Take To The Water
A Beginner's Guide To Boating
On Inland Waterways
Take to the water with British Waterways and the National Rivers Authority

With well over 4,000 km (2,500 miles) of rivers and canals to explore, from the south west of England up to Scotland, our inland waterways offer plenty of variety for both the casual boater and the dedicated enthusiast.

If you have ever experienced the pleasures of ‘messing about on boats’, you will know what a wealth of scenery and heritage inland waterways open up to us, and the unique perspective they provide.

Boating is fun and easy. This pack is designed to help you get afloat if you are thinking about buying a boat.

Amongst other useful information, it includes details of:

**Navigation Authorities**

British Waterways (BW) and the National Rivers Authority (NRA), which is to become part of the new Environment Agency for England and Wales on 1 April 1996, manage most of our navigable rivers and canals.

We are responsible for maintaining the waterways and locks, providing services for boaters and we licence and manage boats.

There are more than 20 smaller navigation authorities across the country. We have included information on some of these smaller organisations.

**Licences and Moorings**

We tell you everything you need to know from, how to apply for a licence to how to find a permanent mooring or simply a place for a long stay. We also provide some useful hints on buying a boat, including recommended boat builders, loans, insurance and the Boat Safety Scheme.

**Useful addresses**

A detailed list of useful organisations and contacts suggested some books we think will help you get the most out of your boating experiences.

Happy boating!
1 Owning a Boat

Buying a Boat

With such a vast range of boats available to suit every price range, choosing a boat can be quite a tricky business! Many people hire a boat for a holiday before committing themselves (for holiday information telephone 0345 626252). Contacting or joining a local club can also give you a helpful start. BW and NRA offices can provide lists of local clubs. Local information about maximum craft dimensions, speed limits etc. for different navigations is available from BW and NRA offices.

Second Hand Boats

If you are a first time buyer, you may be looking for a second hand boat. These are available through boatyards, brokers and by private sale. One of the best places to start looking is in the monthly boating magazines, from newsagents or by subscription (see sheet 4 - Useful Addresses). Waterways World publishes a booklet entitled “The New Inland Boat Owner's Book” which covers a wide range of useful information for the first time boat buyer.

Once you have found the boat you are looking for, you should arrange for a proper inspection by a surveyor recognised under the Boat Safety Scheme (information on the Scheme is included on sheet 3) before you put in an offer or complete the deal. As an independent adviser, the surveyor will check the boat's condition, specifications and valuation and ensure that the craft complies with the Boat Safety Scheme standards.

A new scheme, organised by the British Marine Industries Federation (BMIF), called Boatmark has been set up to act as both a deterrent to boat theft and to protect against fraudulent sale of boats - so it is worth checking with them before you buy a boat to see if the boat is registered. There is a leaflet about the scheme in this pack. Once you have bought a boat you can have it marked with an unique Hull Identification Number and registered under the Boatmark system.

New Boats

If you decide to have a boat built specially for you, trade organisations such as the Canal Boat Builders Association (CBA) and BMIF (see sheet 4 - Useful Addresses) will be able to provide the names of reputable companies. The free booklet “How to Buy a Narrow Boat” is published for the CBA by BMIF. “The New Inland Boat Owner's Book” (referred to earlier) also includes useful information if you are building your own boat or having one built for you.
Whoever is building your boat, do ensure that the requirements of the Boat Safety Scheme are complied with. It is also worthwhile having your boat marked and registered under the Boatmark scheme (see enclosed leaflet for details).

**Shared Boat ownership**

Shared ownership schemes offer a good option if you do not want to make the financial commitment to purchase a boat. Several companies offer this type of service, and the advertisement sections of boating magazines are good places to look for more information.

**Getting a loan**

Boats can be expensive and few of us are lucky enough to have the cash available to purchase a craft outright. But rather than saving long term for your boat, you might want to consider a loan package as a means of getting afloat sooner rather than later. There are a number of options

- a personal loan through a high street bank or building society. However, the boat itself will not usually be accepted as security. You will need therefore to find some other way to secure the loan.

- finance houses - it is possible to get a loan for your boat from a finance house specialising in packages for inland waterways boats. Look in boating magazines for information and advertisements.

- marinas, boatyards or boat builders often have agreements with finance houses and will help in getting a loan.

- brokers - some independent brokers specialise in boat loans.

**Insurance**

We would strongly advise anyone buying a boat to have it insured. As with a car, the very minimum should be some kind of third party cover which will safeguard you as the owner, or the person who is in charge of your boat, in the event of a claim against you for damage or injury. In addition, you should insure your boat against loss or damage and provide cover for the safety of the crew.

On waters managed by British Waterways third party insurance will be compulsory. See sheet 3.1 - Licensing your boat with British Waterways for more details.

Insurance companies and brokers will advise you on this matter. The best place to start looking for those specialising in marine coverage for inland waterways is in boating magazines. You will find that many boatyards, marinas etc. provide insurance packages.
2 Navigation Authorities

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For general information contact:

British Waterways
Customer Services
Willow Grange
Church Road
Watford WD1 3QA
Tel: 01923 226422
Fax: 01923 201300

National Rivers Authority
Navigation Section
Rivers House
Waterside Drive
Aztec West
Almondsbury
Bristol BS12 4UD
Tel: 01454 624400
Fax: 01454 624409

This pack also includes a map showing the location of the waterways managed by BW and NRA.
2.1 British Waterways

British Waterways manages and cares for over 3 000 km (2 000 miles) of canals and rivers and conserves the historic buildings, structures and landscapes which blend to create the unique environment of the inland waterways. Our work involves ensuring that our waterways are safe places for people to enjoy, which includes maintaining the locks, bridges, towing paths and canal beds. We also look after the surrounding area, wildlife and buildings which are all connected with our canals and rivers. We aim to take care of all of these things in a way which will provide the greatest benefit and enjoyment for the people who use our canals and rivers - now and in the future.

British Waterways - Regional Addresses

British Waterways
Scotland
Canal House
Applecross Street
Glasgow
G4 9SP
Tel: 0141 332 6936
Fax: 0141 331 1688

British Waterways
North West
Navigation Road
Northwich
Cheshire
CW8 1BH
Tel: 01606 74321
Fax: 01606 871471

British Waterways
North East
1 Dock Street
Leeds
LS1 1HH
Tel: 0113 281 6800
Fax: 0113 281 6886

British Waterways
Midlands & South West
Peel’s Wharf
Lichfield Street
Fazeley
Tamworth
Staffordshire
B78 3QZ
Tel: 01827 252000
Fax: 01827 288071

British Waterways
South
Brindley House
Corner Hall
Lawn Lane
Hemel Hempstead
Hertfordshire HP3 9YT
Tel: 01442 235400
Fax: 01442 234932
2.2 National Rivers Authority

The rivers managed by the National Rivers Authority (NRA) contrast greatly with each other, from remote fenland rivers in East Anglia to the grand River Thames which stretches from the Cotswolds to the City of London. Steeped in history and winding their way through some of England's most beautiful countryside, these rivers provide a host of recreational opportunities, but are also important habitats for many types of fish, animals, birds and plants.

The NRA works to maintain and improve these waterways and their facilities for use by the public. The rivers for which the NRA is the navigation authority are in its Anglian, Thames and Southern Regions, and navigation staff in the relevant Regional offices will be happy to give advice and local information.

National Rivers Authority - Regional Addresses

**National Rivers Authority - Anglian Region**
Kingfisher House
Goldhay Way
Orton Goldhay
Peterborough
PE2 5ZR.
Tel: 01733 371811
Fax: 01733 231840

**National Rivers Authority - Southern Region**
Guildbourne House
Chatsworth Road
Worthing
West Sussex
BN11 1LD
Tel: 01903 820692
Fax: 01903 821832

**National Rivers Authority - Thames Region**
Kings Meadow House
Kings Meadow Road
Reading RG1 8DQ
Tel: 01734 535000
Fax: 01734 500388
The Environment Agency - business as usual for boaters

On 1 April 1996, the NRA will become part of the new Environment Agency for England and Wales. All the functions of the NRA, including its responsibilities for navigation, will be transferred to the new Agency, where they will continue as described here.

It will be business as usual for boaters and the information in this pack will remain relevant when the Environment Agency comes into being.
### 2.3 Inland Navigation Authorities

In addition to British Waterways and the National Rivers Authority, there are a number of other smaller navigation authorities with responsibility for some inland waterways. The main navigations outside BW or NRA.

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<td>Exeter City Council, Canal Basin, Haven Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 8DU, Tel: (01392) 74306</td>
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<td>York City Council, Engineering Services, 9 St Leonards Place, York, YO1 2ET, Tel: (01904) 613161</td>
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<td>Grand Western Canal</td>
<td>Devon County Council, Engineering &amp; Planning Dept, County Hall, Exeter, Devon, EX2 4QF, Tel: (01884) 254072</td>
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Associated British Ports
PO Box 1
Port House
Corporation Road
Hull HU9 5PQ
Tel: (01482) 27171

Lake Windermere
Lake Wardens
Lake Admin. Office
Ferry Nab
Bowness-on-Windermere
Cumbria LA23 3JH
Tel: (015394) 42753

Lydney Canal
Harbour Master's Office
Lydney Docks
Lydney
Gloucestershire

Manchester Ship Canal
Manchester Ship Canal Co.
Harbour Office
Queen Elizabeth II Dock
Eastham
Wirral
L62 0BB
Tel: (0151) 327 1461

River Mersey
Mersey Docks & Harbour Board
Dock Office
Liverpool
L3 1BZ
Tel: (0151) 236 6010

Middle Level Navigations
Middle Level Commissioners
Middle Level Offices
Dartford Road
March
Cambs.
PE15 8AF
Tel: (01354) 53232

Neath Canal
Neath Canal Project
Canals Officer
Neath Borough Council
Civic Centre
Neath
West Glamorgan
SA11 3QA
Tel: (01639) 55282

Norfolk & Suffolk Broads
Broads Authority
Thomas Harvey House
18 Colgate
Norwich
Norfolk
NR3 1BQ
Tel: (01603) 610734

River Ouse (Yorkshire)
Associated British Ports
PO Box 1
Port House
Corporation Road
Hull
HU9 5PQ
Tel: (01482) 27171
(Trent Falls to Skelton Bridge)
Linton Lock Commissioners
1-3 Wheelgate
Malton
North Yorks.
YO17 0HT
(Widdington Ings to Swale Nab)

Rochdale Canal
Rochdale Canal Company
75 Dale Street
Manchester
M1 2HG
Tel: (0161) 236 2456
(Manchester 9 Locks)

Rochdale Canal
Rochdale Canal Trust
Rochdale Canal Workshop
Callis Mill
Charles Town
Hebden Bridge
West Yorkshire
Tel: (01422) 844990
(Restored Section)

Sleaford Navigation
Sleaford Navigation Society
10 Chelmer Close
North Hykeham
Lincoln
LN6 8TH
Tel: (01522) 689460
(Kyme Eau)

Stroudwater Navigation
Company of Proprietors
Rockies
Old Gloucester Road
Upper Randwick
Stroud
Glos.
GL6 6JN
Tel: (01453) 762781

River Tees Barrage
Teesside Development Corporation
Dunedin House
Riverside Quay
Stockton-on-Tees
Cleveland
TS17 6BJ
Tel: (016442) 633272

Tennant Canal
Port Tennant Co.
49 Mansel Street
Swansea
SA1 5TB
Tel: (01792) 55891

River Trent
Associated British Ports
PO Box 1
Port House
Corporation Road
Hull
HU9 5PQ
Tel: (01482) 27171

River Wey
National Trust
Daphune Wharf
Wharf Road
Guildford
Surrey
GU1 4RR
Tel: (01483) 61389

Witham Navigable Drains
Witham & Fourth District Internal Drainage Board
47 Norfolk Street
Boston
Lincs.
PE21 6PP
Tel: (01205) 310099
3 Licences and Moorings

Getting a licence

Every boat on an inland waterway must be licensed and/or registered with the relevant navigation authority. To do this you will have to pay a fee.

Some reservoirs have special licence arrangements granting exclusive sailing rights to clubs; so club members do not need a separate licence. BW and the NRA can tell you where these special licence arrangements apply.

The money you pay in licence fees is spent directly on maintaining and improving waterways and on providing facilities for boat users such as sewage disposal, water supply and electricity charging points.

Separate information sheets tell you how to go about licensing your boat on BW and NRA navigations.

Moorings

For general cruising around inland waterways there are plenty of visitor mooring sites to choose from.

However, you will need a place to leave your boat when you are not using it. This could be permanent mooring, for example, in a marina. Having a mooring can be necessary to get a licence.

There are many sites along the inland waterways, ranging from basic towpath moorings to fully equipped marinas. Both BW and the NRA own a number of moorings for letting to boat owners - others may be run by private businesses or land owners.

Mooring costs vary depending on location and facilities. Contact BW Customer Services or NRA Regional Offices for information, or look in waterways and boating guides and magazines for independently run moorings.

It’s worth remembering that demand for mooring sites is often high, particularly in popular locations, so there may be a waiting list.

Living on a Boat

BW produces a special information sheet called “Living on the Waterways” - contact customer services for a copy.
Boat Safety Scheme

If you are going boating, you must ensure that your boat is safe - not just for your own safety and security, but for that of other waterway users.

British Waterways and the National Rivers Authority have developed the Boat Safety Scheme - a harmonised set of technical boat safety standards which apply to boats on our waterways.

Under the Scheme, all boats must be examined by a surveyor or examiner recognised under the Boat Safety Scheme. They will issue Boat Safety Certificates to boats which meet the standards.

Meeting the Boat Safety Scheme Standards will be a condition of licensing or registration on both BW and NRA waters. Please see sheet 3.1 for further details.

A free information pack describing the scheme, with a list of approved surveyors and examiners, is available from BW or the NRA.
3.1 Licensing your Boat on BW Navigations

Type of licence

We have different licences depending on whether you want to use your boat:

- on our canals and rivers
- just our rivers
- for cruising
- as a houseboat

Cost

How much you pay for your licence will depend on:

- the length of your boat
- the amount of time you want your licence to last

Duration

We issue licences for:

- 1 day
- 7 days
- 1 month
- 3 months
- 6 months, and
- 12 months

Boat Safety Scheme and Insurance

**Boats built in 1971 and after** will need a Boat Safety Certificate when renewing or taking out a licence from 1 January 1997. They will also need to have third party insurance cover of at least £1,000,000 for any one claim from this date.

**Boats built in 1970 and before** will need a Boat Safety Certificate when renewing or taking out a licence from 1 January 1998. They will also need to have third party insurance cover of at least £1,000,000 for any one claim from this date.

We strongly recommend that your boat meets the standards and that you have third party insurance before these dates.
Moorings

You will need to have a place to leave your boat when you are not using it. British Waterways will be introducing a requirement that you have a mooring before we will licence your boat. We are currently consulting with representatives of boaters about when to introduce this.

We will give boaters advance notice and time to comply.

Navigation restrictions

We sometimes have to restrict or close our waterways to navigation to do essential work. Most of these “stoppages” are planned to take place in the winter months.

We publish lists of planned stoppages in the spring and autumn. These are sent to all boaters in a newsletter called British Waterways News which contains other useful information and news about the waterways.

Up to date information about unplanned stoppages can be found on Ceefax pages 555 and 556. We also have two recorded message services for unplanned stoppages called “Canalphone”. The Canalphone numbers are:

- North 01923 201401
- South 01923 201402.

Waterways Codes

We have a series of free codes which guide our users on how to enjoy the waterways safely and without spoiling the enjoyment of other users. For boaters we have the following codes:

- Waterways Code for Boaters
- Waterways Code for Users of Unpowered Craft
- Waterways Code for Boaters on the River Kennet
- Waterways Code for Boaters on the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal and the River Severn
- Waterways Code Cruising Notes for Boaters on the River Ouse
- Waterways Code Aire & Calder Navigation Cruising Notes
- Waterways Code for Boaters on the Leeds and Liverpool.

You can get copies of these from customer services on 01923 226422.

Further information

If you would like any more information please contact our customer services team on 01923 226422.
3.2 Licensing your Boat on NRA Navigations

The NRA is responsible for over 800km (500 miles) of Britain's finest river navigations. If you intend to go boating on any of the NRA's navigations you must apply for a licence from the relevant NRA Region. Failure to do so could result in prosecution and a fine.

Classes and categories exist for every type of vessel: powered craft, unpowered craft - canoes, kayaks, dinghies, houseboats - and also for other commercial craft. Most craft pay an annual fee, but for visitors and occasional users a range of short term licences are available. Your licence fees contribute towards the improvement of our navigations for your benefit.

The NRA navigations are:

**NRA Anglian Region**

Rivers Ancholme, Welland/Glen, Nene, Great Ouse (and its accompanying system) and Stour.

Free leaflets on many of East Anglia's rivers and waterways are available from the NRA Anglian Region. (See sheet 7 - Publications From the NRA, for details.) For licence information, charges, application forms etc. contact:

Navigation Section  
NRA Anglian Region  
Kingfisher House  
Goldhay Way  
Peterborough PE2 5ZR  
Tel: 01733 371811  
Fax: 01733 231840

**NRA Southern Region**

The River Medway - between Maidstone and Tonbridge.

Free leaflets and information about the Medway Navigation are available from NRA Southern Region (see sheet 7 - Publications From the NRA). For licence information, charges, application forms etc. contact:

Navigation Section  
NRA Southern Region  
Guildbourne House  
Chatsworth Road  
Worthing  
West Sussex BN11 1LD  
Tel: 01903 820692  
Fax: 01903 821832
NRA Thames Region

The River Thames.
For books and free leaflets from the NRA Thames Region see sheet 7.
Publications From the NRA. For licence information, charges, application forms etc. contact:

Navigation Department
NRA Thames Region
Kings Meadow House
Kings Meadow Road
Reading RG1 8DQ
Tel: 01734 535000
Fax: 01734 500388

Navigation Closures

From time to time, it is necessary to close parts of our navigations, locks etc. for essential maintenance or improvement works.

Although we make information on closures available through notices and local press etc., it is always advisable to check with the relevant NRA Region for information on planned closures to avoid disappointment and disruption to your boating.
4 Useful Addresses

British Waterways
Customer Services
Willow Grange
Church Road
Watford WD1 3QA
Tel: 01923 226422
Fax: 01923 201300

National Rivers Authority
Rivers House
Waterside Drive
Aztec West
Almondsbury
Bristol BS12 4UD
Tel: 01454 624000
Fax: 01454 624409

Boating Organisations:

Amateur Rowing Association
(ARA)
The Priory
6 Lower Mall
Hammersmith
London W6 9DJ
Tel: 0181-748 3632
Fax: 0181-741 4658

Association of Pleasure Craft Operators (APCO)
35a High Street
Newport
Shropshire
TF10 BJW
Tel: 01952 613572
Fax: 01952 620363

Association of Waterways Cruising Clubs (AWCC)
6'Navisford Close
Thrapston
Northants
NN14 4TG
Tel: 01832 733762

British Canoe Union (BCU)
John Dudderidge House
Adbolton Lane
West Bridgford
Nottingham NG2 5AS
Tel: 01602 821100
Fax: 01602 821797

British Marine Industries Federation (BMIF)
Mealsake Place
Thorpe Lea Road
Egham
Surrey TW20 8HE
Tel: 01784 473377
Fax: 01784 439678

Boating Organisations:

Canal Boat Builders Association
c/o Narrowcraft Ltd
The Boatyard, Robey's Yard
Alvecote, Nr Tamworth
Staffs B78 1AS
Tel: 01827 898585

Commercial Narrowboat Operators Association
1 Canalside
Stoke Bruerne
Northants NN12 7SE
Tel: 01604 862887

Community Boats Association
4 The Locks
Hilmorton
Rugby
Warwickshire CV21 4PP
Tel: 01788 560104

Cruising Association
Ivory House
St Katherine's dock
London E1 9AT
Tel: 0171-481 0881

Canoe Camping Club
25 Waverton Road
South Norwood
London
SE25 4HT

English Tourist Board
Thames Tower
Black's Road
Hammersmith
London W6 9EL
Tel: 0181-846 9000

Electric Boat Association
8 Glebe Road
Bracknell
Berks RG12 3DG
Tel/Fax: 01344 483841

Inland Waterways Association
114 Regents' Park Road
London
NW1 8UG
Tel: 0171-586 2510
Fax: 0171-586 2556

National Association of Boat Owners,
111 Maas Road
Northfield
Birmingham
B31 2PP

Residential Boat Owners Association
3 Ducks Walk
Twickenham
Middx TW1 2DD
Tel: 01374 851686
(after 7.00pm)

Royal Yachting Association
RYA House
Romsey Road
Eastleigh
Hants S05 4YA
Tel: 01703 629962

Steam Boat Association of Great Britain
35 Acacia Road
Hampton
Middx TW12 3DS
Tel: 0181-941 1505
Welsh Canoeing Association
Canolfan Tryweryn
Frongoch
Bala
Gwynedd LL23 7NU
Tel: 01678 521276

Yacht Charter Association
60 Silverdale
New Milton
Hants BH25 7DE
Tel: 01425 619004

Yacht Harbour Association
Evergate Park Barn
Smeeth
Ashford
Kent TN25 6SX
Tel: 01303 814434

Museums

The Canal Museum
British Waterways
Stoke Bruerne
Towcester
Northants NN12 7SE
Tel: 01604 862229
(mail order available)

London Canal Museum
12-13 New Wharf Road
King’s Cross
London N1 9RT
Tel: 0171-713 0836

The National Waterways Museum
Llanthony Warehouse
Gloucester Docks
Gloucester GL1 2EH
Tel: 01452 318054

The Boat Museum
Ellesmere Port
Cheshire
L65 4FW
Tel: 0151-355 4079

Boating Magazines

Canal & Riverboat
Stanley House
9 West Street
Epsom
Surrey KT18 7RL
Tel: 01372 741411
Fax: 01372 744493

Motor Boat and Yachting
IPC Magazines
King’s Reach Tower
Stamford Street
London SE1 9LS
Tel: 0171-261 5333
Fax: 0171-261 5419

Practical Boat Owner
Westover House
West Quay Road
Poole
Dorset BH15 1JG
Tel: 01202 680593
Fax: 01202 674375

Waterways World
Kottingham House
Dale Street
Burton on Trent
Staffs DE14 3TD
Tel: 01283 564290
Fax: 01283 561077
5 Bibliography

The following books, guides, maps and leaflets provide useful reading for anyone interested in boating on inland waterways. Some of the books may be out of print, but you should be able to find copies through your local library.

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6 Material Available From BW

Customer Order Form
If you require any of the following please tick the appropriate box and return the form to:

Customer Services, British Waterways, Willow Grange, Church Road, Watford. WD1 3QA. Telephone: 01923 226422 Fax: 01923 201300

We charge for some of the items below. Please make your cheques payable to British Waterways.

1 Licence application forms:
   Short term - up to 1 month and unpowered craft
   Long term - 1 month to 1 year

2 Direct debit form
   Can be used for one full payment or:
   - payment over a 5 month period - add 5% to your licence fee.
   - payment over a 10 month period - add 8% to your licence fee.

3 Boat Safety Scheme
   A comprehensive pack on the construction and equipping of boats.

4 Stoppage programme
   Current listing of scheduled stoppages

5 Waterways Codes:
   All Together Better
   Unpowered Craft
   Cyclists
   Organised Parties
   Boaters
   Boater’s Video
   Anglers

6 Colour leaflets
   Leaflets relating to specific waterways may be obtained from your local Waterway Office (please see their contact details enclosed)
   Scotland
   North
   Midlands
   South
   General
   Museums

7 Caring for Britain’s Waterways
   Booklet outlining what British Waterways does and its commitments to the public.
8 Meeting your needs
Booklet reporting British Waterways' progress towards achieving specific
targets for waterway maintenance and service provision.

9 Rosie & Jim water safety information
Told by these popular TV characters:

Rosie & Jim's safety leaflet (free)  
Rosie & Jim's activity pack.
I enclose £1.50 to cover postage and packing  
Rosie & Jim's 7-minute water safety video 'Stay Safe Near Water'
I enclose £2.50 to cover postage and packing.*

£___  p

10 Canals Alive!
Information about this programme of activities which celebrates the art
and tradition of canals.

Name __________________________________________
Address _________________________________________
Postcode ________________________________________
Tel no ___________________________________________

Please return to:

British Waterways, Customer Services, Willow Grange, Church Road,
Watford. WD1 3QA

* The video is available free of charge to schools and organised groups.
## 7 Publications From the NRA

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FORM USE
This form should be used for all licence and mooring applications and renewals with the exception of short term licences and small unpowered (e.g. rowing boat, dinghy, canoe) craft in which case you should use the form BW/AS 24.

GENERAL
These Explanatory Notes have been written to help you understand the licensing arrangements for boats on waterways managed by British Waterways. Please remember that you need a valid licence or certificate at all times when your boat is on our waterways whether the boat is cruising or stationary. Details of our fees and charges are available separately from our waterway offices or one of our authorised Agents. From those schedules please insert the correct fee in the fee column on the right hand side of the form and total them at the bottom. If your application is accepted your licence, certificate or permit will be issued within 21 days from our receipt. In the interests of safety BW are introducing new requirements for Boat Safety Certificates and Insurance. These requirements will be phased in from 1st January 1997, please see sections 6 and 7 for details.

WHAT ARE YOU APPLYING FOR?
Please indicate if this is a new application or a renewal by ticking the appropriate box. Also at the top of the form a number of selections can be made under "A", "B" or "C" and you should tick the appropriate box(es). Listed below are the different applications which can be made and relevant boxes to be completed:

The PRIVATE category covers:
- Pleasure Boat Licence
- River Registration Certificate
- Houseboat Certificate
- Mooring Permit

The BUSINESS category covers:
- Hire Boat Licence
- River Registration Certificate (Hire)
- Commercial Carrying Vessel Licence
- Pleasure Boat Multi-user Licence

Note 1: A Department of Transport (DTP) Passenger Certificate is required for all boats carrying more than 12 passengers.

Note 2: For river use only the cost is 60% of the full licence which covers both canals and rivers. Details of which rivers you may use if you select the river use only category are given at the end of these explanatory notes.

1. BOAT DETAILS
This section needs to be completed in full giving the details of the boat to which the licence is to apply. All boats licensed with BW for periods in excess of 1 month are given a unique Index Number, similar in principle to a car registration number. If you already have a number, please quote it. If you change the name of your vessel include the old name in brackets. When applying for non-use of locks ensure you include the BHP of your engine.

2. OWNER DETAILS
Please complete this section with all requested details.

3. USE OF BOAT
Private - If you are applying for a licence in this category, tick this box and tick whether you will be using your boat for "pleasure" or as a "houseboat". New houseboat customers should first discuss their application with the local Waterway Manager.

Business - If you are applying for a licence in this category, tick this box and complete the additional information. If you specify use as "other" please indicate the use to which the boat is put e.g. Multi-User. New business customers should first discuss their application with the local Waterway Manager.

4. LICENCE
All Private long term licences start on the first day of a month. Please indicate the month and year in which you want the licence to start. Long term Private licences can be issued for 12 months, 6 months or 3 months. Business licences are only issued for 12 months and always start on 1st April.
5. MOORING

Please enter details of your mooring location even if you are not applying for a mooring permit. This will enable us to allocate the licence income to the correct waterway. Please state the canal or river and the mooring site name. To aid identification please also state the nearest bridge name and number. Do Not enter dates and period of duration unless applying for a permit. BW Mooring Permits are available for 3, 6, 9 and 12 months and you should consult your local Waterway Manager for details.

6. INSURANCE

Please give details of any insurance which you may have for your boat indicating whether it is third party or comprehensive cover. This is not obligatory at this time, but from the introduction of the Boat Safety Scheme all craft will require third party Insurance to obtain a licence (see dates in section 7). The minimum level of cover for third party insurance will be set at £1 million.

7. BOAT STANDARDS

British Waterways are committed to providing a safe environment for customers, local communities and staff. Minimum safety standards are currently compulsory for Houseboats and most business craft. These safety standards will become mandatory for all craft during the two years commencing 1st January 1997. Craft built in 1971 and after will need a Boat Safety Certificate (BSC) when renewing or taking out a new licence on or after 1st January 1997. Craft built in 1970 or before will require a BSC when renewing or taking out a new licence on or after 1st January 1998.

The £20 discount previously offered for voluntary compliance with the Boat Safety Scheme will cease from 1st January 1996. However, for those of our customers who voluntarily complied the discount will continue until the mandatory start date, i.e. 1st January 1997 or 1st January 1998, depending on the year of construction.

8. METHOD OF PAYMENT

Credit Card - Should you wish to pay for your licence by credit card, please tick whether this is Access or Visa and include the expiry date of your card.

Cash/Cheque/Postal Order - Please delete those items which are not applicable. Cheques and postal orders are to be made payable to "British Waterways". Only send cash by Registered Post.

Direct Debit - For payments for 12 month licences, permits or certificates, you are also able to pay by way of an open direct debit facility which spreads the payments. This is available as either 5 payments with a 5% handling charge or 10 payments with an 8% handling charge payable in addition to the licence fee. Alternatively, the option is available to pay by Direct Debit by one single payment each year and no handling charge is made. Please clearly indicate whether you are applying for 1, 5 or 10 payment option. A separate Direct Debit Mandate form is available and should be completed in full. If you are renewing a licence or mooring permit which was previously paid for by Direct Debit, there is no need to complete a Mandate form unless your Bank Details have changed. However, you must sign and return the Renewal Application to continue this type of payment method.

Please note your payment should be equal to the total box at the bottom of the fee column.

9. SUNDRIES

If at the time of application you are making a purchase through our local office and your payment is to cover that as well, please indicate what the purchase was and the amount.

10. DON'T FORGET TO SIGN AND DATE THE DECLARATION AT THE BOTTOM OF THE FORM AND ENSURE THE FEE COLUMN IS COMPLETED.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Agents - Agents may only be used if applying for a short term licence, namely those of 1 month or less duration OR in the case of long term licences where the boat is permanently moored at the licensing agent’s site.

APPENDIX

Rivers managed by British Waterways which can be used with a River Registration Certificate.
The River Avon - Hanham Lock to Bath
The Fossdyke Navigation
The River Lee Navigation - Hertford to Limehouse
The River Stort Navigation
The River Severn - Stourport to Gloucester
The River Soar - River Trent Junction to Leicester
The River Trent - Shardlow to Gainsborough, including the Nottingham & Beeston Canal
The Weaver Navigation - Winsford Bridge to the Manchester Ship Canal
The Witham Navigation - Lincoln to Boston
The Yorkshire Ouse and River Ure - Ripon to Goole
Full details of the BW managed sections of these rivers can be obtained from the local Waterway Office.

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# British Waterways Application Form

## New Application or Renewal

### 1. Boat Details
- **Index No:**
- **Name:**
- **Length ft/m:**
- **Beam ft/m:**
- **Draught ft/m:**
- **Year of construction:**
- **Hull material:**
- **Boat makers name:**
- **Powered:**
- **Unpowered:**
- **Electric:**
- **Engine size:**
- **BHP:**

### 2. Owner Details
- **Forenames:**
- **Surname:**
- **Address:**
- **Postcode:**
- **Telephone:**
- **Fax:**

### 3. Use of Boat
- **Private:**
- **Business:**
- **Use of locks:**
- **Expiry date of DTp cert:**
- **If business, please tick use:**
  - weekly hire
  - day hire
  - trip
  - restaurant
  - hotel
  - shop
  - carrying cargo
  - workshop
  - M/user
  - other (specify)

### 4. Licence
- **Start date:**
- **Period:**
- **Does the start date follow immediately the expiry of the last licence?**
- **Start date:**
- **Period:**

### 5. Mooring
- **Name of Canal/River:**
- **Site name:**
- **If applying for BW mooring permit please indicate:**
- **Start date:**
- **Period:**

### 6. Insurance
- **Third Party**
- **Comprehensive**
- **Insurance Co:**
- **Policy No:**
- **Start date:**
- **Expiry date:**
- **New start date:**
- **New expiry date:**

### 7. Boat Standards
- **B.S.C. No:**
- **Issue date:**
- **Period:**
- **Yrs:**
- **Inspector’s name:**

### 8. Method of Payment
- **Credit Card**
- **Visa**
- **Access**
- **Cash/cheques/POs**
- **D/Debit**
- **1 Instalment**
- **5 Instalments**
- **10 Instalments**
- **Expiry date:**
- **Signature:**

### 9. Sundries
- (Please specify)

### 10. Declaration
- **I declare that the information given above is true. I agree to observe the conditions printed overleaf.**
- **Signature:**
- **Date:**

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**British Waterways**
Willow Grange
Church Road
Watford
WD1 3QA
Telephone 01923 226422
Fax 01923 226081

**FEE (£):**

**Please use BLOCK CAPITALS when filling in this form.**
CONDTIONS

Advisory Notes

Any pleasure boat on any of BW's Waterways must have a valid licence. Failure to have a relevant licence may result in prosecution and the imposition of a fine.

You may also require a Department of Transport Passenger Certificate in accordance with the Merchant Shipping Act 1999 to use a vessel on any waterway (including the Board's canals) to carry more than twelve passengers (exclusive of necessary crew) unless a Passenger Certificate is in force which has been obtained from the Department of Transport.

The Board will not issue licence for such passenger vessels unless the appropriate Passenger Certificate has been obtained through the Board's Licensing Office. Details of survey requirements can be obtained from the nearest Mercantile Marine Survey Office or from the Department of Transport.

Licences and permits are issued by the Board subject to the following Conditions. Please note that licences and permits are not issued to persons under 18 years of age except in respect of the use of canoes and small unpowered boats.

PLEASURE BOAT LICENCE CONDITIONS

1. The Board's Pleasure Boat Licence authorises the use of the boat only on those waterways described in "Waterways Available for Pleasure Caching" a copy of which may be obtained from the Board’s Licensing Office. Such licences are issued by the Board subject to the following Conditions. Please note that licences shall not be transferred from one boat to another.

2. The owner, Licencee and any person in charge of a licensed boat at all times carry with them the Acts, Bye-laws and Regulations from time to time in force on the waterways and shall be able to produce them on demand given by the Board or by an authorised person on their behalf.

3. Details of any change in the name of a licensed pleasure boat, or the address of the licensee, shall be given to the Board's Licensing Officer at Watford immediately they occur. The licence shall be used only upon the waterways or waterways on which the licence is valid.

4. Refunds of licence fees will not be made unless the Board’s discretion has been reversed by an appeal in court. Licence fees paid for part of any year are not refundable.

5. On determination of the licence, whether by revocation or by expiration of the licence, the licence holder may be required to give up his licence and the board’s waterways by notice in writing by the Board, provide access to his boat for the purposes of inspection by or on behalf of the Board prior to the issue of a new licence.

6. The Licensee shall ensure that his boat is properly maintained personal buoyancy aids.

7. The Board’s Pleasure Boat Licence authorises the use of the boat only on those waterways described in "Waterways Available for Pleasure Caching" a copy of which may be obtained from the Board’s Licensing Office. Such licences are issued by the Board subject to the following Conditions. Please note that licences shall not be transferred from one boat to another.

10. The Licensee shall ensure that the boat is moored only at places where mooring is permitted by the Board.

11. The Licensee shall be responsible for the maintenance of the boat, its equipment and gear and of the works of towage but only on those waterways on which the Board’s Commercial Vessel Licensing Conditions in force when the boat is used.

12. The Licensee or his agent shall offer the hire and all members of his party the use, free of extra charge, of property or other boats or to the Board’s property or apparatus. He shall also ensure that the boat is in a sound and serviceable state and that its equipment is in good working order. The Board will not be liable for any loss or damage due to the state of the Board’s premises including the waterways, its structures and towpath whether or not such damage results from the act or neglect of the Board or the licensee of any hire boat. In the Board’s absolute discretion) provided that the date of surrender of the licence has been given.

13. The Licencee shall ensure that his boat is properly maintained personal buoyancy aids.

14. The Licensee shall not be entitled to any compensation use and enjoyment in the event of any unfortunate of navigation or delay to pleasure carriage by the Board or claim entertained by the Board except as provided for in Conditions 4 and 7 above.

15. The Licensee shall at all times keep his boat in a sound and seaworthy state in accordance with any such matters that it is not prejudicial to the amenity of the area or liable to cause damage to other boats or to the Board’s property or apparatus. He shall also ensure that the boat is in a sound and serviceable state and that its equipment is in good working order. The Board will not be liable for any loss or damage due to the state of the Board’s premises including the waterways, its structures and towpath whether or not such damage results from the act or neglect of the Board or the licensee of any hire boat. In the Board’s absolute discretion) provided that the date of surrender of the licence has been given.

16. The Licensee shall, upon being reason given notice in writing, by the Board, provide access to his boat for the purposes of inspection by or on behalf of the Board prior to the issue of a new licence.

17. The Licensee shall ensure that persons using his boat do not cause damage to other boats lawfully moored or obstruct navigation or cause disturbance to other parties using the waterway.

18. The Licensee shall pay all rates, taxes, assessments and outgoings incurred or charged upon the boat or its moorings.

19. Every Licencee shall ensure that his boat is on every possible occasion made ready to accommodate as many passengers as it can carry. He shall not allow passengers to make his boat overcrowded.

20. The Licensee shall ensure that when his boat is used on any of the Board's Commercial Waterways it shall be navigated to give way to commercial vessels using the waterway.

21. The Board may, at their sole discretion issue special licences subject to specified conditions, including limits of availability, the maximum number of passengers which may use the boat, the number of persons or each trip or the number and description of the works on the waterways on which the licence is valid.

22. In the event that a licence is renewed from the Board notice to do so, every Licencee shall ensure that his boat is not overcrowded. He shall also ensure that the boat is in a sound and serviceable state and that its equipment is in good working order.

23. Pleasure Boat Licences give no permission to use the Board's towage but only on those waterways on which the Board’s Commercial Vessel Licensing Conditions in force when the boat is used.

24. Every Pleasure Boat (Multi-user) and every hire boat shall carry a Passenger Certificate is required from the Department of Transport.

25. The Licensee of every Pleasure Boat (Multi-user) shall have a Certificate of Competence issued by the Board, or cause damage to other boats lawfully moored or obstruct navigation or cause disturbance to other parties using the waterway.

26. In the event that a licence is renewed from the Board notice to do so, every Licencee shall ensure that his boat is not overcrowded. He shall also ensure that the boat is in a sound and serviceable state and that its equipment is in good working order.

27. The Licensee or his agent shall offer the hire and all members of his party the use, free of extra charge, of property or other boats or to the Board’s property or apparatus. He shall also ensure that the boat is in a sound and serviceable state and that its equipment is in good working order. The Board will not be liable for any loss or damage due to the state of the Board’s premises including the waterways, its structures and towpath whether or not such damage results from the act or neglect of the Board or the licensee of any hire boat. In the Board’s absolute discretion) provided that the date of surrender of the licence has been given.

28. The Licensee shall pay all rates, taxes, assessments and outgoings incurred or charged upon the boat or its moorings.

29. Every Licencee shall ensure that his boat is on every possible occasion made ready to accommodate as many passengers as it can carry. He shall not allow passengers to make his boat overcrowded.

30. The Board’s Pleasure Boat Licence authorises the use of the boat only on those waterways described in "Waterways Available for Pleasure Caching" a copy of which may be obtained from the Board’s Licensing Office. Such licences are issued by the Board subject to the following Conditions. Please note that licences shall not be transferred from one boat to another.

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**EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JANUARY 1996**

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<td>For up to each additional metre over 22.49m</td>
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### TABLE 2  
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<td>Powered boats max engine size 4bhp</td>
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There are important notes overleaf that you should read.

British Waterways, Willow Grange, Church Road, Watford WD1 3QA Tel: Watford 01923 226422 Fax: 01923 226081
This licence allows you to use a boat on any of our waterways listed in Waterways available for pleasure cruising as long as you do not use it for hire, for carrying goods, as a tug, or as a houseboat.

You can obtain a copy of Waterways available for pleasure cruising from Customer Services at the address below.

The licence begins on the 1st day of any month. It can last for up to: 12, 6 or 3 months.

We also issue licences for up to: 1 day, 7 days, and 1 month. Please see our Sheet 9 for details.

There are conditions printed on the back of the application form. You should make sure you read them as they will form a legally binding agreement between us if we sell you a licence.

How much you pay for your licence will depend on the length of your boat and the amount of time you want the licence to last.

The standard fees appear in Table 1 overleaf. All the fees include VAT at 17.5%.

We have reduced fees for boaters who do not use locks. The availability of these licences is subject to certain restrictions on length and engine size. These fees appear in Table 2 overleaf.

We offer the following discounts on the fees shown overleaf. 10% discount on the full fee if you pay for your licence on or before the day it is due to begin. The full fee less the discount appears in the table overleaf in colour.

25% discount for battery powered electric boats.

50% discount for boats confined to the lengths of the Montgomery Canal not connected to the main line of the Shropshire Union Canal.

£20 now that a mandatory date has been fixed for the need to obtain a Boat Safety Certificate the £20 discount once per calendar year will only be applied to those who voluntarily obtained a certificate prior to 1 January 1996. We will keep the blue copy for our records.

You can pay for your licence by cash, postal order, cheque, credit card or direct debit.

In certain circumstances we will refund part of the cost of your licence if you no longer need it. If you would like further details of how to get a refund, please contact Customer Services at the address below.

If you would like to apply for a licence you will need to complete an application form. If you do not already have a form or a copy of the explanatory notes that go with it, please contact Customer Services at the address below or your local Waterway Office.

If you have any questions please contact Customer Services at the address below or your local Waterway Office.