

The Middle Level Act 2018

Charges amended on 26th August 2020

The Middle Level Commissioners advise that they have, as of 1st September 2020, introduced charges under section 5 of the above Act. These charges are fixed and cover the period up to and including 31st March 2021 and are in respect of the services provided for and the facilities made available to vessels using the recreational waterways as defined by the Act; such charges to be paid on demand or as may be otherwise required.

The charges set are a mirror of those set by the Environment Agency and shall be 50% of the charges for a full year as defined on the following website. In addition, any vessel owner who intends to (and subsequently does) obtain a Canal and Rivers Trust (CRT) Gold licence may apply for and rely upon a four-month license, which is set at four sevenths of the costs which would otherwise be payable.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/anglian-waterways-registration-charges/anglian-boat-registration-charges-1-april-2020-to-31-march-2021>

The charge shall be payable by the vessel owner in respect of his/her/their vessel kept on (or using) a waterway, whether on a private mooring or not, or in an adjacent marina at any time during the license period.

Note: vessels with current EA Anglian or CRT Gold licenses are currently being given an exemption from the requirement to be separately licensed.

If a vessel is not so registered then the charge shall be paid by the owner of the vessel or by any person who uses the same at any time in the year.

Only one charge shall be made in respect of any one vessel in the year, except that, if a vessel subsequently uses a recreational waterway or waterways in respect of which a higher charge is payable, an additional amount equal to the difference between the charge paid and the higher charge shall then become payable.

For residential vessels which are used as permanent residences, which are located within a marina and do not leave the marina during the license period a set sum of £118.80 is payable. Should the vessel leave the marina then the higher charge will become payable and the vessel will no longer be deemed to be a Permanent residential boat in a marina.

Words or expressions used herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Middle Level Act 2018.

Registration charges for Middle Level Waterways are set annually and all the income contributes to the services, facilities and structures the Middle Level maintains to make boating possible on its waterways. This includes maintenance of our locks and other navigation structures which retain water levels, as well as activities such as lock keeping, compliance and the provision of safety advice.