

The Middle Level Act 2018

Navigation Licence Charges 2021/22

The Middle Level Commissioners advise that on 10th November 2020 the navigation licence fees for the period commencing 1st April 2021 were set under section 5 of the above Act. These fees are fixed and cover the period up to and including 31st March 2022 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 for the above year are to be the same as those for Environment Agency Anglian Waterways for the full 2020/21 year.

The Environment Anglian fees for the 2020/21 year can be found here;

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

Note: applicants who have paid to license a vessel (for the period 1st September 2020 until 31st March 2021) by 31st December 2020 and who have paid the correct fee due in this respect will be entitled to a discount of 25% off the fee for the new (2021/22) licencing year for that same vessel.

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.

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 licence 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 maintain to make boating possible on their 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.