

## **2022 – 2023 Fees**

### **6.1 Vessel licence fee increases 2022/23**

In the public consultation on proposed fee increases which was carried out in 2021, a rate of inflation of 2.5% was assumed. Inflation is now, however, considerably more than that, and the danger is that it will continue to increase. The recommendation of both the Regulatory and General Purposes Committees is that, instead of using an assumed fixed inflation rate of 2.5%, the licence fees be increased by annual CPIH (based on the figure published in November before the Registration Year) plus a fixed percentage increase. Annual CPIH for November 2021 was 4.6%. The amount of the fixed increase will be the percentages in the public consultation document with the assumed inflation figure of 2.5% deducted. The following table shows how the recommended fee increases for 2022/23 are calculated on that basis.

<b>% increase calculations</b>	<b><u>2022/23 Fee Increases</u></b>	<b><u>November 2021 CPIH = 4.6%</u></b>	
7.5%-2.5%=5%	Powered Vessels increase by CPIH + 5%	Total	9.60%
5%-2.5%=2.5%	Unpowered Vessels increase by CPIH + 2.5%	Total	7.10%
10%-2.5%=7.5%	Commercial Vessels increase by CPIH + 7.5%	Total	12.10%

**Conservators are asked to approve the fee increases for vessel licences as set out in the above table.**

### **6.2 Vessel registration category changes 2022/23**

The public consultation set out proposals to introduce a fairer charging structure for unpowered private vessels. The proposals were the result of intense discussions in the Regulatory Committee, and the rationale for the changes was set out in the consultation document as follows:

“The purpose of this new structure is not to generate additional income for the Conservancy, but to make the fees more balanced across private unpowered categories. In the past, fees have been unfairly weighted against smaller craft, and in discussions with various river user groups, a number of issues have been raised regarding the comparative charges for different classes of unpowered vessels; for example the fee for a large canoe or kayak is currently £110, whereas that for a rowing eight is £82 The intention is to rebalance fees based on length, as is the case with powered vessel fees, and it was therefore felt that a complete review of the classes and charging structure of unpowered craft be undertaken.”

Some new classes of sailing vessel were introduced, and fees calculated on a basis of a fixed charge per metre of between £7 and £8 (at the rates applying in 2020/21)

Following the public consultation on proposed vessel category changes and related fee calculations, it is recommended that the categories of vessel and corresponding fees (calculated using the formula in 6.1 above) be adopted as set out in the following tables:

**2022 – 2023 Fees****Sailing Vessels**

Category	Description of vessel	2021/22 Annual fee	2021/22 New Proposed Category Fee Structure	2022/23 Annual fee Private Vessels @ CPIH 4.6%+ 2.5%=7.1%%
Sailing Vessel	Note: For commercial sail craft, contact the Conservancy offices	£	£	£
20	Sailing Dinghies up to 3.5m LOA*	55	25	27
21	Sailing Dinghies over 3.5m LOA*	90	37	40
22	Sailing Vessels under 5 metres LOA*	176	80	86
23	Sailing Vessels up to 5 metres to 7.5 metres*	272	160	171
24	Sailing Vessels over 7.5 metres LOA*		250	268
25	Sailing Vessels with auxiliary engine*		300	321
	*New Categorisation for 2022/23			

**Rowing Vessels**

Category	Description of vessel	2021/22 Annual fee	2021/22 New Proposed Category Fee Structure	2022/23 Annual fee Private Vessels @ CPIH 4.6%+ 2.5%=7.1%%	2021/22 Annual Fee RMO	2022/23 Annual Fee RMO	2021/22 Annual fee RMO Hire & Commercial	2022/23 Annual fee RMO hire & Commercial Hire @ CPIH 4.6%+7.5%= 12.1%
03	Rowing Dinghy or Tender (No engine)	66	23	24	148	53	406	455
14	Tub Pair	55	60	62				
15	Scull	55	60	62				
16	Double Scull	65	70	72				
17	Pair	65	70	72				
18	Four (including coxed four)	69	95	97				
19	Eight (including coxed eight)	82	125	128				

**Canoes and Kayaks and Paddleboards**

Category	Description of vessel	2021/22 Annual fee	2021/22 New Proposed Category Fee Structure	2022/23 Annual fee Private Vessels @ CPIH 4.6%+ 2.5%=7.1%%	2021/22 Annual Fee RMO	2022/23 Annual Fee RMO = 2xprivate cost	2021/22 Annual fee RMO Hire & Commercial	2022/23 Annual fee RMO hire & Commercial Hire @ CPIH 4.6%+7.5%= 12.1%
Canoes / Kayaks		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
01	Canoe or Paddleboard up to 5 metres	55	37	40	121	79	336	4402
02	Kayak up to 5 metres	55	37	40	121	79	336	4402
06	Canoe over 5 metres	110	50	54	246	107	662	8672
07	Kayak over 5 metres	110	50	54	246	107	662	8672

It should be noted that all fees have been rounded to the nearest pound.

**Conservators are asked to approve the changes to categories and charges as set out above.**

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### **6.3 General Fees for 2022/23**

It is recommended that all fees, other than Registration Fees, are increased by the annual CPIH figure of 4.6%, for November 2021, rounded to the nearest pound. The category of general fees are:

- Section 15 Licence Application and Consideration Fees.
- Pontoon Fees (for new pontoon agreements).
- Events Fees

**Conservators are asked to approve an increase of 4.6% for the categories of general fees**

### **6.4 Block Licence Fees 2022/23**

Block licences are entered into in order to improve administrative efficiency in handling registrations. The fee is based on the agreed vessel registration fees for each registration year. Currently the following block licences are under review by the Regulatory Committee, with a view to new licences being negotiated once the 2022-23 fees have been approved by Conservators:

- British Canoeing
- Cam Sailing Club

It is also proposed that a block licence be agreed with Cambridge University Canoe Club on the same basis as that previously granted to Cambridge Canoe Club.

It is recommended by the Regulatory Committee that the above block licences be negotiated and agreed by the Clerk and approved by the Chair before the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**Conservators are asked to approve the above recommendation with regard to entering into new block licences with British Canoeing, Cam Sailing Club and Cambridge University Canoe Club.**