

River Thames boat registration charges

1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015

All boats kept, used or let for hire on the River Thames must be registered in line with the Environment Agency (Inland Waterways) Order 2010.

If you have a boat and you keep it afloat and / or use it on the River Thames, you need to register it.

This requirement extends to every part of the non-tidal River Thames between Cricklade Bridge and Teddington Lock, and the short section of the tidal River Thames between Teddington Lock and the Port of London Authority's boundary, including backwaters and marinas.

'Full rate' registration charges apply to every boat, except certain visiting boats normally used on other waterways and launches registered on or after 1 September.

All 'full rate' registrations expire on 31 December regardless of when they start (except for visitors); there is no other 'pro-rata' rate for part of the registration year.

Launches - full rate registration, expiring 31 December 2015

Definition - 'Launches' includes any mechanically propelled vessel not being used solely as a tug or for the carriage of goods.

Non-hire (class N)

Launches which will not be let or ply for hire or used as defined in Class C at any time on the Thames during the validity of the registration.

- £18.55 per complete square metre (minimum chargeable area of 5 square metres*)
- £10 per complete square metre for every additional one over 80 square metres

*Discounts can be applied to the minimum chargeable area charge.

Calculate the charge

Example: your launch measures 5.7 m in length and a beam of 2 m

1. Calculate the chargeable area by multiplying the length by the beam

- $5.7 \text{ m} \times 2 \text{ m} = 11.4 \text{ m}$

2. Round down the chargeable area

- $11.4 \text{ m} = 11 \text{ m}$

3. Multiply the chargeable area by the charge per square metre

- $11 \text{ m} \times £18.55 = £204.05$

Apply any discounts at this final stage - e.g. an electric engine



Hire (classes H, P, C, & D)

- £28.64 per square metre (minimum charge 5 square metres – £143.20)

Definitions of hire classes

Class H - Launches (other than P, D and C) which are let or ply for hire on the Thames at any time during the registration year.

Class P - Launches issued with a current certificate by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency to carry passengers (not exceeding 199).

Class D - Launches not fitted or furnished with cooking equipment and not decked-in over the greater part of the hull.

Class C - Launches (not H, P or D) which will be used on the Thames (during the registration year) for any voyage or excursion where the owner or user receives any form of payment from any person for, or in conjunction with that voyage or excursion, other than as a contribution to the direct expenses of operating the launch during that voyage or excursion.

Registration discounts

Electric

Electrically propelled launches receive a 25% discount on annual and visitor registrations provided the sole method of propulsion is an electric motor or motors and no other propulsion or charging engine is carried.

Tender

A 50% discount applies to a tender when registered at the same time as your main boat. We define a tender as a small boat or dinghy, towed or carried by another boat.

Late registration

'Late' registration first valid on or after 1 September in any year is charged at one-half of the 'full rate': registration will expire on the 31 December following issue date. Please mark your application 'Late'.

Note: Late registration is not available to visiting launches registered for any period prior to 1 September.

Visiting launches

1-day certificate

The term 'day' is the 24 hours commencing after midnight and finishing at midnight.

Up to 10 sq metres – £11	46 to 50 sq metres – £49.50
11 to 15 sq metres – £19	51 to 55 sq metres – £52.50
16 to 20 sq metres – £22	56 to 60 sq metres – £58.50
21 to 25 sq metres – £24	61 to 65 sq metres – £64.50
26 to 30 sq metres – £32	66 to 70 sq metres – £70
31 to 35 sq metres – £39	71 to 75 sq metres – £73.50
36 to 40 sq metres – £43	76 to 80 sq metres – £76
41 to 45 sq metres – £45	Over 80 sq metres – £77.50

7-day certificate

The term 'day' is the 24 hours commencing after midnight and finishing at midnight.

Up to 10 sq metres – £12	46 to 50 sq metres – £89.50
11 to 15 sq metres – £31.50	51 to 55 sq metres – £98
16 to 20 sq metres – £36.50	56 to 60 sq metres – £107
21 to 25 sq metres – £43	61 to 65 sq metres – £117
26 to 30 sq metres – £52	66 to 70 sq metres – £122.50
31 to 35 sq metres – £61	71 to 75 sq metres – £129.50
36 to 40 sq metres – £70.50	76 to 80 sq metres – £137.50
41 to 45 sq metres – £80.50	Over 80 sq metres – £147

1-month certificate (31 days)

The term 'day' is the 24 hours commencing after midnight and finishing at midnight.

Up to 10 sq metres – £42.50	46 to 50 sq metres – £235
11 to 15 sq metres – £78	51 to 55 sq metres – £262.50
16 to 20 sq metres – £100	56 to 60 sq metres – £284.50
21 to 25 sq metres – £121.50	61 to 65 sq metres – £306
26 to 30 sq metres – £146	66 to 70 sq metres – £330.50
31 to 35 sq metres – £172.50	71 to 75 sq metres – £355
36 to 40 sq metres – £191.50	76 to 80 sq metres – £371
41 to 45 sq metres – £209.50	Over 80 sq metres – £395

Houseboats (classes I, II and III)

Definition - 'Houseboat' includes any pleasure boat which is not a launch and which is decked or otherwise structurally covered in and which is or is capable of being used as a place of habitation (whether by day and night or the one or the other) or as a place for accommodating or receiving persons for purposes of shelter, recreation, entertainment or refreshment or of witnessing regattas or other events or as club premises or as offices or as a kitchen pantry or store place.

Houseboat class I - any houseboat other than a houseboat class II or a houseboat class III.

Houseboat class II - a houseboat kept stationary throughout the year and used only as a dressing place in connection with boating or a store room for boats' gear or used only for like purposes in connection with boating.

Houseboat class III - a houseboat not fitted or furnished with furniture or other articles or things usually necessary or proper for the user thereof as a houseboat and not being so used.

- £9.27 for each complete square metre of 'chargeable area'.

Unpowered boats

Definition - 'Unpowered' means any vessel that is not a launch, tug or a houseboat.

- Unpowered annual = £35.50 Unpowered annual clubs = £8.50
- Unpowered weekly = £8.50 Unpowered monthly = £16

Refunds

Refunds are only made in certain limited cases (see our website or call for our current policy).

Contacts

If you require any further information, please contact:

Environment Agency, Boat Registration, PO Box 544, Rotherham, S60 1BY

03708 506 506* (Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm)

boatreg@environment-agency.gov.uk

www.gov.uk/register-a-boat

* Calls to 03 numbers cost no more than a national rate call to an 01 or 02 number and must count towards any inclusive minutes in the same way as 01 and 02 calls. These rules apply to calls from any type of line including mobile, BT, other fixed line or payphone.

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