

GOLD LICENCE: INFORMATION FOR 2006

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 £331 depending on its length. The fee sheet for boats under 3.5m wide is printed overleaf.

You can obtain a formal quotation for a wider boat by calling 01923 201120 (Mon-Fri 8am – 8pm, 9-1 Saturdays), or you can download the full fee sheet from www.waterscape.com/boating

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 start from January 1st – 31 December 2006 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.

Where can I obtain an application form?

Gold licence forms and fees are available from any BW office or can be downloaded from www.waterscape.com/boating

Discounts

- Vessels which are powered solely by electricity: 25% discount.
- BW prompt payment discount is already deducted in the published fee sheet
- 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 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.

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.)
- If you do not have a permanent mooring you will have to complete a continuous cruiser form, available from British Waterways Customer Services Centre, waterway offices and on-line at www.waterscape.com/boating

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 15 working days from receipt of your completed application.

Access keys

A single key fits all BW sanitary facilities and a handcuff key is required to open locks on some British Waterways navigations. Both Keys cost £5 each. Additional pump-out cards are £6.30 and these are required for the use of BW pump out facilities. All these are available from British Waterways Customer Services Centre, waterway offices, chandlers and on-line at www.waterscape.com

A separate waterway key is also required for the River Nene, cost £4 per key, available from the Environment Agency at the Peterborough office.

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/boating 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 Craft Licence Department,
Church Road, Watford WD17 4QA
T 01923 201120
Lines open Mon - Fri, 8am –8pm, Sat 9-1
F 01923 201304
E craft@britishwaterways.co.uk

GOLD LICENCE FEES FOR NARROWBOATS AND CRAFT LESS THAN 3.5m (11'5") WIDE, 2006

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

Overall length		Payment in full	Direct debit instalments
Metres	Feet & inches	£	£
Up to - 5.09	Up to - 16' 8"	331	364.10
5.10 - 6.09	16' 9" - 20' 0"	357	392.70
6.10 - 7.09	20' 1" - 23' 3"	385	423.50
7.10 - 8.09	23' 4" - 26' 6"	415	456.50
8.10 - 9.09	26' 7" - 29'10"	443	487.30
9.10 - 10.09	29'11" - 33' 1"	473	520.30
10.10 - 11.09	33' 2" - 36' 5"	502	552.20
11.10 - 12.09	36' 6" - 39' 8"	532	585.20
12.10 - 13.09	39' 9" - 42' 11"	562	618.20
13.10 - 14.09	43' 0" - 46' 3"	590	649.00
14.10 - 15.09	46' 4" - 49' 6"	619	680.90
15.10 - 16.09	49' 7" - 52' 9"	650	715.00
16.10 - 17.09	52'10" - 56' 1"	678	745.80
17.10 - 18.09	56' 2" - 59' 4"	709	779.90
18.10 - 19.09	59' 5" - 62' 7"	738	811.80
19.10 - 20.09	62' 8" - 65'11"	767	843.70
20.10 - 21.09	66' 0" - 68' 11"	796	875.60
21.10 - 22.09	69' 0" - 72' 2"	827	909.70
22.10 - 23.09	72' 3" - 75' 09"	870	957.00

For vessels over 23.09 metres

Prices available on request

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
- 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

(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
Craft Licence Department
British Waterways, Willow Grange
Church Road, Watford WD17 4QA
T 01923 201120 F 01923 201304
E Craft@britishwaterways.co.uk

Your BW Index No. and/or EA Reg. No

BW Customer Number

8

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

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

If continuous cruising, please tick and complete the continuous cruising form.

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 or supply all the policy details requested. Please turn over

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"/>				
Electric	<input type="checkbox"/>				
None	<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
--	--

Payment method

Please use the fee sheet enclosed to calculate your fee. £

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.

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.
- Please tick this box if you do not want to receive a copy of Waterfront.
- BW's customer magazine sent free to all licence holders twice a year.

This licence is not refundable

Issue date: 10/11/05

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.

HOW TO PAY YOUR RENEWAL

Cheque

Please make cheques payable to British Waterways and **write your customer number on the back.**

Please do not send cash through the post.

Payment Card (VISA, MASTERCARD, SWITCH ONLY)

Please complete your card details overleaf.

Direct Debit

If you paid for your last application by Direct Debit you do not need to do anything as long as your instruction has not been changed or cancelled. Your new licence/permit will be sent to you automatically.

If this is the first time you have chosen to pay by Direct Debit, or your bank details have changed, or it has been more than 13 months since you last paid by Direct Debit, please complete this mandate.

NB We can only operate Direct Debit from one bank account per customer.

It is important that you read the section 'paying by Direct Debit' in your fees and conditions booklet.

Direct Debit payment options

If you pay in 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.

Once you have set up a direct debit instruction, we will automatically collect payment in respect of the renewal unless you advise us not to. We will always notify you in advance of the payment dates and amounts.



Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay Direct Debits



Please fill in the whole form and send it to: British Waterways, Willow Grange, Church Road, Watford WD17 4QA

Originators Identification Number

9 8 0 0 9 4

1 Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society branch

To: The Manager
Bank or Building Society
Address
Postcode

4 Your Bank or Building Society account number

--

2 Name(s) of account holder(s)

--

5 British Waterways customer number

--

3 Branch sort code (from the top right hand corner of your cheque)

--	--	--

6 Instruction to your Bank or Building Society. Please pay British Waterways Direct Debits from the account detailed on this Instruction subject to the safeguards assured by The Direct Debit Guarantee. **I understand that this Instruction may remain with the Originator mentioned above and if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.**

Signature(s)	Date

Direct Debit Guarantee

If an error is made by us or your Bank or Building Society you are guaranteed that your branch will make a full and immediate refund of the amount paid. You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by writing to your Bank or Building Society. If you do this, please also send a copy of this letter to us. This Guarantee is offered by all Banks and Building Societies taking part in the Direct Debit Scheme. The efficiency and security of the Scheme is monitored and protected by your own Bank or Building Society.

British Waterways Craft Licensing Department Willow Grange Church Road Watford WD17 4QA

T 01923 201120 F 01923 201304 E craft@britishwaterways.co.uk

Mon-Fri 8am-8pm Sat 9am-1pm www.britishwaterways.co.uk