

# River Thames application for registration of a launch 2010 – non-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 Hire

Will your launch be let or ply for hire? Yes  No  If yes, use application for registration of a hire launch

## 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 Boat Safety Scheme Essential Guide for non 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).

I will not navigate this launch 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.

### Statement

I certify that the above launch is/is not (please delete as appropriate) a privately owned outboard engined open launch as described on page 3.

If you have answered 'is not' please enclose a valid Boat Safety Certificate or Declaration of Conformity.

Enclosed

## 14 Tender discount

If this launch is to be used as a tender, please state the main boat's name.

## 15 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 and/or if the launch is used for letting or plying for hire.

## 16 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](mailto: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.)

## 4 Hire

This form is only to be used for launches which will not be let or ply for hire at any time on the Thames during the validity of the registration.

## 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 carrying fuel or fitted with domestic cooking, heating, refrigerating or lighting appliances 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\*.

A BSS Certificate is not required for any privately-owned, open vessel (i.e. a vessel in which all the accommodation is completely open to the elements) if it has no domestic cooking, heating, refrigerating or lighting appliances installed and it is propelled solely by an outboard engine without a fixed fuel system. This type of vessel must still comply with the relevant BSS standards.

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](http://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.

### Privately owned outboard engined open launches – definition

A Boat Safety Certificate is not required for the above mentioned type of vessel provided it is not carrying or fitted with domestic cooking, heating, refrigerating or lighting appliances and provided it complies with the requirements of Parts 3, 4 and 5 as appropriate. It is strongly recommended that fire extinguishers are also carried aboard.

Note: A vessel which has any form of enclosed accommodation or which is decked-over the greater part of the hull is not regarded as an open vessel for the purposes of the requirement for Boat Safety Certificates.

## 14 Tender discount

A 50% discount applies to a tender when registered at the same time as your main boat. We define a tender as a small powered boat or dinghy, towed or carried by another boat.

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

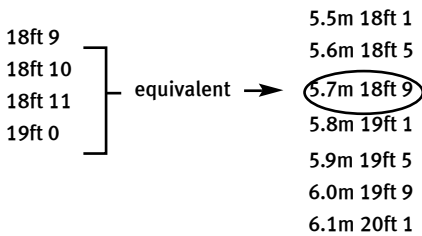
[www.visitthames.co.uk](http://www.visitthames.co.uk)

# 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:



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 **£172.26**.

			↓		
			10m	20m	30m
Charge for area (m)	0m	£	156.60	313.20	469.80
→	1m	78.30	<b>172.26</b>	328.86	485.46
	2m	78.30	187.92	344.52	501.12
	3m	78.30	203.58	360.18	516.78
	4m	78.30	219.24	375.84	532.44
	5m	78.30	234.90	391.50	548.10

Electrically propelled launches are charged with a 25% discount provided that the sole method of propulsion is anelectric 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 N (non-hire)	Charge for area (m)									
			10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m	70m	80m
£15.66 per square metre (minimum charge 5 square metres £78.30)	0m	£	156.60	313.20	469.80	626.40	783.00	939.60	1096.20	1252.80
	1m	78.30	172.26	328.86	485.46	642.06	798.66	955.26	1111.86	1268.46
	2m	78.30	187.92	344.52	501.12	657.72	814.32	970.92	1127.52	1284.12
	3m	78.30	203.58	360.18	516.78	673.38	829.98	986.58	1143.18	1299.78
	4m	78.30	219.24	375.84	532.44	689.04	845.64	1002.24	1158.84	1315.44
	5m	78.30	234.90	391.50	548.10	704.70	861.30	1017.90	1174.50	1331.10
	6m	93.96	250.56	407.16	563.76	720.36	876.96	1033.56	1190.16	1346.76
	7m	109.62	266.22	422.82	579.42	736.02	892.62	1049.22	1205.82	1362.42
	8m	125.28	281.88	438.48	595.08	751.68	908.28	1064.88	1221.48	1378.08
	9m	140.94	297.54	454.14	610.74	767.34	923.94	1080.54	1237.14	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.