

CRT Gold Licence not valid in MLC Waters from 31st December 2021

To allow for a smooth transition and not to penalise boaters who had purchased a Gold Licence, the Middle Level Commissioners agreed to temporarily recognise CRT Gold Licences as valid in their waters. It was advised that this arrangement would end on 31st December 2021 unless agreement could be reached with the CRT which included a mechanism facilitating some form of recompense to the Middle Level Commissioners to compensate for the loss of potential income from vessels home berthed within the Middle Level or visiting our system. Using the data currently available it was concluded in a meeting between the two authorities that the likely numbers of Gold licence holders, either mooring or visiting, would not be likely to warrant entering into a national agreement, given the likely expense associated with implementing the change. Consequently the current arrangement of allowing CRT Gold licence holders use of Middle Level Waters without the requirement to have either a visitors licence, a home licence or an Anglian Pass will end on 31st December 2021. This position will be periodically reviewed to see if circumstances have changed such that the case for entering into a formal agreement has become more compelling.

It is hoped that vessel owners will understand the reasons behind this decision, which in no way changes the determination of the Middle Level Commissioners to improve the experience of users of our waters.