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National Navigation Boat Charging Scheme from 2025

PART 1 (sections 3 to 10 only)

Provisions relating to all waterways

3. The annual charges for a boat shall be due at the start of the annual charge period for that waterway. When registering the boat the owner is responsible for paying the full annual charge.
4. The minimum charge to be paid for powered boats and unpowered enclosed boats shall be the larger of the charge due or £12.46.
5. When a new part year registration for a powered boat or an unpowered enclosed boat occurs after the start of the annual charge period the charge payable shall be calculated as follows:
Charge = annual charge x (1+ remaining full months in annual registration period)/12
6. Refunds of annual registration charges
- 6.1 A refund of part of the annual registration charge shall be paid for
- a) permanent removal of a boat from the waterway;
 - b) completion of the sale of a boat; or
 - c) moving a boat onto trade brokerage premises for sale or repair.
- 6.2 The refund will be calculated as follows:
refund = annual charge paid x (remaining full months)/(months registered for) - £17.34 administration charge.
- 6.3 Where a refund has been paid and a boat returns to the waterway with the same owner during the same annual registration period then the full annual charge is payable taking into account any charge already paid.
- 6.4 Where a refund has been paid and a boat returns to the waterway with the same owner in the following annual registration period after the refund was paid, then the full annual charge is payable for the previous annual registration period when the refund was paid, and the current annual registration period that the boat returns to the waterway, taking into account any charge already paid.
7. Where a replacement registration plate is requested a charge of £12.70 shall be payable.
8. Where a change of boat name is requested after first registration or during the annual registration period, a charge of £12.70 shall be payable.
9. The charges for boats specified in tables below shall be payable on all the waterways.
- 9.1 Unpowered open boats shall pay the charge as set out in table 1.1 for use on all waterways.

Table 1.1 Unpowered open boats

Registration charge type	Charge
Annual	£52.97

Monthly	£23.76
Weekly	£12.54
Daily	£6.00
Explorer	£20.71

9.2 Unpowered tenders shall pay the charge as set out in table 1.2 for each waterway where the boat is kept or used.

Table 1.2 Unpowered tenders

Registration charge type	Charge
Annual	£26.92
Monthly	£19.40
Weekly	£11.99
Daily	£6.00

9.3 Powered tender less than 3m long shall pay the charge as set out in table 1.3 for each waterway where the boat is kept or used.

Table 1.3 Powered tenders <3m in length

Registration charge type	Powered	Electrically powered
Annual	£62.52	£44.48
Monthly	£29.98	£22.02
Weekly	£14.93	£10.90 (subject to minimum charge)
Daily	£7.41 (subject to minimum charge)	£4.90 (subject to minimum charge)

9.4 Powered tender with length between 3m and less than 6m shall pay the charge as set out in table 1.4 for each waterway where the boat is kept or used.

Table 1.4 Powered tenders between 3m and less than 6m in length

Registration charge type	Powered	Electrically powered
Annual	£81.76	£61.32
Monthly	£40.77	£30.52
Weekly	£20.27	£14.61
Daily	£10.02 (subject to minimum charge)	£7.30 (subject to minimum charge)

9.5 Powered tenders greater than 6m in length shall pay the charge as set out in paragraph 4.1 or 4.2 of Part 2, Part 3, or Part 4 of this Scheme for each waterway where the boat is kept or used.

9.6 Powered maintenance work boats shall pay the charge as set out in table 1.5 for each waterway where the boat is kept or used.

Table 1.5 Powered maintenance work boat

Registration charge type	Charge
Annual	£240.50
Monthly	£59.95
Weekly	£29.98
Daily	£14.93

9.7 Unpowered maintenance work boats shall pay the charge set out in table 1.6 for each waterway where the boat is kept or used.

Table 1.6 Unpowered maintenance work boat

Registration charge type	Charge
Annual	£144.20
Monthly	£35.97
Weekly	£17.99
Daily	£8.94

9.8 Tugs shall pay the charges as set out in table 1.7 for each waterway where the boat is kept or used.

Table 1.7 tug charges

Charge type	Charge
Annual	£240.50
Monthly	£59.95
Weekly	£29.98
Daily	£14.93

9.9 For temporary transit registration of a powered boat the charge payable shall be the relevant daily charge as set out in paragraph 4.1 or 4.2 of Part 2, Part 3 or Part 4 of this Scheme for each waterway where the boat is being moved.

9.10 Business boats operating on the waterways shall pay the relevant boat charge set out in this Part, Part 2, Part 3 and Part 4 and the business charges set out in the table 1.8 below

Table 1.8 Business charges

Business Boat Charge Category	Annual	monthly	Weekly	Daily
Unpowered Open Business Boat	£6.00	£3.00	£1.49	£0.69
Unpowered Enclosed Business Boat	£150.31	£90.14	£45.56	£22.67
Unpowered Business Tender	£6.00	£3.00	£1.49	£0.69
Unpowered Maintenance Business Workboat	£36.06	£17.99	£8.94	£4.45
Powered Business Boat, other than those covered elsewhere in this table	£240.50	£120.12	£59.95	£29.98

Powered self-drive Day Hire Business Boat	£60.12	£29.98	£14.93	£7.41
Powered Business Tender	£12.01	£6.00	£3.00	£1.49
Powered Maintenance Business Workboat	£60.12	£29.98	£14.93	£7.41
Powered Business Tug	£60.12	£29.98	£14.93	£7.41

9.11 For not-for-profit organisation or charity boats the annual charges apply as set out in table 1.9 below.

Table 1.9 Not-for-profit organisation or charity boat charges

Type of annual registration charge	Charge per boat
Junior only unpowered open Boats	£12.61
Other unpowered open boats	£37.13
Coaching boats	£90.74
Powered boat	25% of the cost relevant annual charge as set out in paragraph 4.1 or 4.2 of Part 2, Part 3 or Part 4 of this Scheme for each waterway where the boat is being kept and used.

9.12 For unpowered open boats the following event registration charges apply as set out in table 1.10.

Table 1.10 Event registration charges

Number of Boats to be registered	Total charge
1 to 10	£105.82
11 to 25	£134.28
26 to 50	£162.53
51-100	£189.10
101 to 200	£246.33
Over 200	£276.95

9.13 The charge to apply for a new trade plate is £80.93 for each waterway.

9.14 The charge to apply for a new trade exemption is £17.34 for each waterway

9.15 The annual charge for a trade plate is £231.26 for each waterway.

9.16 The annual charge for a trade exemption is £115.62 for each waterway.

9.17 The annual charge for registering a passenger boat as "Out of Service" is £133.46 for each waterway.

10. The following types of boats are exempt from paying charges for registration of boats on the waterways: safety or rescue boats; emergency services boats; Highways Authority boats; boats owned or operated by, or operated on behalf of, the Environment Agency; and, on the River Thames only, boats owned or operated by freemen of the Watermen's Company.

PART 2

River Thames charges

1. The charges for the River Thames come into force from 1 January 2025.
2. All boats, kept, used or let for hire on the River Thames from 1 January 2025 shall pay the registration and other charges set out below in addition to the relevant charges specified in Part 1 above.
- 3 The annual charge period for all boats kept, used or let for hire on the River Thames shall start on the 1 January of each year.
4. The charges for boats specified in tables below shall be payable.
- 4.1 Powered boats shall pay the relevant area registration charge as set out in table 1.1 and table 1.2.

Table 1.1 River Thames, annual powered boat charges

Minimum Charge (5 square metres)	£131.55
Charge for boat area up to and including 80sqm (£/sqm)	£26.31 for each square metre
Charge for the remaining boat area (£/sqm)	£14.18 for each square metre

Table 1.2 River Thames, monthly weekly and daily powered boat charges

Boat Area	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
up to 10 square metres	£60.00	£16.60	£15.20
11 square metres to 15 square metres	£110.30	£44.10	£26.50
16 square metres to 20 square metres	£141.80	£51.40	£30.80
21 square metres to 25 square metres	£172.30	£60.70	£33.70
26 square metres to 30 square metres	£206.80	£73.50	£45.20
31 square metres to 35 square metres	£244.50	£86.10	£55.00
36 square metres to 40 square metres	£271.60	£99.70	£60.70
41 square metres to 45 square metres	£296.60	£113.90	£63.60
46 square metres to 50 square metres	£333.20	£126.60	£69.90
51 square metres to 55 square metres	£372.40	£138.70	£74.10
56 square metres to 60 square metres	£403.70	£151.60	£82.70
61 square metres to 65 square metres	£434.20	£165.70	£91.10
66 square metres to 70 square metres	£469.10	£173.50	£99.00
71 square metres to 75 square metres	£503.70	£183.50	£103.90
76 square metres to 80 square metres	£526.50	£194.80	£107.50
Over 80 square metres	£560.40	£208.40	£109.70

- 4.2 Electrically powered boats shall pay 75% of the relevant powered boat charge as set out in 4.1 tables 1.1 and 1.2.
- 4.3 Unpowered enclosed boats shall pay 50% of the powered boat charges as set out in 4.1 tables 1.1 and 1.2.

4.4 Boats solely used for the carriage of goods shall pay the charges as set out in table 1.3.

Table 1.3 Charges for boats solely used for the carriage of goods

Charge type	Charge
Annual	£115.63
Monthly	£57.77
Weekly	£28.89
Daily	£14.39

5.1 Tidal Thames passenger boats shall pay the charges set out in table 1.4.

Table 1.4 Thames: Passenger boats charges

Type of annual registration charge	Charge
Using Teddington Lock Only	£1,468.62
Using Teddington lock plus other locks	£4,857.90

5.2. For every Tidal Thames passenger boat currently certified by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency to carry 12 or more passengers and currently registered for passage through Teddington lock only the charge for each passage through each lock other than Teddington Lock shall be £34.66.

6. For any unregistered vessel which is being used and worked for hire by a freeman of the Waterman's Company or by the widow of any such freeman and which at the time of such user may be required to be and is registered with and licensed by the Port of London Authority under the provisions of the Port of London (Consolidation) Act, 1920, relating to watermen and lightermen and is marked in accordance with such last mentioned provisions the charge for each passage through each lock shall be £34.66.

PART 3

Medway Navigation Boat Registration charges

1. The charges for the Medway navigation come into force from 1 April 2025.
2. All boats, kept, used or let for hire on the Medway navigation from 1 April 2025 shall pay the registration and other charges set out below in addition to the relevant charges specified in Part 1 above.
3. The annual charge period for all boats kept, used or let for hire on the Medway navigation shall start on the 1 April of each year.
4. The charges for boats specified in tables below shall be payable.
 - 4.1 Powered boats shall pay the relevant area registration charge based on the charges set out in table 1.1 and table 1.2

Table 1.1 Medway navigation, annual powered boat charges

length of boat	Charges
Not exceeding 7.6 metres	£51.40 per metre
Exceeding 7.6 metres up to and including 11 metres	£51.40 per metre for the first 7.6 metres then £46.09 per metre for remaining length of the boat
Exceeding 11 metres	£554.91

Table 1.2 Medway navigation, monthly, weekly and daily powered boat charges

Monthly	Weekly	Daily
25% of the annual charge in table 1.1	12.5% of the annual charge in table 1.1	For boats up to 7.6 metres in length £18.25 For boats exceeding 7.6 metres in length £36.78

- 4.2 Electrically powered boats shall pay 75% of the relevant powered boat charge as set out in 4.1 tables 1.1 and 1.2.
- 4.3 Unpowered enclosed boats shall pay 50% of the powered boat charges as set out in 4.1 tables 1.1 and 1.2.

PART 4

Anglian waterways boat registration charges

1. The charges for the Anglian waterways come into force from 1 April 2025.
2. All boats, kept, used or let for hire on the Anglian waterways from 1 April 2025 shall pay the registration and other charges set out below in addition to the relevant charges specified in Part 1 above.
3. The annual charge period for all boats kept, used or let for hire on the Anglian waterways shall start on the 1 April of each year.
4. The charges for boats specified in tables below shall be payable.
- 4.1 Powered boats shall pay the relevant registration charge as set out in tables 1.1.1 to 1.3.3 below.

Table 1.1.1 Ouse waterways and River Nene, sailing boat with engines charges

Length of boat	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Under 3 metres in length	£42.90	£12.61	£12.61	£12.61
3 metres up to and including 5 metres	£74.90	£18.70	£12.61	£12.61
Over 5 metres up to and including 7.5 metres	£217.16	£54.27	£13.56	£12.61
Over 7.5 metres	£311.97	£77.98	£19.49	£12.61

Table 1.1.2 Lincolnshire waterways, sailing boat with engines charges

Length of boat	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Under 3 metres in length	£21.44	£12.61	£12.61	£12.61
3 metres up to and including 5 metres	£37.44	£12.61	£12.61	£12.61
Over 5 metres up to and including 7.5 metres	£108.57	£27.12	£12.61	£12.61
Over 7.5 metres	£155.97	£38.98	£12.61	£12.61

Table 1.1.3 River Stour, sailing boat with engines charges

Length of boat	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Under 3 metres in length	£12.61	£12.61	£12.61	£12.61
3 metre up to and including 5 metres	£18.70	£12.61	£12.61	£12.61
Over 5 metres up to and including 7.5 metres	£54.27	£13.56	£12.61	£12.61
Over 7.5 metres	£77.98	£19.49	£12.61	£12.61

Table 1.2.1 Ouse waterways and River Nene, powered boats with engines of 4 horsepower or less

Length of boat	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
up to and including 5 metres	£117.98	£29.50	£12.61	£12.61
Over 5 metres	£217.16	£54.27	£13.56	£12.61

Table 1.2.2 Lincolnshire waterways, powered boats with engines of 4 horsepower or less

Length of boat	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
up to and including 5 metres	£58.99	£14.74	£12.61	£12.61
Over 5 metres	£108.57	£27.12	£12.61	£12.61

Table 1.2.3 River Stour, powered boats with engines of 4 horsepower or less

Length of boat	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
up to and including 5 metres	£29.50	£12.61	£12.61	£12.61
Over 5 metres	£54.27	£13.55	£12.61	£12.61

Table 1.3.1 Ouse waterways and River Nene, powered boats with engines greater than 4 horsepower

Length of boat	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Under 3 metres in length	£205.63	£51.39	£12.84	£12.61
3 metre up to and including 5 metres	£418.54	£104.64	£26.15	£12.61
Over 5 metres up to and including 7.5 metres	£513.85	£128.46	£32.10	£12.61
Over 7.5 metres up to and including 10 metres	£664.75	£166.16	£41.53	£12.61
Over 10 metres up to and including 12.5 metres	£909.45	£227.34	£56.83	£14.20
Over 12.5 metres up to and including 15 metres	£1,170.14	£292.53	£72.98	£18.26
Over 15 metres up to and including 20 metres	£1,312.69	£328.16	£82.02	£20.49
Over 20m	£1,439.92	£359.97	£89.98	£22.48

Table 1.3.2 Lincolnshire waterways, powered boats with engines greater than 4 horsepower

Length of boat	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Under 3 metres in length	£102.80	£25.69	£12.61	£12.61
3 metre up to and including 5 metres	£209.26	£52.32	£13.07	£12.61
Over 5 metres up to and including 7.5 metres	£256.91	£64.22	£16.03	£12.61
Over 7.5 metres up to and including 10 metres	£332.36	£83.08	£20.75	£12.61
Over 10 metres up to and including 12.5 metres	£454.73	£113.67	£28.42	£12.61
Over 12.5 metres up to and including 15 metres	£585.07	£146.27	£36.55	£12.61
Over 15 metres up to and including 20 metres	£656.33	£164.07	£40.99	£12.61
Over 20m	£719.96	£179.97	£44.97	£12.61

Table 1.3.3 River Stour, powered boats with engines greater than 4 horsepower

Length of boat	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Under 3 metres in length	£51.39	£12.61	£12.61	£12.61
3 metre up to and including 5 metres	£104.62	£26.15	£12.61	£12.61
Over 5 metres up to and including 7.5 metres	£128.45	£32.10	£12.61	£12.61
Over 7.5 metres up to and including 10 metres	£166.17	£41.53	£12.61	£12.61
Over 10 metres up to and including 12.5 metres	£227.34	£56.82	£14.20	£12.61
Over 12.5 metres up to and including 15 metres	£292.53	£73.13	£18.27	£12.61
Over 15 metres up to and including 20 metres	£328.17	£82.02	£20.48	£12.61
Over 20m	£359.97	£89.98	£22.48	£12.61

4.2 Electrically powered boats shall pay 75% of the relevant powered boat charge as set out in 4.1.

4.3 Unpowered enclosed boats shall pay 50% of the powered boat with engines greater than 4 horsepower charges as set out in 4.1 tables 1.3.1 to 1.3.3.

4.4 Boats moored on the tidal part of the rivers Welland and Glen will pay the following annual registration charge of £12.61.