

## **GOLD LICENCE: INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORM FOR 2003**

### **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.

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 licence 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 between £286 and £780, depending on its length. Roughly, it's £286 for the first 5.09m, then an additional £25-£28 for each extra metre of length. The full price list for boats under 3.5m is available. You can get a formal quotation for a wider boat by calling 01923 201120 (Mon-Fri 8am – 8pm, 9-1 Saturdays), or you can download the full price spreadsheet from [www.britishwaterways.co.uk](http://www.britishwaterways.co.uk) - use the site directory to take you to craft licensing.

As a rule of thumb, you may find a Gold licence more economical than separate purchases from the different navigation authorities if you plan to spend more than 2 consecutive weeks 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>.

### **How can I get a refund on my current, unexpired licence or registration?**

Your home navigation may issue a refund pro rata to full months unused, providing you send your old, unexpired licence disks back to the issuing office with your refund request.

If you currently hold a BW licence, you may deduct the pro-rata refund from the fee payable for your Gold Licence, providing you return your licence disks at the same time.

### **Discounts**

- Vessels which are powered solely by electricity: 25% discount.
- Historic boats on BW waterways claiming the 10% discount: the Customer Service Centre which processes your application 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.

All the fees are based on the BW prompt payment rates so there is no further discount.

### **Payment methods**

- cheque, cash or postal order. Cheques payable to British Waterways. Only send cash by registered post.
- Visa, Mastercard or Switch
- Direct Debit:
  - ⇒ in one single payment
  - ⇒ over 5 months subject to a 5% handling fee
  - ⇒ over 10 months subject to an 8% handling fee

### **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 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.

### **How long does it take to issue a licence?**

Please allow three weeks.

## 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)
- Macclesfield Canal
- 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
- Stort Navigation
- Sheffield & South Yorkshire  
Navigations
- Shropshire Union Canal
- Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal
- Stainforth & Keadby Canal
- Stourbridge Canal
- Stratford-on-Avon Canal
- Trent & Mersey Canal
- Trent Navigation
- Union Canal \*
- Upper Trent Navigation  
(incl. the Nottingham and Beeston Canal)
- Weaver Navigation
- Witham Navigation
- Worcester & Birmingham

### 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

## GOLD LICENCE FEES FOR NARROWBOATS AND CRAFT LESS THAN 11'5" WIDE, 2003

Fees include VAT where applicable. Price is the same for powered and unpowered craft.

The full fee table showing rates for wider craft may be downloaded from [www.britishwaterways.co.uk](http://www.britishwaterways.co.uk) (use the site directory to take you to craft licensing)

Overall length		Overall beam
<i>Metres</i>	<i>Feet &amp; inches</i>	Up to 3.49m / 11' 5" ( £ )
<b>Up to - 5.09</b>	Up to - 16' 8"	<b>286</b>
5.10 - 5.49	16' 9" - 18' 0"	308
<b>5.50 - 6.09</b>	18' 1" - 20' 0"	<b>308</b>
6.10 - 6.49	20' 1" - 21' 3"	332
<b>6.50 - 7.09</b>	21' 4" - 23' 3"	<b>332</b>
7.10 - 7.49	23' 4" - 24' 7"	358
<b>7.50 - 8.09</b>	24' 8" - 26' 6"	<b>358</b>
8.10 - 8.49	26' 7" - 27' 10"	383
<b>8.50 - 9.09</b>	27' 11" - 29' 10"	<b>383</b>
9.10 - 9.49	29' 11" - 31' 2"	408
<b>9.50 - 10.09</b>	31' 3" - 33' 1"	<b>408</b>
10.10 - 10.49	33' 2" - 34' 5"	434
<b>10.50 - 11.09</b>	34' 6" - 36' 5"	<b>434</b>
11.10 - 11.49	36' 6" - 37' 8"	459
<b>11.50 - 12.09</b>	37' 9" - 39' 8"	<b>459</b>
12.10 - 12.49	39' 9" - 41' 0"	485
<b>12.50 - 13.09</b>	41' 1" - 42' 11"	<b>485</b>
13.10 - 13.49	43' 0" - 44' 3"	509
<b>13.50 - 14.09</b>	44' 4" - 46' 3"	<b>509</b>
14.10 - 14.49	46' 4" - 47' 6"	534
<b>14.50 - 15.09</b>	47' 7" - 49' 6"	<b>534</b>
15.10 - 15.49	49' 7" - 50' 10"	561
<b>15.50 - 16.09</b>	50' 11" - 52' 9"	<b>561</b>
16.10 - 16.49	52' 10" - 54' 1"	585
<b>16.50 - 17.09</b>	54' 2" - 56' 1"	<b>585</b>
17.10 - 17.49	56' 2" - 57' 4"	611
<b>17.50 - 18.09</b>	57' 5" - 59' 4"	<b>611</b>

Overall length		Overall beam
<i>Metres</i>	<i>Feet &amp; inches</i>	Up to 3.49m / 11' 5" ( £ )
18.10 - 18.49	59' 5" - 60' 8"	657
<b>18.50 - 19.09</b>	<b>60' 9" - 62' 7"</b>	<b>637</b>
19.10 - 19.49	62' 8" - 63' 11"	662
<b>19.50 - 20.09</b>	<b>64' 0" - 65' 11"</b>	<b>662</b>
20.10 - 20.49	66' 0" - 67' 2"	687
<b>20.50 - 21.09</b>	<b>67' 3" - 68' 11"</b>	<b>687</b>
21.10 - 21.49	69' 0" - 70' 6"	714
<b>21.50 - 22.09</b>	<b>70' 7" - 72' 2"</b>	<b>714</b>
22.10 - 22.19	72' 3" - 72' 7"	750
<b>22.20 - 22.29</b>	<b>72' 8" - 73' 0"</b>	<b>750</b>
22.30 - 22.39	73' 1" - 73' 5"	750
<b>22.40 - 22.49</b>	<b>73' 6" - 73' 9"</b>	<b>750</b>
22.50 - 22.59	73' 10" - 74' 1"	750
<b>22.60 - 22.69</b>	<b>74' 2" - 74' 5"</b>	<b>750</b>
22.70 - 22.79	74' 6" - 74' 10"	750
<b>22.80 - 22.89</b>	<b>74' 11" - 75' 2"</b>	<b>750</b>
22.90 - 22.99	75' 3" - 75' 6"	750
<b>23.00 - 23.09</b>	<b>75' 7" - 75' 9"</b>	<b>780</b>
23.10 - 23.19	75' 10" - 76' 1"	780
<b>23.20 - 23.29</b>	<b>76' 2" - 76' 5"</b>	<b>780</b>
23.30 - 23.39	76' 6" - 76' 9"	780
<b>23.40 - 23.49</b>	<b>76' 10" - 77' 1"</b>	<b>780</b>
For vessels over 23.49 metres	Prices available on request	

Craft with permanently fitted inboard electric motors are eligible for 25% discount.



**PLEASE RETURN TO**  
 Customer Service Centre  
 British Waterways  
 Willow Grange  
 Church Road  
 Watford WD17 4QA  
 T 01923 201120  
 F 01923 201304  
 E enquiries.hq@britishwaterways.co.uk

# GOLD LICENCE JOINT APPLICATION FORM 2003

Please read the explanatory notes before filling in the form.

**We will return your application if it is not fully complete with correct enclosures.**

**Which is your current 'home' navigation area?**

British Waterways     
  EA Thames     
  EA Anglian  
 EA Southern     
 Other please state

**Owner Details**

Surname  (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss)

Forename(s)

Address

Postcode

Tel:  (home)  (daytime)

(mobile)  Email

Current British Waterways Customer Number if you have one:

**Boat Details**

**Your BW index no. and/or EA Reg. No**

**Boat Name**

(metres) Length     
  (metres) Beam     
  (metres) 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)     
  BHP     
 No. of engines

Other engines: None/Auxiliary/Generator/Other (please state):

**Where is your boat normally moored?**

Name of Canal/River  Site name

**Insurance**

*You need to use a British Waterways mooring application form to apply separately for a mooring.*

My boat is insured by  (enter name of insurer)

It has  Third Party  Comprehensive cover

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 or supply all the policy details requested.

**Boat safety Scheme**

Boat Safety Certificate No  Issue date  Expiry date

Validated (office use only)

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

**On board Appliances**

What appliances does your boat have?

	Cooker	Fridge	Water Heater	Central Heating	Fires
Gas	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Electric	<input type="checkbox"/>				
None	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Any other appliances?

What type of sanitary appliance does your boat have?

- Sea Toilet
- Holding Tank (Pumpout)
- Portable Container (Chemical Toilet)
- None

**Licence start date**

01 January /2003

Period: 12 months

What is the expiry date of your latest licence?

**Refund Request**

Who issued your last latest licence?

- British Waterways
- EA Anglian
- EA Medway

You must enclose your old BW disks if you are claiming a refund

You need to return your disks to the relevant EA office to claim a refund

Please use the current fee schedule to calculate this. You can obtain a copy from the address at the top of the form overleaf, or download it from [www.britishwaterways.co.uk](http://www.britishwaterways.co.uk) (use the site directory to take you straight to craft licensing)

£

**Payment method**

Credit Card:  Visa  Mastercard  Switch

Card details

Start  Expiry  Issue No.   
date date (Switch)

Card holder's name and billing address if different from owner details given above

Name

Address   
  
Postcode

Direct Debit – Remember to enclose completed mandate

- 1 Instalment
- 5 Instalments(add 5%)
- 10 Instalments (add 8%)

Cash, cheque or postal order. Payments to be crossed and payable to British Waterways.

Signature (if different from below)

**Please note**

**THIS LICENCE IS NON REFUNDABLE.**

Please check the British Waterways & Environment Agency websites for stoppage information before travel. The British Waterways main stoppage programme runs from November to March each year.

A waterway key & handcuff key are required for British Waterways navigations, cost £5 per key, available from the British Waterways Customer Service Centre, waterway offices and chandlers. A waterway key is also required for the River Nene, cost £4 per key, available for Environment Agency at the Peterborough office.

**Rules of the road**

You are responsible for familiarising yourself with, and following the navigation regulations set by each navigation authority. Your licence may be withdrawn if you do not comply. For a copy of The Boaters Handbook, contact BW Customer Service Centre or any BW or EA office.

**Personal information**

Under the Environment Agency's individual legislation, the information you have provided on this application will be included on registers which are available for public inspection.

**Declaration**

I hereby apply for a Registration/ licence to navigate the above vessel on the navigations of the Environment Agency and British Waterways in England and Wales. I have read the Boat Safety Scheme Booklet and am familiar with the navigation rules and advice covering the navigations that I wish to use. I understand that British Waterways or Environment Agency may revoke or refuse registration of the vessel or prohibit the vessel from being taken through a lock pen if the vessel is found to be non-compliant with the Boat Safety Scheme requirements.

I declare the information contained in my application is true

**Signature<sup>6</sup>  
Owner/Agent**

**Date**

**Please tick this box if you would like to receive information about British Waterways products and services**

**Environment Agency Contact Details**

**Thames Region**

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Reading  
Berkshire RG1 8DQ  
T 0118 953 5000

**Anglian Region**

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Dept 201  
Peterborough  
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T 01733 464 909

**Southern Region – Medway**

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Worthing  
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