

# River Medway boat registration charges

1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

All boats kept, used or let for hire on Upper Medway Navigation between Allington Lock and the Leigh Barrier at Tonbridge, must be registered with the Environment Agency in accordance with The Environment Agency (Inland Waterways) Order 2010. This includes boats in backwaters and marinas.

The full registration charge is payable for a boat kept, used or let for hire on Upper Medway Navigation at any time during the registration year (1 April to 31 March), unless it qualifies for the 'end of season' discount. When registering the boat, 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.

Any boat not displaying a current registration certificate shall be liable to pay the full annual charge.

## Powered boats

Definition - 'powered' means mechanically propelled. Annual charges are to be calculated as follows:

### Annual registration

- Overall length not exceeding 7.6m = £32.14 per metre
- Overall length exceeding 7.6m = £32.14 per metre up to 7.6 metres plus £28.82 per metre in excess of 7.6 metres up to 11 metres
- Over 11 metres (37ft) in length £346.72

### Hire boats

Powered boat which is used during the hiring period in each year under a contract of hire.

- Overall length not exceeding 7.6m = £55.10 per metre
- Overall length exceeding 7.6m = £55.10 per metre up to 7.6 metres plus £49.43 per metre in excess of 7.6 metres and up to 11 metres
- Over 11 metres (37ft) in length = £594.54

### Passenger Boats and Tugs

Passenger boats – Powered boats issued with a current certificate by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency to carry passengers (not exceeding 199).

- Overall length not exceeding 7.6m = £41.33 per metre
- Overall length exceeding 7.6m = £41.33 per metre up to 7.6 metres plus £37.07
- per metre in excess of 7.6 metres and up to 11 metres
- Over 11 metres (37ft) in length = £445.90



Below are examples of charges, calculate the exact charge for your boat size using the charges on page 1.

Length in metres (overall length of top surface of hull)	Annual £	Month (any 31 consecutive days) £	Week (any 7 consecutive days) £
1.5	48.21	12.00	6.00
1.8	57.85	14.50	7.20
2.1	67.49	16.90	8.40
2.4	77.14	19.30	9.60
2.7	86.78	21.70	10.80
3.0	96.42	24.10	12.00
3.3	106.06	26.50	13.30
3.6	115.70	28.90	14.50
3.9	125.35	31.30	15.70
4.2	134.99	33.70	16.90
4.5	144.63	36.20	18.10
4.8	154.27	38.60	19.30
5.1	163.91	41.00	20.50
5.4	173.56	43.40	21.70
5.7	183.20	45.80	22.90
6.0	192.84	48.20	24.10
6.4	205.70	51.40	25.70
6.7	215.34	53.80	26.90
7.0	224.98	56.20	28.10
7.3	234.62	58.70	29.30
7.6	244.26	61.10	30.50
7.9	252.91	63.20	31.60
8.2	261.56	65.40	32.70
8.5	270.20	67.50	33.80
8.8	278.85	69.70	34.90
9.1	287.49	71.90	35.90
9.4	296.14	74.00	37.00
9.7	304.79	76.20	38.10
10.0	313.43	78.40	39.20
10.3	322.08	80.50	40.30
10.6	330.72	82.70	41.30
10.9	339.37	84.80	42.40
11.0	342.25	85.60	42.80
over 11	346.72	86.70	43.30

NB Charges are for the whole or any part of the period they cover.

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## Short-period registration

- Monthly fee to be calculated as 25% of the annual tariff
- Weekly fee to be calculated as 12.5% of the annual tariff

## Daily fee

Daily fee available for powered boats only, for a period of up to 24 hours.

- For boats up to 7.6 metres in length £11.60
- For boats exceeding 7.6 metres £23.10
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## Unpowered

Definition - unpowered means any boat which is not mechanically propelled or covered by our houseboat definition. Unpowered boat registrations are valid for use on all Environment Agency waterways.

	Annual	Month	Week
<b>Unpowered boats</b>	£35.50	£16.00	£8.50

## School, scouts, guides, youth and canoe clubs (unpowered boats only)

Unpowered boats owned by schools, scouts, guides, youth organisations or canoe clubs can apply for registration at a discounted rate of £8.50 per boat.

## Canoeists and rowers

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.

## Houseboats

- Houseboats will be charged at 50% of the appropriate annual powered boat charge.

If you live on your boat you may not automatically qualify for a houseboat tariff. Please read the definitions and the registration requirements for houseboats on the Upper Medway Navigation houseboat application form to ensure you are registering on the correct tariff.

## Dumb barges

Annual charge	Monthly charge	Weekly charge
<b>£190.76</b>	£47.69	£23.84

## Other charges and discounts

### Tenders (small boats such as a dinghy, towed or carried by another boat)

A powered or unpowered tender shall not be subject to charge if it:

- belongs to a powered boat that has a current registration certificate
- is clearly marked and has been notified to the Environment Agency as a tender to that boat
- is normally attached to that boat and is being used on the navigation for a purpose directly connected with the navigation of the parent boat.

### End of season discount

Boats registering for the 3 months from January to March only, can register for the charge of a 1 month visitor registration.

This applies to a boat that has not been kept or used on the Upper Medway Navigation before 1 January in the registration year (1 April to 31 March). It also applies if the applicant is the new owner of the boat.

### Electric engine discount

Boats 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.

### Applying discounts

If more than one discount applies, the value of each one is calculated on the declining net balance.

For example, if the full charge is £100 and the boat is eligible for the electric and late registration discounts, the net payable would be  $£100 - 25\% = £75 - 50\% = £37.50$ .

### Charitable events, competitions etc.

In the case of special one-day events, a general licence must be applied for at least 28 days in advance. The cost is £86.50

### Slipway charges

Use of the Environment Agency's slipways at Hampstead Lock and Allington Lock are charged at £7.50 per occasion.

### Lifting Bridge at Yalding

Owners of boats who wish to operate the Lifting Bridge at Yalding may obtain a key from Allington Lock. £20.00 per key.

### 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](mailto:boatreg@environment-agency.gov.uk) [www.gov.uk/register-a-boat](http://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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