

Boat registration charges proposals from 1 January 2022

Consultation corrections and clarifications version 2

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We are aware of some minor errors in the consultation document and online consultation tool. These are reproduced with corrections and clarifications below.

Reference	Original wording	Correct wording
Consultation document section 3.3.4 page 22 and online consultation tool	<p>There are a few categories of boats that are exempt from charging on our waterways.</p> <p>These exemptions are not consistent across our waterways and are not clearly shown within the charge scheme.</p> <p>We propose to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• set clear categories of exemption consistently across the waterways• limit exemptions to safety or rescue boats, emergency services boats, highways authority boats, boats owned or operated by, or operated on behalf of, the Environment Agency• exempt boats owned or operated by Freemen of the Watermen's Company on the River Thames only because this is set in legislation• define exemptions in the charge scheme and publicise them for transparency in guidance documents• address historic exemptions that do not meet the revised criteria and move these to the appropriate charge.	<p>There are a few categories of boats that are exempt from charging for registration on our waterways.</p> <p>These exemptions are not consistent across our waterways and are not clearly shown within the charge scheme.</p> <p>We propose to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• set clear categories of exemption consistently across the waterways• limit exemptions to safety or rescue boats, emergency services boats, highways authority boats, boats owned or operated by, or operated on behalf of, the Environment Agency• exempt boats registered and licenced by the Port of London Authority which are used and worked for hire by Freemen of the Watermen's Company on the River Thames only because this is set in legislation• define exemptions in the charge scheme and publicise them for transparency in guidance documents• address historic exemptions that do not meet the revised criteria and move these to the appropriate charge. Crown vessels do not meet the criteria for exemptions

<p>Consultation document page 34</p> <p>Not for profit organisation</p> <p>Example relating to Q23</p>	<p>Charge for a boat of length 5.1m and beam 3.2m:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • base rate = £21.20 • length x beam is 5.1m x 3.2m = 16.32sqm, which we round down to 16sqm • 16sqm is less than 35sqm so we only need the first rate of £8.48 - for each sqm • the charge for the area is £8.48 x 16sqm = £135.68 • add on the base charge of £21.20 • total registration charge is £135.68 + £21.20 = £381.60 	<p>Charge for a boat of length 5.1m and beam 3.2m:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • base rate = £21.20 • length x beam is 5.1m x 3.2m = 16.32sqm, which we round down to 16sqm • 16sqm is less than 35sqm so we only need the first rate of £8.48 - for each sqm • the charge for the area is £8.48 x 16sqm = £135.68 • add on the base charge of £21.20 • total registration charge is £135.68 + £21.20 = £156.88
<p>Consultation document page 34</p> <p>Not for profit organisation</p> <p>Example relating to Q23</p>	<p>Charge for a boat of area 50sqm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • base rate = £21.48 • area is 50sqm • for first 35sqm we use the first rate of £8.48 - for each sqm, for the remaining 15sqm we use the second rate of £4.24 - for each sqm • the charge for the area is (£8.48 x 35sqm) + (£4.24 x 15sqm) = £360.40 • add on the base charge of £21.48 • total registration charge is £360.40 + £21.48 = £381.88 	<p>Charge for a boat of area 50sqm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • base rate = £21.20 • area is 50sqm • for first 35sqm we use the first rate of £8.48 - for each sqm, for the remaining 15sqm we use the second rate of £4.24 - for each sqm • the charge for the area is (£8.48 x 35sqm) + (£4.24 x 15sqm) = £360.40 • add on the base charge of £21.20 • total registration charge is £360.40 + £21.20 = £381.60
<p>Consultation document page 44</p> <p>Thames powered boat</p> <p>Example relating to Q31 of the consultation</p>	<p>The annual charge for a boat with a length of 5.1m and a beam of 3.2m is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • base rate = £15.90 • length x beam is 5.1m x 3.2m = 16.32sqm, which we round down to 16sqm • 16sqm is less than 35sqm so we only use the first rate of £22.58 - for each sqm • the charge for the area is £22.58 x 16sqm = £361.28 	<p>The annual charge for a boat with a length of 5.1m and a beam of 3.2m is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • base rate = £15.90 • length x beam is 5.1m x 3.2m = 16.32sqm, which we round down to 16sqm • 16sqm is less than 80sqm so we only use the first rate of £22.58 - for each sqm • the charge for the area is £22.58 x 16sqm = £361.28 • add on the base rate of £15.90 • total registration charge is £361.28 + £15.90 = £377.18

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<p>Consultation document page 57</p> <p>River Ouse and Nene powered boats</p> <p>Example relating to Q38 of the consultation</p>	<p>Boat with a length of 5.1m and a beam of 3.2m (16sqm). The boat is length x beam (5.1m x 3.2m). This gives an area of 16.32sqm. Round down this to whole numbers, so for the purpose of the registration charge, the area is 16sqm. The charge for the first 35sqm of the boat is £22.26 for each sqm of area, so in this case is 16 x £22.26 which calculates to £356.16</p> <p>The total charge for a boat of 16sqm is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • base charge is £159.00 • rate1 charge is £356.16 • total charge = £516.16 	<p>Boat with a length of 5.1m and a beam of 3.2m (16sqm). The boat is length x beam (5.1m x 3.2m). This gives an area of 16.32sqm. Round down this to whole numbers, so for the purpose of the registration charge, the area is 16sqm. The charge for the first 35sqm of the boat is £22.26 for each sqm of area, so in this case is 16 x £22.26 which calculates to £356.16</p> <p>The total charge for a boat of 16sqm is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • base charge is £159.00 • rate1 charge is £356.16 • total charge = £515.16
<p>Consultation document and online consultation tool</p> <p>Various pages</p>	<p>We have referred to 'under 4 horse power (hp)'</p>	<p>This should read '4 horse power or less'.</p>
<p>Consultation document and online consultation tool</p>		<p>Rivers Wye and Lugg missed from list in questions C4 and C5.</p> <p>If commenting on Q60, please tell us in the comment if you use your boat on the Rivers Wye and Lugg.</p>