

River Thames application for registration of a launch 2010 – hire



Applications should be made at least **ten working days** in advance to allow for receipt of the registration and licence before use.

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Please read notes overleaf and complete in capital letters.

1 Launch name

If the name chosen is not available are you willing for the launch to be registered with a number (II, III, IV ...) added to that name? Yes No

2 Registered owner

Please read Data Protection on page 7

Title Surname or organisation

Forenames

Address

Postcode

Telephone: Day Mobile

Email

3 Dimensions

Length (overall) metres tenths Beam (widest point) metres tenths Chargeable area (In complete square metres)

4 Class

Tick one box only; for class definitions see pages 5 and 6 H P D C

5 Usual mooring

If kept ashore or at home address enter 'as above'

6 Manufacturer or builder

Approx year built

7 Propulsion (main engine)

Inboard Outboard Number of engines used for propulsion Total propulsion power/capacity HP CC

8 Propellant (main engine)

Petrol Diesel Gas Electricity Steam Other (specify)

9 Propellant (other engines)

No other engines Auxiliary Generator Other (specify)

10 Appliances

Please enter 'G' for gas, 'E' for electric, 'O' for other

None Fridge Water heater Other
Cooker Heater Central heater

11 Sanitary facilities

Lavatory facilities None or Pump out lavatory Chemical lavatory Direct into river
Other facilities None or Sink Basin Shower Bath Other

12 Change of ownership

When applying to register a launch following a change of ownership please state:

Name of former owner/broker

Previous launch name (if changed)

13 Boat safety

I confirm that I have read the 2002 Boat Safety Scheme Essential Guide for Hire Craft (available as described on page 3). I certify that the above launch complies in every respect with the safety standard requirements set out in that guide or the Recreational Craft Directive (for launches first placed on the market since 16 June 1996).

The launch will not be navigated on the River Thames unless these conditions are complied with.

I understand that the Environment Agency may require me to provide information confirming compliance with these conditions or require my launch to be inspected.

Please read the notes on page 3 before completion.

I enclose a valid Boat Safety Certificate or Declaration of Conformity.

Enclosed

14 Payment

Please supply the certificate of registration and licence plate for which my payment is enclosed

Cheque or PO

Card or Direct Debit

Amount

No refunds are made in respect of non-use of a registered launch or in the event of change of ownership.

All powered pleasure boats – of whatever size or type of propulsion – are statutorily defined as ‘launches’ and must be both registered and licensed before use. A charge is made for registration and is payable for a launch used on the Thames at any time during the calendar year.

I undertake to pay any additional amount which may be due if the dimensions of the launch are found, upon official measurement, to exceed those declared.

15 Signatures

Owner's signature

Date

Signed on behalf of the owner and in accordance with his/her specific authorisation to act as Agent for this purpose.

In case of a company, firm, partnership or organisation please state status or authority to sign.

Agent's full name
in block letters

Application and payment made payable to ‘Environment Agency’
to be forwarded to **PO Box 214, Reading, RG1 8HQ**
Registration enquiries: 0118 953 5650
Email: boatreg@environment-agency.gov.uk

Explanatory notes

1 Launch name

There is a definite legal requirement that every launch shall bear the registered name (as it will appear on the 'Thames' registration certificate) on each side of the bow and on the stern in plain letters and figures in the following minimum sizes:

- 2" (5.1cm) for a launch not more than 20' (6.09m) long.
- 3" (7.6cm) for a launch between 20' (6.09m) and 30' (9.14m) long.
- 4" (10.2cm) for a launch between 30' (9.14m) and 50' (15.23m) long.
- 6" (15.2cm) for a launch exceeding 50' (15.23m).

Launch names must be unique for registration purposes on the Thames.

2 Registered owner

Only one person or organisation may be registered as the owner.

3 Dimensions

Please enter length and beam measurements in metres and tenths. 'Length' is overall hull length excluding moveable items such as rudder or outboard engine. 'Beam' is measured at the widest part of the hull. (Use tables on pages 4 and 5 to help calculate the chargeable area.)

5 Usual mooring

For a launch with both summer and winter berths, please enter summer berth only.

6 Manufacturer or builder

Please enter make or model, if known.

7 Propulsion

Where the main engine(s) is of the inboard/outboard type, tick the 'inboard' box.

8/9 Propellant

Tick the appropriate box for the engine propellant, or specify another propellant in the 'other' box.

10 Appliances

Enter 'G' for gas, 'E' for electric, 'O' for other in all appropriate boxes.

11 Sanitary facilities

Launches fitted with a lavatory or sanitary holding tank capable of discharge to the river must have these appliances sealed to prevent discharge whilst the launch is on the Thames. Owners of launches fitted with such appliances are legally obliged to inform the lock-keeper at the lock nearest to the launch's point of entry to the river in order that arrangements for sealing can be made.

12 Change of ownership

If known, please give details to help us keep accurate historical records.

13 Boat safety

All vessels letting or plying for hire must have a Boat Safety Scheme (BSS) Certificate with the exception of the types below or those craft covered by a Recreational Craft Directive (RCD) Declaration of Conformity*.

Passenger boats with a current Passenger Certificate issued by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency do not need to submit a BSS Certificate or RCD Declaration of Conformity.

BSS Certificates and RCD Declarations of Conformity are valid for a maximum of four years from the date of issue but all launch owners are responsible for making sure their vessels comply with the safety standards at all times.

The Boat Safety Essential Guide and lists of authorised Boat Safety Scheme examiners are available from:

Boat Safety Scheme, 64 Clarendon Road, Watford, Herts, WD17 1DA
019923 201278
www.boatsafetyscheme.com

* We will accept a valid RCD Declaration of Conformity made by the boat's builder instead of a BSS Certificate for the first four years from new. This is because CE-marked craft conforming to the Essential Requirements of the RCD will also comply with the construction and equipment safety standards of the Boat Safety Scheme.

Registration

All launches are registered for use on the Thames in accordance with the Thames Conservancy Acts and Orders 1932 to 1972.

'Full rate' registration charges apply to every launch (except certain visiting launches normally used on other waterways and launches registered on or after 1 September). Certificates expire on 31 December (except for visitors); there is no other 'pro-rata' rate for part of a calendar year.

'Late' registration launch certificate first valid on or after 1 September in any year is charged at one-half of the 'full rate': certificates expire on the 31 December following issue date. Please mark your application 'Late'. **Note:** Late registration is not available to visiting launches registered for any period prior to 1 September.

Visiting launches normally used on other waterways and entering upon the Thames from another waterway (including launches from the tideway) may be registered at less than the 'full-rate' charge (see short period registration form).

No separate lock tolls are charged on launches currently registered (except certain passenger launches). Richmond Lock is within the jurisdiction of the Port of London Authority.

Contacts

Environment Agency

PO Box 214,

Reading, RG1 8HQ

Registration enquiries

0118 953 5650

Websites

[www.environment-](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/navigation)

[agency.gov.uk/navigation](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/navigation)

www.visitthames.co.uk

How to calculate the charge for registering your launch

The charge is based on the length and beam of your launch in metres.

Follow the steps below to calculate your charge.

1 If metric dimensions of launch are unknown use conversion table (page 5). For example:

18ft 9	} equivalent →	5.5m 18ft 1
18ft 10		5.6m 18ft 5
18ft 11		5.7m 18ft 9
19ft 0		5.8m 19ft 1
		5.9m 19ft 5
		6.0m 19ft 9
		6.1m 20ft 1

2 Find the 'chargeable area' for your launch. The chargeable area is calculated by multiplying the length by the beam. For example: 5.7m x 2m = 11 square metres 'chargeable area'.

3 Find the amount payable for that chargeable area from the tables on pages 5 and 6. In the example below a launch of 11 square metres chargeable area (not let for hire) at 'full rate' expiring 31 December 2010, will cost **£310.09**.

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			10m	20m	30m
Charge for area (m)	0m	£	281.90	563.80	845.70
→	1m	140.95	310.09	591.99	873.89
	2m	140.95	338.28	620.18	902.08
	3m	140.95	366.47	648.37	930.27
	4m	140.95	394.66	676.56	958.46
	5m	140.95	422.85	704.75	986.65

Electrically propelled launches are charged with a 25% discount provided that the sole method of propulsion is an electric motor(s) powered by storage batteries carried on board and that no system of auxiliary power or propulsion nor internal combustion outboard motor(s) nor charging engine(s) is carried.

Conversion table

1 inch = 2.54 centimetres, 1 foot = 0.3048 of a metre. For example:

1.0m	3ft 4	4.2m	13ft 10	7.4m	24ft 4	10.6m	34ft 10	13.8m	45ft 4	17.0m	55ft 10
1.1m	3ft 8	4.3m	14ft 2	7.5m	24ft 8	10.7m	35ft 2	13.9m	45ft 8	17.1m	56ft 2
1.2m	4ft 0	4.4m	14ft 6	7.6m	25ft 0	10.8m	35ft 6	14.0m	46ft 0	17.2m	56ft 6
1.3m	4ft 4	4.5m	14ft 10	7.7m	25ft 4	10.9m	35ft 10	14.1m	46ft 4	17.3m	56ft 10
1.4m	4ft 8	4.6m	15ft 2	7.8m	25ft 8	11.0m	36ft 2	14.2m	46ft 8	17.4m	57ft 2
1.5m	5ft 0	4.7m	15ft 6	7.9m	26ft 0	11.1m	36ft 6	14.3m	46ft 11	17.5m	57ft 5
1.6m	5ft 3	4.8m	15ft 9	8.0m	26ft 3	11.2m	36ft 9	14.4m	47ft 3	17.6m	57ft 9
1.7m	5ft 7	4.9m	16ft 1	8.1m	26ft 7	11.3m	37ft 1	14.5m	47ft 7	17.7m	58ft 1
1.8m	5ft 11	5.0m	16ft 5	8.2m	26ft 11	11.4m	37ft 5	14.6m	47ft 11	17.8m	58ft 5
1.9m	6ft 3	5.1m	16ft 9	8.3m	27ft 3	11.5m	37ft 9	14.7m	48ft 3	17.9m	58ft 9
2.0m	6ft 7	5.2m	17ft 1	8.4m	27ft 7	11.6m	38ft 1	14.8m	48ft 7	18.0m	59ft 1
2.1m	6ft 11	5.3m	17ft 5	8.5m	27ft 11	11.7m	38ft 5	14.9m	48ft 11	18.1m	59ft 5
2.2m	7ft 3	5.4m	17ft 9	8.6m	28ft 3	11.8m	38ft 9	15.0m	49ft 3	18.2m	59ft 9
2.3m	7ft 7	5.5m	18ft 1	8.7m	28ft 7	11.9m	39ft 1	15.1m	49ft 7	18.3m	60ft 1
2.4m	7ft 11	5.6m	18ft 5	8.8m	28ft 11	12.0m	39ft 5	15.2m	49ft 11	18.4m	60ft 5
2.5m	8ft 3	5.7m	18ft 9	8.9m	29ft 3	12.1m	39ft 9	15.3m	50ft 3	18.5m	60ft 9
2.6m	8ft 7	5.8m	19ft 1	9.0m	29ft 7	12.2m	40ft 1	15.4m	50ft 7	18.6m	61ft 1
2.7m	8ft 11	5.9m	19ft 5	9.1m	29ft 11	12.3m	40ft 5	15.5m	50ft 11	18.7m	61ft 5
2.8m	9ft 3	6.0m	19ft 9	9.2m	30ft 3	12.4m	40ft 9	15.6m	51ft 3	18.8m	61ft 9
2.9m	9ft 7	6.1m	20ft 1	9.3m	30ft 7	12.5m	41ft 1	15.7m	51ft 7	18.9m	62ft 1
3.0m	9ft 11	6.2m	20ft 5	9.4m	30ft 11	12.6m	41ft 5	15.8m	51ft 11	19.0m	62ft 5
3.1m	10ft 3	6.3m	20ft 9	9.5m	31ft 3	12.7m	41ft 8	15.9m	52ft 2	19.1m	62ft 8
3.2m	10ft 6	6.4m	21ft 0	9.6m	31ft 6	12.8m	42ft 0	16.0m	52ft 6	19.2m	63ft 0
3.3m	10ft 10	6.5m	21ft 4	9.7m	31ft 10	12.9m	42ft 4	16.1m	52ft 10	19.3m	63ft 4
3.4m	11ft 2	6.6m	21ft 8	9.8m	32ft 2	13.0m	42ft 8	16.2m	53ft 2	19.4m	63ft 8
3.5m	11ft 6	6.7m	22ft 0	9.9m	32ft 6	13.1m	43ft 0	16.3m	53ft 6	19.5m	64ft 0
3.6m	11ft 10	6.8m	22ft 4	10.0m	32ft 10	13.2m	43ft 4	16.4m	53ft 10	19.6m	64ft 4
3.7m	12ft 2	6.9m	22ft 8	10.1m	33ft 2	13.3m	43ft 8	16.5m	54ft 2	19.7m	64ft 8
3.8m	12ft 6	7.0m	23ft 0	10.2m	33ft 6	13.4m	44ft 0	16.6m	54ft 6	19.8m	65ft 0
3.9m	12ft 10	7.1m	23ft 4	10.3m	33ft 10	13.5m	44ft 4	16.7m	54ft 10	19.9m	65ft 4
4.0m	13ft 2	7.2m	23ft 8	10.4m	34ft 2	13.6m	44ft 8	16.8m	55ft 2		
4.1m	13ft 6	7.3m	24ft 0	10.5m	34ft 6	13.7m	45ft 0	16.9m	55ft 6		etc ...

Amount payable – full rate certificate, expiring 31 December 2010

Class H Hire	Launches (other than P, D and C) which are let or ply for hire on the Thames at any time during the validity of the registration.									
	Charge for area (m)	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m	
£28.19 per square metre (minimum charge 5 square metres £140.95)	0m	£	281.90	563.80	845.70	1127.60	1409.50	1691.40	1973.30	2255.20
	1m	140.95	310.09	591.99	873.89	1155.79	1437.69	1719.59	2001.49	2283.39
	2m	140.95	338.28	620.18	902.08	1183.98	1465.88	1747.78	2029.68	2311.58
	3m	140.95	366.47	648.37	930.27	1212.17	1494.07	1775.97	2057.87	2339.77
	4m	140.95	394.66	676.56	958.46	1240.36	1522.26	1804.16	2086.06	2367.96
	5m	140.95	422.85	704.75	986.65	1268.55	1550.45	1832.35	2114.25	2396.15
	6m	169.14	451.04	732.94	1014.84	1296.74	1578.64	1860.54	2142.44	2424.34
	7m	197.33	479.23	761.13	1043.03	1324.93	1606.83	1888.73	2170.63	2452.53
	8m	225.52	507.42	789.32	1071.22	1353.12	1635.02	1916.92	2198.82	2480.72
	9m	253.71	535.61	817.51	1099.41	1381.31	1663.21	1945.11	2227.01	etc...

Class P Hire	Launches issued with a current certificate by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency to carry passengers (not exceeding 199).
Class D Hire	Launches not fitted or furnished with cooking equipment and not decked-in over the greater part of the hull.
Class C	Launches not being Class H, P or D, which will at any time on the Thames during the validity of the registration be used for any voyage or excursion where the owner or user receives any form of payment from any person for, or in connection with that voyage or excursion, other than as a contribution to the direct expenses of operation the launch during that voyage or excursion.

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	2m	140.95	338.28	620.18	902.08	1183.98	1465.88	1747.78	2029.68	2311.58
	3m	140.95	366.47	648.37	930.27	1212.17	1494.07	1775.97	2057.87	2339.77
	4m	140.95	394.66	676.56	958.46	1240.36	1522.26	1804.16	2086.06	2367.96
	5m	140.95	422.85	704.75	986.65	1268.55	1550.45	1832.35	2114.25	2396.15
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	8m	225.52	507.42	789.32	1071.22	1353.12	1635.02	1916.92	2198.82	2480.72
	9m	253.71	535.61	817.51	1099.41	1381.31	1663.21	1945.11	2227.01	etc...

The Thames – definition

“The Thames” has the meaning assigned to it by the Thames Conservancy Act 1932 (Section 4) as amended by the Thames Conservancy Act 1950 (Section 3). in effect it means so much of the Rivers Thames and Isis as is between the East side of Town Bridge at Cricklade, Wilts, and an imaginary straight line drawn across the River Thames approximately 242 metres downstream of Teddington Lock; and also so much of the River Kennet as is between the River Thames and an imaginary straight line drawn across the River Kennet 64 metres Eastward of the East side of the High Bridge at Reading, Berks.

Thames Conservancy Acts 1932–1972

The Thames Conservancy Acts provide that “Every person shall be entitled to inspect any register of pleasure boats on payment of the current fee for each inspection and every person shall be entitled to be furnished with an extract from any such register on payment of the current fee for each extract relating to any one boat”.

The Data Protection Act 1998

The Environment Agency is responsible for improvements in navigation and the licensing of vessels on waters for which we have responsibility. The information provided will be processed by us to deal with your application for craft registration. The information will be placed on the relevant public register(s). It will also be processed to monitor compliance with the licence/permit conditions and to process renewals.

We may also use and/or disclose it in connection with the following:

- offering/providing you with our literature/services relating to boat safety, navigation, environmental matters and promotional work
- consulting with the public, public bodies and other organisations (eg Health and Safety Executive, Local authorities, emergency services and DEFRA) on boat safety, navigation and environmental issues
- carrying out statistical analysis, research and development on related issues
- providing public register information to enquirers
- preventing breaches of environmental law
- assessing customer service satisfaction and improving our service.

We may pass it on to our agents/representatives to do these things on our behalf.