



Thames Recreational Powered Boating Organisations

Briefing Note

IMPORTANT – Environment Agency Consultation re Boat Registration Charges proposals from 1 January 2022

The Environment Agency are consulting on their proposals relating to Boat registration Charges to apply from 1st January 2022

The proposals apply to all navigable waterways managed by the Environment Agency i.e. principally the non-tidal Thames, Anglian Waterways and the Medway.

The proposals are wide ranging and, whilst providing for increased registration charges for 2022 to 2024, also seek to make many changes to the current charging regimes regarding classes of craft, measurement of craft, registration periods, payment methods and many other aspects of craft registration.

The Thames Recreational Powered Boating Organisations have many concerns about the proposals and will be responding directly on behalf of their members.

However, ALL boaters using EA waterways are invited to participate and **we urge and encourage you to support us by responding individually to the consultation** to ensure your views are considered before the proposals are submitted for final approval by the Minister of State for DEFRA.

The consultation closes on 16th September

Boaters can access the consultation and respond online here:

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/environment-and-business/nav-boat-reg-charge/>

The survey is quite lengthy, and each organisation has prepared a “model” set of answers to the survey which can be obtained directly from your own organisation. You are, of course, free to answer the survey as you feel appropriate.

Please contact your own organisation for further information or guidance.