

# Transit and Short Term

Fee & conditions  
Valid from 1st April 2011  
to 31st March 2012

# Visitor Licences

UP TO 3 MONTHS: SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS AND LOWLANDS

- 1. Caledonian Canal**  
Canal Office,  
Seaport Marina,  
Muirtown Wharf,  
Inverness IV3 5LE  
T 01463 725500
- 2. Crinan Canal**  
Canal Office,  
Pier Square, Ardrishaig,  
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- 3. Lowland Canals**  
Forth & Clyde, Union  
Canal, Canal House,  
Applecross Street,  
Glasgow G4 9SP  
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INVERNESS

CALEDONIAN CANAL

LOCH NESS

LOCH OICH

LOCH LOCHY

ARDRISHAIG

CRINAN CANAL

GLASGOW

FORTH & CLYDE CANAL

UNION CANAL

MONKLAND CANAL

## Transit and Short Term Visitor Licences

All fees include VAT, overnight berthing at visitor moorings, the licence fee for the Waterway and use of the sea locks unless otherwise indicated. For information and bookings contact the local Waterway office. We accept payment by credit or debit card, cheque, or cash if applying in person.

### Transit licences, per metre

Canal	Outward journey	Return journey	Nights	Hours
Caledonian	£17.20	£11.35	7	192
Crinan	£9.90	£6.55	4	72
Lowlands	£6.15	£4.10	5	120
Additional day or part day, all waterways*	£1.15	£1.15	1	24

\*Limited to 3 additional days on the Forth & Clyde and Caledonian Canals. Thereafter must upgrade to a minimum of a two week fixed period license.

### Fixed period licences

Scottish Canals (Sea Lock Basin access only)	2 months*	1 month	2 weeks	Overnight Haven
All BWS waterways	£46.00/metre	£35.75/metre	£25.55/metre	£3.20/metre
Additional days			£1.15/metre	£1.15/metre

\*Subject to BSS compliance

### Explorer Licences, per metre

All waterways (including England & Wales)	30 days	16 days
	£51.10	£40.85

Prices include VAT at 20% and may be subject to change by Government.

Explorer Licences give you access at any time within twelve months of issue date. We provide you with a set of one-day tickets, which you date and display for each day that your boat is on our waters or moorings, excluding lochs. Explorer Licences are for vessels visiting from non-BW waterways, entering a canal by sea, other inland navigations or kept on land.

## Day Rate for Trailer Boats

(Lowland Canals only)

Access to our waterways is welcomed from day visitors accessing from BW owned slipways. The fee of £12.00 is payable at our local offices and it includes use of our slipways. If for any reason you are unable to exit from the waterway you will be charged an additional £8.00 for use of an overnight mooring and an additional £12.00 fee for the following day.

## The Falkirk Wheel

Use of the Wheel is free to all private pleasure boat licence holders. It is best to book your passage time ahead.

## Visitor mooring information

British Waterways visitor moorings are free of charge and available for short term use only – a maximum of 24 hours on the Lowland canals. Visitor moorings are available subject to the advertised mooring site restrictions. A limited number of visitor moorings at Seaport Marina on the Caledonian Canal are usually available, outside the marina compound, at no extra cost. Visitor moorings within the marina compound are available free of charge for the first night (One free night per licence) and £8.00 per night thereafter. Short Term licence holders are reminded that Bellanoch Marina, on the Crinan Canal, is reserved for long term berth holders and *must not be used by visiting craft*.

## Insurance

Your vessel must have insurance that covers at least one million pounds third party liabilities.

## Boat Safety

Your boat should comply with our safety requirements at all times unless it is a very simple vessel.

Check to see whether it is exempt by tracing through the questions on the chart below.

You don't need a Boat Safety examination for a Transit, two week, 30 day or Explorer licence, however, we have the right to refuse access onto our waterways for any boat that we think may present a safety risk to other waterway users. In purchasing a short term licence you agree to allow our employees or an appointed surveyor to carry out a safety check at any reasonable time. If we believe your boat is dangerous, you will have to remove it from the waterway.

To qualify for a 2 month licence your boat must have one of the following:

- A current certificate to show compliance with our Boat Safety Scheme requirements
- A current Declaration of Conformity with the EU's Recreational Craft Directive

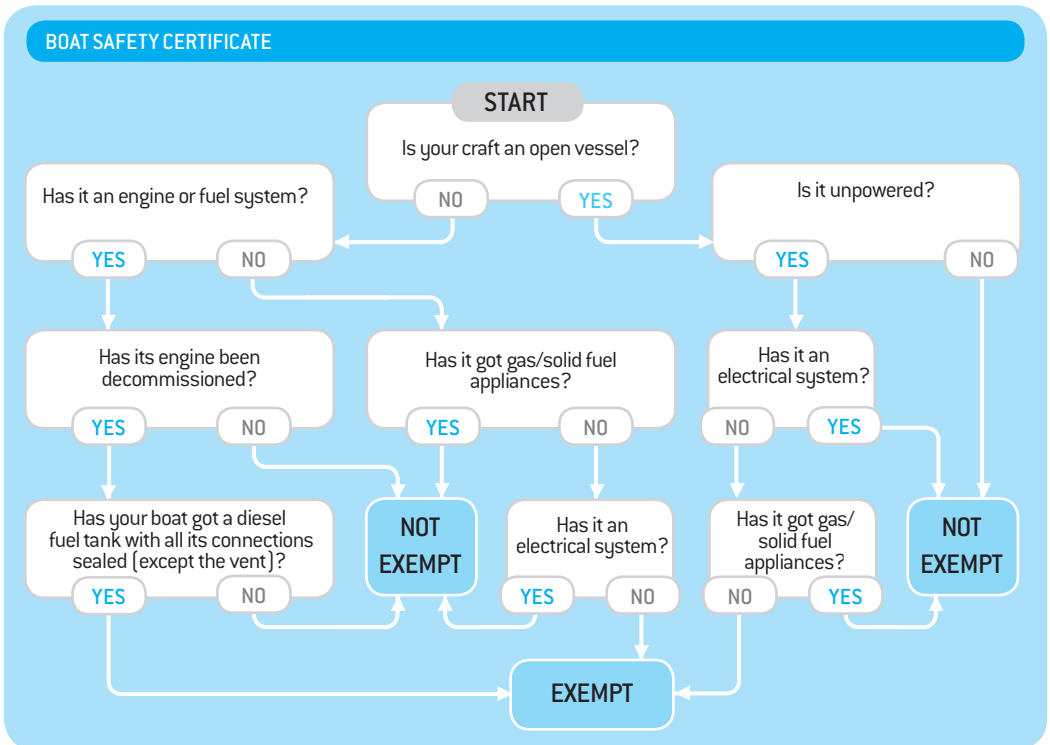
## Personal Safety

The Waterways that you use can be hazardous places. The safety of our users and people is very important to us and we do our best to make the system as safe as possible. Due to their historic character, it is impossible for us to adapt them to make them completely safe without ruining what we seek to conserve. As a result, there are inherent risks for those that use them. Please ensure that there is always sufficient competent crew to minimise risks to your own and other people's safety. Ask for a free copy of our Boaters' Handbook and check for local information about the Waterways you plan to use.

## Waterway Facilities

We provide a range of basic services for boaters, including water points, refuse disposal, toilets, showers and Elsan emptying points throughout the waterway network. These are generally free to licence holders. Access to sanitary facilities is by special Yale key, available from sea locks and Waterway offices (£6.00 deposit on the Lowlands Canals and free of charge if returned on exiting the Crinan and Caledonian Canals).

Payment for other facilities is by digital card or cash depending on the location. Our local waterway offices will be able to assist you with enquires about waterway facilities.



## Navigation Rules

- 1 The Boat Licence does not give you any priority of passage on any Waterway. You must follow the directions of our local people who may decide which boats have priority.
- 2 You are responsible for assessing whether it is safe to use the Waterway in flood or strong stream conditions. Our Waterway offices will provide information.
- 3 You must share locks up to their capacity. There is no right to the exclusive use of a lock.
- 4 You must not:
  - (a) Use any electricity generator, including the Boat's engine, at any British Waterways' mooring between 8pm and 8am, unless you are moored in isolation, out of earshot of other people. We do not intend this Condition to stop you moving the Boat from the mooring.
  - (b) run the Boat's engine in gear when it is moored as this can damage the waterway walls and cause a nuisance to other people.
  - (c) do anything at any mooring which will cause damage or nuisance to any other person or their property.
  - (d) discharge anything into the Waterway from the Boat except unpolluted surface water that drains naturally or water from sinks or showers on board the Boat.
  - (e) obstruct the towpath or use our land for storing items from your Boat.
  - (f) take a vehicle onto our towpaths or land or park on them unless we have already given our permission.
- 5 There is no general restriction on the use of locks by portable and unpowered craft. However, in the interest of safety and to conserve water, specific local restrictions may apply. We encourage users to carry these craft around locks if possible. If it is not possible, we recommend using ropes to pass the Boat through the lock. It is preferable that there is nobody on board the Boat while it is in the lock. Local British Waterways instructions must always be followed.
- 6 Unpowered craft may not navigate certain tunnels. Please check locally for advice or ask us for the national list of tunnels. Where you are permitted to navigate, we encourage the following precautions:
  - (a) navigate in groups of between three and six craft, at least one of which must be navigated by an experienced person.
  - (b) everyone should be able to swim, should wear a life jacket, and have a waterproof torch and whistle attached to them.
  - (c) the craft must have adequate buoyancy.
  - (d) you must display a securely fixed, bright white light showing forward.
- 7 You must not crane a Boat into or out of any Waterway without our written permission, other than at a boatyard with appropriate facilities. This is to ensure compliance with the relevant lifting regulations and to ensure the safety of other waterway users.

## Summary of Conditions

- 1 You must ensure that when the Boat is under way, there is always an adequate and competent crew in attendance. A copy of our Boaters' Handbook should be kept on board the Boat and drawn to the attention of all crew members and passengers.
- 2 You must display the licence so that it is easily visible by our people on the bank or at locks.
- 3 The licence is not refundable and not transferable between craft.
4. The licence does not permit use of the Boat for carrying goods, or as a tug or other workboat or for any business purpose without our permission.
- 5 The licence does not allow you to moor except for short periods ancillary to cruising. You must have somewhere to keep the Boat when it is not being used for cruising.
- 6 You agree to comply with navigation rules, relevant Acts, Byelaws and regulations, and to follow any of our lawful directions, spoken or written (including signs).
- 7 You agree to be responsible for any damage or difficulty caused by you or the Boat because of anything you have carelessly done or not done.
- 8 Once the licence has ended, unless you re-license the Boat you must remove it from our waters. If you do not, we have powers to remove it ourselves and to charge you for the costs we incur in doing this.
- 9 Waterways are occasionally closed for repairs or due to emergencies. We will not rebate licence fees in respect of such closures.
- 10 The licence does not allow you to tow the Boat by animal or vehicle. You need our written permission to do this.

For a full set of General Licence Conditions, please ask for a copy of the Fees and Conditions for Private Pleasure Boat Long Term Licences.

