paying by Direct Debit please contact British Waterways Customer Services Centre, for confirmation of the refund procedure.

A Gold Licence is non refundable.

Discounts

- Vessels which are powered solely by electricity: 25% discount.
- BW prompt payment discount is already deducted from the payment in full. (See page 4)
- Historic boats on BW waterways claiming the 10% discount should contact Customer Services Centre who will calculate the value of your discount on your Gold Licence for you – it is a complicated formula as the 10% can only be applied to the BW element of your Gold Licence.

Payment methods

- cheque, cash or postal order. Cheques payable to British Waterways.
Only send cash by registered post.
- Visa, Mastercard or Switch/Maestro
A £7.50 charge will be applied to all Credit cards but not Debit card payments.
- Direct Debit
 - ⇒ in one single payment
 - ⇒ over 5 months (see fee list)
 - ⇒ over 9 months (see fee list)

If you pay in nine instalments, the first payment is 20% of the total amount due and is collected on the licence start date. The remaining instalments are equal amounts collected on the first day of the following months. The prompt payment discount is not available for instalment payments, but is already included in the payment in full. (see page 4)

What requirements are there?

- A valid Boat Safety Scheme Certificate or Declaration of Conformity with the Recreational Craft Directive. The latter must include the boat specifications and your declaration. If your boat is an open vessel powered solely by an outboard engine and it has no appliances for cooking, heating, refrigeration or lighting, it will probably be exempt from this requirement – ask us for an exemption form and enclose it with your Gold Licence application.
- Proof that you have third party liability insurance cover in place for a minimum of £2 million.
- Once you have obtained your Gold Licence, you must display the discs prominently on both sides of your vessel. Registration documents issued by relevant navigation authorities must be carried aboard your vessel. (Please remove all old discs.)

Where can I use the Gold Licence?

A full list of waterways is printed overleaf (see page 3).

How long does it take to issue a licence?

Please allow 15 working days from receipt of your completed application.

Access keys

A single key fits all BW sanitary facilities, locks & swing bridges (£6.00), and a handcuff key (£5.00) is also required to open some of the locks on British Waterways navigations. They are available from British Waterways Customer Services Centre, waterway offices, chandlers and on-line at www.waterscape.com/shop

A separate waterway key is required for the River Nene (£10.00) per key, available from the Environment Agency at the Peterborough office T 0118 953 5650.

Safe and responsible boating

You must familiarise yourself with and follow the regulations set by each navigation authority. For a copy of the Boaters' Handbook, contact BW Customer Services Centre or any BW or EA office.

Temporary restrictions

Please check www.waterscape.com/stoppages for stoppage information before travel. British Waterways' main repair programme runs from October to April.

If you have any questions contact

**British Waterways, PO Box 162, Leeds
LS9 1AX**

www.britishwaterways.co.uk/license-it

**T 01923 201120 Lines open Mon - Fri,
8am – 6pm**

F 0113 281 6849

E enquiries.hq@britishwaterways.co.uk

THE GOLD LICENCE MAY BE USED ON THE FOLLOWING WATERWAYS

British Waterways

- Aire & Calder Navigation
- Ashby Canal
- Ashton Canal
- Birmingham & Fazeley Canal
- Birmingham Canal Navigations
- Bow Back Rivers
- Bridgwater & Taunton Canal
- Calder & Hebble Navigation
- Caledonian Canal *
- Chesterfield Canal
- Coventry Canal
- Crinan Canal *
- Erewash Canal
- Forth & Clyde Canal *
- Fosdyke Navigation
- Gloucester & Sharpness Canal
- Grand Union Canal
- Hertford Union Canal
- Huddersfield Broad Canal
- Huddersfield Narrow Canal
- Kennet & Avon
- Lancaster Canal
- Lee Navigation
- Leeds & Liverpool Canal
- Limehouse Cut
- Llangollen Canal
- London Docklands
(a fee is charged for
Short term moorings)
- Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal
- Montgomery Canal
- New Junction Canal
- Oxford Canal
- Peak Forest Canal
- Regent's Canal
- Ripon Canal
- River Avon (Hanham Lock to Bath)
- River Ouse (Yorkshire)
- River Severn
- River Soar Navigation
- River Ure
- Rochdale Canal
- Stort Navigation
- Sheffield & South Yorkshire Navigations
- Shropshire Union Canal
- Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal
- Stainforth & Keadby Canal
- Stourbridge Canal
- Stratford-on-Avon Canal
- Tees Navigation
- Trent & Mersey Canal
- Trent Navigation
- Union Canal *
- Upper Trent Navigation
(incl. the Nottingham and Beeston Canal)
- Weaver Navigation
- Witham Navigation
- Worcester & Birmingham

* Overnight mooring charges may apply

Environment Agency

- River Thames
- River Medway
- River Nene
- River Great Ouse
- River Ancholme
- River Glen above Surfleet Sluice
- River Welland above Spalding Lock
- River Stour

Environment Agency Contact Details

Thames Region
Kings Meadow House
Kings Meadow Road
Reading
Berkshire
RG1 8DQ
T 08708 506 506

Anglian Region
Income Dept 311
PO BOX 263
Peterborough
PE2 8YD
T 0118 953 5650

Southern Region
Medway
Guildbourne House
Chatsworth Road
Worthing
Sussex
BM11 1LD
T 08708 506 506

GOLD LICENCE FEES FOR NARROWBOATS AND CRAFT LESS THAN 3.5m (11'5") WIDE, 2012 **20% VAT**

If your boat is wider than this, please contact us for a quote.

(only applies if your home mooring is on the Thames)

Fees include VAT where applicable. Price is the same for powered and unpowered craft.

Deduct 25% if your boat has a permanently fitted inboard electric motor

Overall length		Payment in full	Direct debit instalments
Metres	Feet & inches	£	£
Up to - 5.09	Up to - 16' 8"	491	530
5.10 - 6.09	16' 9" - 20' 0"	529	571
6.10 - 7.09	20' 1" - 23' 3"	570	616
7.10 - 8.09	23' 4" - 26' 6"	615	664
8.10 - 9.09	26' 7" - 29' 10"	655	707
9.10 - 10.09	29' 11" - 33' 1"	700	756
10.10 - 11.09	33' 2" - 36' 5"	744	804
11.10 - 12.09	36' 6" - 39' 8"	788	851
12.10 - 13.09	39' 9" - 42' 11"	833	900
13.10 - 14.09	43' 0" - 46' 3"	874	944
14.10 - 15.09	46' 4" - 49' 6"	916	989
15.10 - 16.09	49' 7" - 52' 9"	963	1040
16.10 - 17.09	52' 10" - 56' 1"	1004	1084
17.10 - 18.09	56' 2" - 59' 4"	1050	1134
18.10 - 19.09	59' 5" - 62' 7"	1093	1180
19.10 - 20.09	62' 8" - 65' 11"	1135	1226
20.10 - 21.09	66' 0" - 68' 11"	1179	1273
21.10 - 22.09	69' 0" - 72' 2"	1225	1323
22.10 - 23.09	72' 3" - 75' 09"	1286	1389

For vessels over 23.09 metres

Prices available on request

(office use)

GOLD LICENCE APPLICATION FORM

Please read the explanatory notes before filling in the form.
We will return your application if it is not fully complete with correct enclosures.

PLEASE RETURN TO
 British Waterways
 PO Box 162
 Leeds LS9 1AX
 T 01923 201120 F 0113 281 6849
 E enquiries.hq@britishwaterways.co.uk

Your BW Index No. and/or EA Reg. No

BW Customer Number

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Boat name

Which is your current 'home' navigation area?

British Waterways

EA Thames

EA Anglian

EA Southern

Other please state

Owner Details

Surname

(Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss)

Forename(s)

Address

Postcode

Tel:

(home)

(daytime)

(mobile)

Email

Length of Boat

Beam

Draught

Year of construction

Hull material

Boat maker's name

Model

Engine details

Inboard Diesel

Outboard Diesel

Inboard Petrol

Outboard Petrol

Inboard Electric

Outboard Electric

Engine size(s)

No. of engines

Other engines: None/Auxiliary/Generator/Other (please state):

Where is your boat normally moored?

Name of Canal/River

Site name

If continuous cruising, please tick

Insurance

My boat is insured by

(enter name of insurer)

The policy number is

and it expires on

dd/mm/yy

Boat safety Scheme

Boat Safety Certificate No Validated (office use only)

Issue date dd mm yy Expiry date dd mm yy

Blue certificate copy enclosed Yes No If you are unable to enclose it, please say which Navigation Authority holds it: EA Thames EA Medway EA Anglian BW

Other Waterway

Is the boat an open vessel with outboard engine? No Yes

Type of vessel:- Butty, Cruiser, Narrowboat etc

On board Appliances

What appliances does your boat have?

	Cooker	Fridge	Water Heater	Central Heating	Fires
Gas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electric	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any other appliances?

What type of sanitary appliance does your boat have?

- Sea Toilet
- Holding Tank (Pump out)
- Portable Container (Chemical Toilet)
- None

Licence start date

01 January 20 _ _ Period: 12 months

Refund Request

Who issued your last licence?

British Waterways
You must enclose both your current BW disks if you are claiming a refund

EA Anglian EA Thames EA Medway
You need to return your disks to the relevant EA office to claim a refund

Payment method

Please use the fee sheet enclosed to calculate your fee for craft up to 3.5m wide £

Credit Card: Visa Mastercard Switch/Maestro

Card details

£7.50 charge will be applied to all credit cards but not to Debit card payments.

Start date Expiry date Issue No. (Switch /Maestro) Security Code

- Or Cheque - crossed and payable to British Waterways
- Or Direct Debit – remember to enclose completed mandate and see fee sheet. We may research your credit history before accepting a request for payments by Direct Debit instalments.

Please select

1 Instalment 5 Instalments 9 Instalments £

Declaration

I confirm that the information I have given on this form is correct. I have read and accept the terms of the licence printed below.

Signature Date

Sign up for your free monthly Boaters' Update e-newsletter or stoppage alerts at www.waterscape.com/signup

This licence is not refundable
Issue date: 27/09/11

You are responsible for familiarising yourself with, and following the regulations set by each navigation authority. The conditions published by BW and EA for their separate licensing and registration schemes apply to the Gold Licence unless otherwise indicated in the Gold Licence information. Your licence may be withdrawn if you do not comply. Under EA legislation, the information you have provided on this form will be included on registers that are available for public inspection.