

## **GOLD LICENCE: INFORMATION FOR 2009**

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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 £433 depending on its length. The fee sheet for boats under 3.5m wide is printed on page 4.

You can obtain a formal quotation for a wider boat by calling 0845 671 5530 (Mon-Fri 8am – 6pm, 9 - 1pm Saturdays).

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 1<sup>st</sup> – 31 December 2009 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
- 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 £1 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](http://www.waterscape.com/shop)

A separate waterway key is required for the River Nene (£5.00) per key, available from the Environment Agency at the Peterborough office T 01733 464 909.

## 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](http://www.waterscape.com/stoppages) for stoppage information before travel. British Waterways' main repair programme runs from October to April. To receive a copy each year please tick the box on the bottom of the application form.

**If you have any questions contact**

**British Waterways,**

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

**[www.britishwaterways.co.uk/licenseit](http://www.britishwaterways.co.uk/licenseit)**

**T 0845 671 5530 Lines open Mon - Fri,  
8am – 6pm, Sat 9 – 1pm**

**F 0113 200 5756**

**E [enquiries.hq@britishwaterways.co.uk](mailto: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 01733 464 909

**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, 2009**

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

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

<b>Overall length</b>		<b>Payment in full</b>	<b>Direct debit instalments</b>
<b>Metres</b>	<b>Feet &amp; inches</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Up to - 5.09	Up to - 16' 8"	433	469.82
5.10 - 6.09	16' 9" - 20' 0"	467	506.46
6.10 - 7.09	20' 1" - 23' 3"	504	545.27
7.10 - 8.09	23' 4" - 26' 6"	543	587.32
8.10 - 9.09	26' 7" - 29' 10"	580	626.22
9.10 - 10.09	29' 11" - 33' 1"	619	668.18
10.10 - 11.09	33' 2" - 36' 5"	658	709.24
11.10 - 12.09	36' 6" - 39' 8"	697	751.19
12.10 - 13.09	39' 9" - 42' 11"	737	793.34
13.10 - 14.09	43' 0" - 46' 3"	773	832.15
14.10 - 15.09	46' 4" - 49' 6"	810	872.04
15.10 - 16.09	49' 7" - 52' 9"	852	916.25
16.10 - 17.09	52' 10" - 56' 1"	888	955.15
17.10 - 18.09	56' 2" - 59' 4"	929	998.19
18.10 - 19.09	59' 5" - 62' 7"	967	1039.26
19.10 - 20.09	62' 8" - 65' 11"	1005	1079.05
20.10 - 21.09	66' 0" - 68' 11"	1043	1120.11
21.10 - 22.09	69' 0" - 72' 2"	1084	1163.34
22.10 - 23.09	72' 3" - 75' 09"	1139	1220.82
For vessels over 23.09 metres		<b>Prices available on request</b>	

(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 0845 671 5530 F 0113 200 5756  
 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 Southern

EA Thames

EA Anglian

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

The current insurance certificate is enclosed. Please note: we will refuse your application if you fail to enclose your current certificate.

**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?

<input type="checkbox"/> British Waterways You must enclose both your current BW disks if you are claiming a refund	<input type="checkbox"/> EA Anglian <input type="checkbox"/> EA Thames <input type="checkbox"/> EA Medway You need to return your disks to the relevant EA office to claim a refund
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**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

Start date  Expiry date  Issue No. (Switch)

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

Please tick this box if you are happy to receive information about the waterways from British Waterways or its subsidiaries.  Please tick this box if you would like to receive a copy of BW's Winter Stoppage Programme each year.

**This licence is not refundable**  
Issue date: 28/11/08

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.