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Navigation Licence Terms and Conditions

Annual Private Licences

All Craft moored on, or using for any purpose whatsoever, or for whatever period any part of the River Avon including that part upstream from its confluence with the Severn, all marinas, basins and back waters must display a current licence. Private licences do not cover boats that are hired out, used for commercial gain or reward. Boats used for commercial purposes must apply to the licensing office for a commercial operator permit and licences.

The Annual licence is valid for the River Avon from Alveston Weir Warwickshire downstream to the confluence of the River Severn at Tewkesbury Gloucestershire. There are two licence periods available: 1 January to 31 December or 1 July to 30 June. The licence is not transferrable from one craft to another. **Once issued, refunds are not given for boats sold or leaving the navigation**, the annual licence remains with the craft. All craft **MUST** have a permanent flood safe mooring or otherwise removed from the navigation when not in use.

Boat Safety Scheme: A current Boat Safety Certificate or for boats under 4 years old a Certificate of Conformity must be provided unless exempt due to the type of boat. Please contact the ANT licensing office 0300 111 2010 or the Boat Safety Scheme office 0333 202 1000 to provide details of exemptions.

Third Party Insurance: All craft (powered and unpowered) must be covered by third party insurance. ANT recommends at least £3m cover and to include salvage cover. Evidence of insurance must be provided with all applications for annual licences.

Tender: A private licence includes licence cover for one tender which must be unpowered, less than 15' in length, in the same ownership, identified as 'Tender to (parent vessel name)' and can be carried either on davits or on the parent vessel.

Continuous Cruising Craft from other navigations: Can only apply for a short-term licence, maximum 30 days.

Residential Boats: (as per bye-law 30b): Any boat occupied for residential purposes for an aggregate period of more than 6 weeks in any one year must apply annually for permission with the licence application and will be subject to an annual extra charge in addition to the annual licence fee. **The boat must have an approved, flood safe, serviced permanent mooring.**

Houseboat is defined as an unpowered, static, permanently moored boat with living accommodation for residential* or pleasure use. The licence calculated on area of boat L x W multiplied by the annual houseboat rate per metre² *The residential supplement will apply. To become a Houseboat:

1. Disconnect engine from propeller shaft by disconnecting and removing drive shaft coupling.
2. Provide evidence in the form of a photo and a marine engineer report
3. When patrolling, the Patrol Officer may ask to see the disconnected prop shaft.

Unpowered barges / butty barges: Must have a powered craft able to navigate the butty linked and licenced under the same owner.

Wide Beam is defined as a craft 3m / 10' beam and over, wide beam canal boat, barge or Dutch style barge. GRP cruisers are not classed as wide beam.

Receipt for tolls paid: All craft afloat are liable to the licence toll. A receipt for the toll paid will be issued if the licensing office cannot issue a licence due to insufficient documentation provided. A request for further information will be sent. A navigation licence will not be issued until the licensing office is satisfied that all information and documentation is correct.

Non-Registration and unpaid tolls: If necessary, the Trust will take legal action against boat owners who fail to pay their licence fees (tolls) and will be subject to legal debt recovery action. In addition, boat owners who make no attempt to register or to satisfy the BSS and insurance requirements are liable to legal action.



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Concessionary Licence: May be applied for by riparian owners for unpowered craft 15' and under in length, rescue craft and non-commercial work boats. Proof of insurance and BSS certificate will be required. Applications for a concessionary licence must be made through the licensing office.

Discount fees: The licence fee structure is set out as full fee and prompt discount fee. The prompt discount fee will apply to applications received before the end of February for the January to December period or by the end of July for the July to June licence period. All documentation must be current for the discount fee to apply. The early bird discount applies to annual licences purchased for the January to December period before the end of January. If a valid BSS certificate is not available at the time of application, the full fee is payable if the boat is afloat and the 50% discount will be refunded if a valid BSS certificate is provided within 2 months of date of launch or if already afloat within 2 months from the end of the discount period.

All craft afloat must apply and pay the toll for a licence including non-compliant boats.

Craft with Electric or Steam Propulsion: A 40% discount applies to annual licences only.

CRT Reciprocal Licences: The Trust has a reciprocal licensing agreement with Canal and River Trust. A boat owner with an annual ANT licence and a permanent mooring on the Avon can purchase a discounted 3,6,9 or 12-month CRT long term licence at 20% discount for canals and rivers only. A boat owner with an annual CRT licence and permanent mooring on CRT waters can purchase a discounted reciprocal annual ANT licence at 20% discount. Proof of permanent mooring and CRT licence will be required.

Change of owner / master: If you sell or transfer the boat to another person the Trust must be informed of the change, and the new owner / master's name, address & contact details must be provided. The existing owner or master will remain liable for any licence tolls until the transfer in the Trusts records are complete. Notification of change of owner / master can be made by completing the form on the website, email office@avonnavigationtrust.org or write to us. It is essential that the Trust is advised of the new owner / master.

Payment terms: All licences must be paid at application in full. Credit terms cannot be given for licences. We accept all major credit and debit cards, bank transfer and cheques (clearance period will apply).

Financial hardship: If you have any issues or problem with paying for your licence in the first instance contact our Customer Service Team by email to customerservice@avonnavigationtrust.org or write to us and we will try to help with your issue. There is additional information available on the website.

Short Term Licences

Short term licences are available for visiting private, hire, time share ownership & CRT continuous cruising craft. Butty barges must have a powered craft linked and licenced under the same owner. Licence periods range from 24 hours to 30 days.

Short term licences cannot be transferred to any other craft, captain or crew. Hire craft licences expire at the end of the hire period.

Visiting boats must have a current Boat Safety Scheme certificate unless exempt and third-party insurance.

Short Term licences are available to purchase on the ANT website and are issued by email. Licences may also be purchased face to face from Avon Lock Tewkesbury.

Short term licence number and expiry date must be displayed on the boat. A copy of your licence may be requested by Trust Officers.

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Refund Policy

Annual Licence Fees:

We will not refund in the following circumstances:

1. If the boat the licence has been issued to is afloat during any part of the licence period
2. If the boat is sold, however the remaining period of the licence will be valid for the new owner.
3. If the boat leaves the navigation during the period of the licence.
4. For any period that any part of the navigation must close for repairs to structures, navigation depth or flooding.

We will refund in the following circumstances:

1. A licence sold to you in error, or the incorrect class of licence was sold to you by Trust staff or volunteers.
2. Where the boat was not launched or joined the navigation at any period during the licence period. We may ask for evidence of hard standing arrangements.

Short Term Licence Fees:

We will not refund in the following circumstances:

1. If the boat the licence has been issued to is afloat on Avon Navigation waters during any part of the licence period
2. If the boat leaves the navigation during the period of the licence; however, the boat may return to the navigation during the period of the licence.
3. For any period that any part of the navigation had to close for repairs to structures, navigation depth or flooding.
4. Short term licences may be extended for the cost of the difference in fees if the extension is purchased during the period of the licence. Any part of this licence including the extension period is not refundable if the boat leaves the navigation before expiry of the licence.

We will refund in the following circumstances:

1. For a licence sold to you in error, or the incorrect class of licence was sold to you by Trust staff or volunteers.
2. For Licences where the boat was not launched or did not join the navigation at any period during the licence period.
3. If an annual licence is purchased for a boat that has a short-term licence during the period that the annual licence covers, a credit to the value of the short-term licence up to the value of the annual fee will be allowed against the annual licence. In this case the annual licence must be purchased using the written application form together with the details of the short-term licence that was issued.

There is an administration charge of £10.00 for licence refunds that were not due to an error by Trust staff or volunteers.

To claim any refund please contact the licence administration office 01386 552517 or email office@avonnavigationtrust.org We may ask you for further information regarding any claim for a refund.

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