

# Schedule of Tolls

1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

Within the Broads Authority's navigation area, or adjacent waters, you must have

- either an annual toll or a short visit toll
- third party insurance  
except unpowered vessels with a block area of less than 6m<sup>2</sup>
- a valid boat safety certificate  
for vessels within the scope of the scheme  
(not required for short visit toll)

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# General tolls information

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## Annual tolls

All vessels kept or used in the navigation area, or adjacent waters\*, for more than 28 days in any tolls year require an **annual** toll and must be registered with the Authority.

The tolls year runs from 1 April to 31 March, the following year. If you apply for an annual toll at any time after 1 April, the full annual fee is payable and you will be issued with a toll which is valid until the end of the following March.

## Short visit tolls

These are available for periods of 1–7, 8–14, 15–21 or 22–28 consecutive days, or for any combination of these days, up to a **maximum of 28 days** within any tolls year starting 1 April (e.g. four periods of 1–7 days, or one period of 1–7 days plus one period of 15–21 days).

## Display of tolls

When you purchase a short visit toll you will be issued numbers which must be displayed on the vessel. We will send you instructions on how to display these when we issue them.

For annual tolls we operate a plaqueless system which means we use registration marks and names of vessels to verify whether owners have paid the appropriate toll.

All tolls must be paid before the vessel is launched into or enters the navigation area or adjacent waters. It is an offence not to have a current toll.

There are also other tolls for particular circumstances (see page 6 and 7).

## Insurance

Owners of all boats are required to have third party insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million except unpowered craft with a block area of less than 6m<sup>2</sup>.

You will be asked to sign an insurance declaration when you pay for your annual or short visit toll.

## Boat Safety Scheme

The National Boat Safety Scheme (BSS) has been introduced to the Broads. It applies to all boats with engines and/or cooking, heating, lighting, refrigeration and other domestic appliances, including open boats propelled by outboard motors with fixed electrical systems such as outboard powered boats with electric starts. It does not apply to open boats propelled solely by outboard motors and not fitted with any of the above appliances/systems.

Compulsory compliance with the scheme is required for all craft that fall within the scope of the scheme and details of a valid certificate must be produced when applying for registration and an annual toll.

Any visiting craft that fall within the scope of the scheme and do not have a valid BSS certificate may be subject to a hazardous boat check.

Visit [www.boatsafetyscheme.org](http://www.boatsafetyscheme.org) or contact the Tolls Office for more information.

## Registration

Every vessel kept or used within the Broads Authority's navigation area, or adjacent waters\*, for more than 28 days must be registered with the Authority. There is no charge for registration.

You will be issued with adhesive **registration marks** for each vessel showing the Broads registration number. They must be permanently displayed on each side of the bow and on the stern of the vessel. This registration number stays with the vessel even if she is sold or otherwise disposed of.

You must complete an **Application for Registration and Payment of Tolls** form for all new applications and when transferring a previously registered vessel to your ownership. Application forms are available from the Broads Authority Tolls Office and the Authority's website.

## On sale or change of ownership

When you sell or otherwise dispose of a vessel you are required, under the byelaws, to notify the Broads Authority immediately. You must tell us the details of the change of ownership, giving the name and address of the new owner. The new owner is also required to inform the Authority so that the vessel may be registered in their name.

The vessel's Broads registration marks will not be changed and the registration marks should not be removed from the vessel. The vessel's annual toll will remain with the vessel.

### Tolls are not refundable

The toll is not transferable to any other vessel and no return of tolls will be made in the event of cancellation of the toll before the end of the tolls year.

## How to pay

Annual toll renewals can be paid by **post**: Yare House, 62-64 Thorpe Road, Norwich NR1 1RY, by **telephone**: 01603 756080 (you will be asked to make a declaration of insurance) or **online** once you have registered with our Tolls Online payment system at <https://tolls.broads-authority.gov.uk>.

For new applications and transfers of ownership we must be in receipt of your completed application form before a telephone payment can be made.

**Short visit tolls** are available over the telephone, or in person at Broads Authority information centres or from some boatyards (see website for details).

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\***Adjacent waters** are dykes, marinas and broads off the main navigation where boats owned by more than one person are moored. Further information is available from the Tolls Office (01603 756080)

# Annual toll based on the block area in m<sup>2</sup> of the vessel

## To calculate the block area of the vessel:

- measure hull length and beam in metres to nearest centimetre
- multiply length times beam.

The toll is based on the nearest whole square metre below so disregard any decimal parts of square metres – e.g. if the vessel is 9.75m<sup>2</sup>, you will be charged for 9m<sup>2</sup>.

**To calculate the toll** multiply the block area by the relevant charge per square metre – e.g. If you have a 9m<sup>2</sup> private motor boat the toll will be £166.23 (9 x £18.47)

**Please note minimum rates apply:** all vessels 5m<sup>2</sup> and below will be charged at the applicable 5m<sup>2</sup> rate.

## Electrically propelled vessels

The Authority encourages more environmentally friendly forms of propulsion with reduced charges for electrically powered motor craft.

## Hire boat licensing

All powered hire boats, non-powered paddle craft and their operators need to be licenced, please enquire for full details.

Operators licence fee £25.00.

Powered hire boat licence fee £17.00 per vessel.

Non-Powered hire boat licence fee £5.00 per vessel.

◆ **hire vessel** is any vessel which is let, lent, hired or engaged for gift, pay or reward or promise of payment.

\***day hire boat** is defined as a boat without any berths (sleeping accommodation) or toilet or cooker.

## Tolls for Private vessels:

Motor craft	£18.47 per m <sup>2</sup>
Electric motor craft	£14.12 per m <sup>2</sup>
Motorised sailing craft (MSC)	£13.66 per m <sup>2</sup>
Sailing craft and electric MSC	£11.28 per m <sup>2</sup>
Non powered houseboats	£7.27 per m <sup>2</sup>
Sailboards, paddleboards, rowboats, punts, canoes and kayaks	Set rate £46.32

## Tolls for Hire vessels ◆:

Weekly hired motor craft	£41.60 per m <sup>2</sup>
Electric weekly hired motor craft	£28.63 per m <sup>2</sup>
Day hired motor craft*	£63.65 per m <sup>2</sup>
Electric day hired motor craft*	£43.58 per m <sup>2</sup>
Passenger craft	£54.74 per m <sup>2</sup>
Motorised sailing craft (MSC)	£33.77 per m <sup>2</sup>
Sailing craft and electric MSC	£24.69 per m <sup>2</sup>
Non powered houseboats	£21.09 per m <sup>2</sup>
Rowboats, punts	£92.65
Paddleboards, pedal craft, canoes and kayaks	£46.32

Table of Annual tolls (£) for private craft 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

boat size in m <sup>2</sup>	(a) motor craft	electric motor craft	(b) motorised sailing craft (MSC)	(c) sailing craft and electric MSC	(d) non- powered houseboats
5 & under	92.35	70.60	...	56.40	36.35
6	110.82	84.72	81.96	67.68	43.62
7	129.29	98.84	95.62	78.96	50.89
8	147.76	112.96	109.28	90.24	58.16
9	166.23	127.08	122.94	101.52	65.43
10	184.70	141.20	136.60	112.80	72.70
11	203.17	155.32	150.26	124.08	79.97
12	221.64	169.44	163.92	135.36	87.24
13	240.11	183.56	177.58	146.64	94.51
14	258.58	197.68	191.24	157.92	101.78
15	277.05	211.80	204.90	169.20	109.05
16	295.52	225.92	218.56	180.48	116.32
17	313.99	240.04	232.22	191.76	123.59
18	332.46	254.16	245.88	203.04	130.86
19	350.93	268.28	259.54	214.32	138.13
20	369.40	282.40	273.20	225.60	145.40
for each additional m <sup>2</sup> add	18.47	14.12	13.66	11.28	7.27

**sailboards, paddleboards, rowboats, punts, canoes and kayaks** set rate £46.32

**(a) motor craft** is a vessel which at any time is propelled by a motor of any kind, including an outboard motor. It includes a houseboat if fitted with a propulsion engine and sailing dinghies of less than 6m<sup>2</sup> area fitted with a propulsion engine.

**(b) motorised sailing craft** is a vessel of 6m<sup>2</sup> area or over which is normally propelled by sail, but which is also used with a motor. The motor must not be capable of producing more than 10bhp. The sail area must exceed the block area of the vessel. The vessel's sails must be carried in the vessel ready for use at all times.

**(c) sailing craft** is a vessel normally propelled by sails and not used with any kind of motor, whether outboard or inboard.

**(d) non-powered houseboat** is a vessel used to provide stationary accommodation afloat, not fitted with a propulsion engine and not used for navigation.

# Other tolls and charges

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## 1 Passage toll £17.74

Payable by a vessel making a single, one way journey through the Authority's navigation area from a starting point outside the navigation area to a finishing point also outside the navigation area. The journey must be completed within a single day.

This allows vessels entering from Great Yarmouth or Lowestoft Harbours to make passage to a private dyke or mooring place outside the navigation area without payment of a short visit or annual toll.

## 2 Race Craft toll

Payable if no toll has been paid for your vessel and it will be used on waters within the navigation area for any organised race, regatta, competition or other event.

It is **£7.27** per day, for a maximum of two consecutive days. If your vessel is to be used for longer periods, the short visit or annual toll must be paid.

## 3 Motor Work Boat toll £131.31

Payable by any vessel, including floating plant, which is:

- used exclusively for the good management of the Broads, or for the maintenance or dredging of the waterways,
- or is used by bona fide boatyards for the towing or servicing of other vessels,
- or is used by commercial fishermen for servicing or operating nets.

Non-powered workboats/pontoons pay the toll for rowing craft.

## 4 Trade Plate toll £176.11

Bona fide traders (boatyards, repairers, brokers etc) may, subject to certain conditions, apply for a Trade Plate toll which is transferable between vessels and permits their use in connection with the trade.

## 5 Outboard Motor toll

Allows you to exchange one outboard motor between vessels as opposed to paying the motor craft toll on each one. Applicable if you have paid tolls for three or more rowing or sailing craft of 5m or less in length. The outboard motor and the craft must be registered in the same ownership. Private **£117.64**, private *electric* **£57.11**.

## 6 Winter Lay-Up toll

Equivalent to one third of the appropriate annual toll – covers the permanent mooring of a vessel at a specified location during any continuous period between 25 September and 30 April the following year. It covers the return of the vessel to a point outside the navigation area. You must have a valid Boat Safety Scheme certificate and third party insurance.

If the vessel is used for navigation or accommodation during the period, you must pay the balance of the annual toll.

## 7 British Canoeing Members (to be known as PaddleUK from Spring 2024)

Membership of British Canoeing includes usage of the Broads navigation area, at no extra cost, provided that at all times you carry proof of membership.

## **8 Broads Authority Paddling Scheme (BAPS)**

For youth groups operating in the voluntary sector. To join, the group must be registered with the Council of Voluntary Youth Services or be a scout or guide troop.

Member groups can nominate up to 10 kayaks or canoes for use for a single payment of **£107.06**. Further blocks of 10 can be purchased or additional individual craft added at **£21.43** each.

## **9 Broads Authority Sailing Scheme (BASS)**

For youth groups operating in the voluntary sector. To join, the group or organisation must be a Royal Yachting Association recognised teaching establishment, a school or registered with their local education authority as a recognised voluntary youth service such as a scout or guide troop.

Member groups can nominate up to 10 sailing dinghies, of no more than 10m<sup>2</sup> in size, for a single payment of **£185.25**. Further blocks of 10 can be purchased or additional individual craft added at **£37.05** each.

## **10 Broads Authority Rowing Scheme (BARS)**

For youth rowing boats operated by a British Rowing affiliated club.

Member organisations can nominate up to 10 junior rowing craft, for the exclusive use by juniors, for a single payment of **£107.06**. Further blocks of 10 can be purchased or additional individual craft added at **£21.43** each.

## **11 Water ski permits £28.00**

There are designated areas on the Broads where water skiing is permitted. If you wish to water ski you must apply for a water ski permit. Please contact the Tolls Office for full details of the requirements and an application form.

## **12 Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft Harbours**

Broads tolls do not include harbour dues payable by vessels entering the Broads via or using the waters of Great Yarmouth or Lowestoft Harbours. For information on these dues contact: Peel Ports, Great Yarmouth 01493 335500 option 2; Associated British Ports, Lowestoft 01502 572286.

Vessels may enter the Broads via Mutford lock, Lowestoft. A charge of **£17** per vessel is made for use of the lock. This charge also covers visiting vessels for the use of Oulton Broad (only) on the day of entry and up to midnight on the day following. Vessels seeking to pass through the lock must book: Oulton Broad Yacht Station 01502 574946/07572039790 Lock Control 01502 531778 or [obys@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:obys@eastssuffolk.gov.uk)

Private boats which can show they have paid their annual Peel Ports Great Yarmouth dues will receive a discount of 50% on the appropriate Broads toll; this is available against both the annual Broads toll and Broads short visit toll.

## **13 Craft registered between 1 January and 31 March**

New craft registered with the Authority, or craft being registered to a new owner and not previously licensed, on or after 1 January will receive a 50% discount on the appropriate annual toll up to 31 March.

## Short visit toll based on length of vessel's hull in metres

Any form of motor fitted to a vessel classes the vessel as a motor craft and you must pay the motor craft toll. This includes an outboard motor fitted to a sailing dinghy.

Sailboards, paddleboards, rowboats, punts, canoes and kayaks  
 1–7 days £ 10.45  
 8–14 days £ 20.90

boat length metres (feet)	motor		sail	
	1–7 days	8–14 days	1–7 days	8–14 days
4 (13'2") & under	17.95	35.90	10.95	21.90
5 (16'5")	28.35	56.70	17.25	34.50
6 (19'9")	38.80	77.60	23.60	47.20
7 (23'0")	49.20	98.40	29.95	59.90
8 (26'3")	59.60	119.20	36.30	72.60
9 (29'7")	70.05	140.10	42.65	85.30
10 (32'10")	80.45	160.90	49.00	98.00
11 (36'2")	90.85	181.70	55.35	110.70
12 (39'5")	101.25	202.50	61.70	123.40
13 (42'8")	111.70	223.40	68.05	136.10
14 (46'0")	122.10	244.20	74.40	148.80
15 (49'3")	132.50	265.00	80.70	161.40
16 (52'6")	142.95	285.90	87.05	174.10
17 (55'10")	153.35	306.70	93.40	186.80
18 (59'1")	163.75	327.50	99.75	199.50
19 (62'5")	174.15	348.30	106.10	212.20
20 (65'8")	184.60	369.20	112.45	224.90

▼ For larger boats, please enquire at the Broads Authority Tolls Office.

If your vessel is kept or used in the navigation area or adjacent waters for more than 28 days in the tolls year you must buy an annual toll. You will be given credit for short visit payments already made.

Your craft may be subject to a hazardous boat check; see Boat Safety Scheme (page 2).