

# Anglian waterways – Vessel registration charges

1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016



The Environment Agency (Inland Waterways) Order 2010  
 Anglian Water Authority Act 1977  
 The Environment Act 1995 (S43)

All vessels kept, used or let for hire on Anglian Waterways must be registered with the Environment Agency in accordance with The Environment Agency (Inland Waterways) Order 2010, including vessels in marinas and on privately owned moorings.

Anglian Waterways include the Ancholme, Black Sluice, Glen, Welland, Nene, Great Ouse System and Stour.

The full registration charge is payable for a vessel kept, used or let for hire on our Anglian Waterways at any time during the registration year (1 April to 31 March) unless it qualifies for an 'end of season' discount. When registering the vessel, you are responsible to pay the full registration charge.

All annual registrations expire on 31 March regardless of when they start. There are no pro-rata annual registration charges.

A minimum registration charge of £8.50 applies to all registrations, to cover our administration costs.

Registration charges for Anglian Waterways are set annually and all the income contributes to the services, facilities and structures we maintain to make boating possible on our waterways. This includes maintenance of our locks and other navigation structures which retain water levels, as well as activities such as lock keeping, enforcement and the provision of safety advice.

## Private vessels

Vessels used for private use only.

### Private – unpowered vessels

Unpowered means any vessel which is not mechanically propelled (for example, canoes, kayaks and rowing boats), and not covered by our houseboat definition as shown on page 2.

If your vessel has an auxiliary engine then your vessel needs to be registered under the appropriate powered vessel registration charge.

Tariff class	Annual registration (1 April to 31 March)	31 day short-term/ visitor registration	7 day short-term/ visitor registration
10	£35.50	£16.00	£8.50

If you are a member of British Canoeing/Canoe Wales or British Rowing you should register with your member organisation.

Unpowered vessel registrations are valid for use on all Environment Agency waterways.

### Private – powered vessels

Powered vessels include any mechanically propelled vessel; for example narrowboats, cruisers and barges.

A valid Boat Safety Scheme Certificate, or equivalent, and valid insurance details will be required to register your powered vessel.

Great Ouse system and River Nene registration charges (These registration charges also cover use of the Lincolnshire Waterways and the River Stour)	Tariff class	Annual registration (1 April to 31 March)	31 day short-term/ visitor registration	7 day short-term/ visitor registration	1 day short-term/ visitor registration
<b>Sailing vessels (with engines inc. auxiliaries)</b>					
Under 3m (9'11") in length	20	£28.73	£8.50	£8.50	£8.50
3m (9'11") to 5m (16'5") inclusive	21	£50.15	£12.54	£8.50	£8.50
Over 5m (16'5") to 7.5m (24'8") inclusive	22	£145.38	£36.34	£9.09	£8.50
Over 7.5m (24'8") and over	23	£208.84	£52.21	£13.05	£8.50
<b>Powered vessels with engines of 4hp or less</b>					
Up to 5m (16'5") in length	30	£78.98	£19.75	£8.50	£8.50
Over 5m (16'5") in length	31	£145.38	£36.34	£9.09	£8.50
<b>Powered vessels with engines over 4hp</b>					
Under 3m (9'11") in length	32	£137.66	£34.41	£8.60	£8.50
3m (9'11") to 5m (16'5") inclusive	33	£280.19	£70.05	£17.51	£8.50
Over 5m (16'5") to 7.5m (24'8") inclusive	34	£343.98	£85.99	£21.50	£8.50
Over 7.5m (24'8") to 10m (32'10") inclusive	35	£444.99	£111.25	£27.81	£8.50
Over 10m (32'10") to 12.5m (41'1") inclusive	36	£608.79	£152.20	£38.05	£8.50
Over 12.5m (41'1") to 15m (49'3") inclusive	37	£783.29	£195.82	£48.96	£8.50
Over 15m (49'3") to 20m (65'8") inclusive	38	£878.71	£219.68	£54.92	£8.50
Over 20m (65'8") and over	39	£963.89	£240.97	£60.24	£9.00

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Lincolnshire waterways registration charges (Ancholme, Black Sluice, Welland and Glen only)	Tariff class	Annual registration (1 April to 31 March)	31 day short-term/ visitor registration	7 day short-term/ visitor registration	1 day short-term/ visitor registration
<b>Sailing vessels (with engines inc. auxiliaries)</b>					
Under 3m (9'11") in length	50	£14.37	£8.50	£8.50	£8.50
3m (9'11") to 5m (16'5") inclusive	51	£25.07	£8.50	£8.50	£8.50
Over 5m (16'5") to 7.5m (24'8") inclusive	52	£72.69	£18.17	£8.50	£8.50
Over 7.5m (24'8") and over	53	£104.42	£26.10	£8.50	£8.50
<b>Powered vessels with engines of 4hp or less</b>					
Up to 5m (16'5") in length	60	£39.49	£9.87	£8.50	£8.50
Over 5m (16'5") in length	61	£72.69	£18.17	£8.50	£8.50
<b>Powered vessels with engines over 4hp</b>					
Under 3m (9'11") in length	62	£68.83	£17.21	£8.50	£8.50
3m (9'11") to 5m (16'5") inclusive	63	£140.10	£35.02	£8.76	£8.50
Over 5m (16'5") to 7.5m (24'8") inclusive	64	£171.99	£43.00	£10.75	£8.50
Over 7.5m (24'8") to 10m (32'10") inclusive	65	£222.49	£55.62	£13.91	£8.50
Over 10m (32'10") to 12.5m (41'1") inclusive	66	£304.39	£76.10	£19.02	£8.50
Over 12.5m (41'1") to 15m (49'3") inclusive	67	£391.64	£97.91	£24.48	£8.50
Over 15m (49'3") to 20m (65'8") inclusive	68	£439.35	£109.84	£27.46	£8.50
Over 20m (65'8") and over	69	£481.94	£120.49	£30.12	£8.50

River Stour registration charges (River Stour only)	Tariff class	Annual registration (1 April to 31 March)	31 day short-term/ visitor registration	7 day short-term/ visitor registration	1 day short-term/ visitor registration
<b>Sailing vessels (with engines inc. auxiliaries)</b>					
Under 3m (9'11") in length	80	£8.50	£8.50	£8.50	£8.50
3m (9'11") to 5m (16'5") inclusive	81	£12.54	£8.50	£8.50	£8.50
Over 5m (16'5") to 7.5m (24'8") inclusive	82	£36.34	£9.09	£8.50	£8.50
Over 7.5m (24'8") and over	83	£52.21	£13.05	£8.50	£8.50
<b>Powered vessels with engines of 4hp or less</b>					
Up to 5m (16'5") in length	90	£19.75	£8.50	£8.50	£8.50
Over 5m (16'5") in length	91	£36.34	£9.09	£8.50	£8.50
<b>Powered vessels with engines over 4hp</b>					
Under 3m (9'11") in length	92	£34.41	£8.60	£8.50	£8.50
3m (9'11") to 5m (16'5") inclusive	93	£70.05	£17.51	£8.50	£8.50
Over 5m (16'5") to 7.5m (24'8") inclusive	94	£85.99	£21.50	£8.50	£8.50
Over 7.5m (24'8") to 10m (32'10") inclusive	95	£111.25	£27.81	£8.50	£8.50
Over 10m (32'10") to 12.5m (41'1") inclusive	96	£152.20	£38.05	£9.51	£8.50
Over 12.5m (41'1") to 15m (49'3") inclusive	97	£195.82	£48.96	£12.24	£8.50
Over 15m (49'3") to 20m (65'8") inclusive	98	£219.68	£54.92	£13.73	£8.50
Over 20m (65'8") and over	99	£240.97	£60.24	£15.06	£8.50

There are restrictions on the registration of powered vessels on the Stour. In addition, powered vessels are only allowed on the section of the Stour between Ballingdon Bridge and Henny Street as defined in our Recreational Waterways (General) Byelaws 1980 (amended).

### Private – houseboats

A houseboat is defined as a vessel that is decked or otherwise structurally covered and that has no means of propulsion or the means of propulsion has been permanently removed.

If you live on your vessel you may not automatically qualify for a houseboat tariff. Please read the definition above and the registration requirements for houseboats on the Anglian Waterways houseboat application form to ensure you are registering on the correct tariff.

Turn to page 3 for the houseboat registration charges.

Houseboat registration charges	Great Ouse system and River Nene		Lincolnshire Waterways (Ancholme, Black Sluice, Welland and Glen)		River Stour only	
	Tariff class	Charge	Tariff class	Charge	Tariff class	Charge
Length						
Under 3m (9'11") in length	HB32	£68.83	HB62	£34.41	HB92	£17.21
3m (9'11") to 5m (16'5") inclusive	HB33	£140.10	HB63	£70.05	HB93	£35.02
Over 5m (16'5") to 7.5m (24'8") inclusive	HB34	£171.99	HB64	£85.99	HB94	£43.00
Over 7.5m (24'8") to 10m (32'10") inclusive	HB35	£222.49	HB65	£111.25	HB95	£55.62
Over 10m (32'10") to 12.5m (41'1") inclusive	HB36	£304.39	HB66	£152.20	HB96	£76.10
Over 12.5m (41'1") to 15m (49'3") inclusive	HB37	£391.64	HB67	£195.82	HB97	£97.91
Over 15m (49'3") to 20m (65'8") inclusive	HB38	£439.35	HB68	£219.68	HB98	£109.84
Over 20m (65'8") and over	HB39	£481.94	HB69	£240.97	HB99	£120.49

## Commercial vessels

Commercial vessels on Anglian Waterways, include any vessel which is not exclusively used for private use.

### Hire vessels

A vessel that is used at any time under a contract of hire (whether written or not). Hire vessels which lack overnight facilities and return to the boatyard at least as recently as each evening shall be designated as 'day hire'. The definition of hire vessels includes all forms of time share vessels.

**Long-term hire** – Vessels that do not return to their 'home' mooring every night.

**Short-term/day hire** – Vessels that return to their 'home' mooring every night.

### Commercial vessel registration charges – unpowered

The registration charge is the same for all Anglian Waterways.

Tariff	Long-term	Short-term/Day
10	£54.86	£38.10

Commercial vessel registration charges – powered	Nene and Great Ouse system			Lincolnshire Waterways (Ancholme, Black Sluice, Welland and Glen only)			River Stour only		
	Tariff class	Annual: Long-term	Annual: Short-term/Day	Tariff class	Annual: Long-term Day	Annual: Short-term/Day	Tariff class	Annual: Long-term Day	Annual: Short-term/Day
<b>Sailing vessels (with engines inc. auxiliaries)</b>									
Under 3m (9'11") in length	20	£44.33	£30.78	50	£44.33	£30.78	80	£44.33	£30.78
3m (9'11") to 5m (16'5") inclusive	21	£77.39	£53.75	51	£44.33	£30.78	81	£44.33	£30.78
Over 5m (16'5") to 7.5m (24'8") inclusive	22	£224.36	£155.81	52	£109.43	£76.00	82	£109.43	£76.00
Over 7.5m (24'8") and over	23	£322.29	£223.80	53	£166.90	£115.91	83	£166.90	£115.91
<b>Powered vessels with engines of 4hp or less</b>									
Up to 5m (16'5") in length	30	£121.88	£84.64	60	£64.68	£44.92	90	£44.33	£30.78
Over 5m (16'5") in length	31	£224.36	£155.81	61	£109.43	£76.00	91	£56.52	£39.25
<b>Powered vessels with engines over 4hp</b>									
Under 3m (9'11") in length	32	£212.43	£147.52	62	£109.43	£76.00	92	£44.33	£30.78
3m (9'11") to 5m (16'5") inclusive	33	£432.42	£300.29	63	£216.00	£150.00	93	£109.43	£76.00
Over 5m (16'5") to 7.5m (24'8") inclusive	34	£530.83	£368.63	64	£273.71	£190.07	94	£130.04	£90.30
Over 7.5m (24'8") to 10m (32'10") inclusive	35	£686.73	£476.90	65	£347.46	£241.29	95	£175.55	£121.91
Over 10m (32'10") to 12.5m (41'1") inclusive	36	£939.53	£652.44	66	£465.46	£323.24	96	£232.78	£161.65
Over 12.5m (41'1") to 15m (49'3") inclusive	37	£1,208.83	£839.46	67	£608.15	£422.32	97	£301.69	£209.51
Over 15m (49'3") to 20m (65'8") inclusive	38	£1,356.09	£941.72	68	£686.73	£476.90	98	£335.02	£232.65
Over 20m (65'8") and over	39	£1,487.53	£1,033.01	69	£751.32	£521.76	99	£359.16	£249.42

## Commercial houseboats

All commercial houseboats are charged a fixed price of £941.72.

## Other charges and discounts

### Cam Conservancy waters

We have an agreement with the Conservators of the River Cam for powered vessels based on Environment Agency waters (downstream of Bottisham Lock) to access Cam Conservancy waters by paying an extra 3% premium on top of the standard Environment Agency tariff (reduced from 5% last year). You must apply for this 3% premium at the time of annual or short-term/visitor registration. We give all of the 3% collected to the Conservators of the River Cam.

If you do not pay the extra 3% premium when you register with the Environment Agency, then a 5% fee for a visitor's licence will be charged by the Conservators of the River Cam; except for Gold Licence holders who will pay 3% extra. You can make this payment to the Conservators either on arrival or by applying beforehand to the Conservators.

Vessels on a commercial tariff do not have to pay any extra to use the Cam Conservancy waters.

The charges are as follows;

Vessel length	Tariff	Annual registration charge	31 day short-term/visitor registration	7 day short-term/visitor registration	1 day short-term/visitor registration
Under 3m (9'11") in length	C32	£141.79	£35.45	£8.86	£8.50
3m (9'11") to 5m (16'5") inclusive	C33	£288.60	£72.15	£18.04	£8.50
Over 5m (16'5") to 7.5m (24'8") inclusive	C34	£354.30	£88.57	£22.14	£8.50
Over 7.5m (24'8") to 10m (32'10") inclusive	C35	£458.34	£114.58	£28.65	£8.50
Over 10m (32'10") to 12.5m (41'1") inclusive	C36	£627.05	£156.76	£39.19	£8.50
Over 12.5m (41'1") to 15m (49'3") inclusive	C37	£806.78	£201.70	£50.42	£8.50
Over 15m (49'3") to 20m (65'8") inclusive	C38	£905.07	£226.27	£56.57	£8.50
Over 20m (65'8") and over	C39	£992.81	£248.20	£62.05	£9.00

### Discounts for vessels owned by or controlled by youth organisation or sporting clubs (under 18s only)

Description of vessel	Discount
Unpowered vessels	75%
Sailing dinghies without engines not more than 5m (16' 5") in length	50%
Powered vessels specifically used for the coaching or safety of youth organisations/sporting clubs	85%

Members of British Canoeing or Canoe Wales can use our waterways as part of their yearly membership fee. They are required to carry their membership card with them as it acts as a registration too. Affiliated clubs through British Canoeing and Canoe Wales may purchase registrations for club owned boats through British Canoeing and Canoe Wales or can purchase registrations directly from us. Members of the Scottish Canoe Association and the Canoe Association of Northern Ireland must apply for registrations through us.

Members of a British Rowing affiliated club should register their boats with British Rowing at a reduced rate. This should be done through their club.

### Tenders

A 50% discount is available for a tender, when registered at the same time as the 'parent' vessel. We define a tender as a small powered boat or dinghy, towed or carried by another vessel.

Tenders are subject to the appropriate registration charges, but the registration number issued will be the same as the 'parent' vessel.

### End of season discount

A 50% discount on the appropriate registration charge is available from 1 September. This applies to a vessel that has not been kept, used or let for hire on one of our Anglian Waterways before 1 September in the registration year (1 April to 31 March). It also applies if the applicant is the new owner of the vessel.

### Electric engine discount

Vessels with an electric engine receive a 25% discount on the appropriate registration charge, provided the sole method of propulsion is an electric engine/s and no other propulsion or charging engine is carried.

### Navigation key

Vessels navigating on our waterways will require a navigation key to use our locks and other facilities, such as slipways. These can be purchased with your registration or from various agents along our waterways.

If you have or are applying for an annual registration navigation keys will be charged at £10.00 each.

If you have or are applying for a short-term/visitor registration then a fully refundable deposit, on return of the key, of £25.00 will be required for each key.

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## Pump-out token charges

A token will also be required to use our pump-outs on the River Nene at Northampton Marina and Wellingborough Embankment and on the Black Sluice navigation at Hubbert's Bridge. The charge for these is £10.

## Refunds

Refunds are only made in certain limited cases – see [www.gov.uk/register-a-boat](http://www.gov.uk/register-a-boat) or call for our refund and transfer guidance.

## Anglian Waterways Vessel registration charges

The Environment Agency hereby fixes the charges for the year commencing 1 April 2015, payable under Section 43 of the Environment Act 1995, as applied by Section 17 of the Anglian Water Authority Act 1977 (the Act), in respect of the services provided for and the facilities made available to vessels using the recreational waterways as defined by the Act; such charges to be paid on demand or as may be otherwise required.

The charges have been fixed on the principle that the cost of maintaining the navigable channels and navigation works under Section 8 and 12 of the Act and generally discharging the functions under the Act in relation to the use by vessels of recreational waterways shall be met by those who own or use the vessels, having regard to the changes currently made by other water and navigation authorities providing a similar service and similar facilities, taking into account the kind and length of vessel, and the Environment Agency's power to raise revenue for navigation.

The charge shall be payable in respect of any vessel on a recreational waterway at any time in the year, and shall be paid by the person in whose name the vessel is registered under the Environment Agency (Inland Waterways) Order 2010 (the Order). If a vessel is not so registered then the charge shall be paid by the owner of the vessel or by any person who uses the same at any time in the year.

Only one charge shall be made in respect of any one vessel in the year, except that, if a vessel subsequently uses a recreational waterway or waterways in respect of which a higher charge is payable, an additional amount equal to the difference between the charge paid and the higher charge shall then become payable.

The charge for a vessel shall be as prescribed as above, according to the recreational waterways or waterways named, which the vessel is using or is to use; subject to any other charge or discount listed.

Words or expressions used herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Act and the Order.

## Contacts

If you require any further information, please contact:

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[www.gov.uk/register-a-boat](http://www.gov.uk/register-a-boat)

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