

Business Boat Licences

Canal & River Trust Regulation Checklist

(Please see Business Boating website for further information)

Type of Boat	Regulations
Self-drive Holiday Hire (SDHH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home mooring with access to services • BSS Certificate (Hire Boat) • Commercial insurance policy • British Marine Handover Audit Certificate or full handover procedure
Self-drive Day Hire (SDDH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home mooring with access to services • BSS Certificate (Hire boat) • Commercial insurance policy • British Marine Handover Audit Certificate or handover procedure
Static Letting (SL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An insurance certificate that shows you are insured for your business activity confirmation that the Boat meets Boat Safety Hire Boat requirements • British Marine Handover Audit Certificate or a copy of your full handover procedure document. • Proof that your mooring provider is happy for you to operate your business from their site. Should this permission be withdrawn by the mooring operator we reserve the right to withdraw the Licence. • A copy of your gas safe check record.
Skippered Passenger Boat (SKP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home mooring with access to services <p>If carrying up to 12 passengers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSS Certificate (Non-private) plus • Declaration of Compliance with Small Passenger Boat Code and • Boatmaster's Licence or equivalent <p>If carrying 13 or more passengers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCA Class V Passenger Certificate <p><i>All: commercial insurance</i></p>
Skippered hotel boat (SKH)	<p>May not require a Home Mooring if cruising all year to a published fixed schedule, will often require Winter Mooring.</p> <p><i>If carrying up to 12 passengers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSS Certificate (Non-private) plus • Declaration of Compliance with Small Passenger Boat Code and • Boatmaster's Licence or equivalent <p><i>If carrying 13 or more passengers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCA Class V Passenger Certificate <p><i>All: commercial insurance</i></p>

Roving Trader (RT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Mooring not required. • Public liability insurance for trading activity, third party insurance for boat (combined policy acceptable) • BSS Certificate (must be Non-private if customers are allowed on the vessel to inspect or purchase goods or services) • Risk Assessment (if requested) • Boatmaster's Licence (if carrying coal, oil, diesel, sewage or gas over and above that required for the domestic use or navigation of the licensed craft).
Fixed Location Trading Boat (FLTB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Mooring with appropriate services and planning consent for trading use • BSS Certificate (Non-private if customers allowed on board) • Commercial insurance • Risk Assessment (if requested)
Maintenance Workboat (MWB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Mooring if kept on the water • BSS Certificate • Commercial insurance • Boatmaster's Licence (or equivalent)
Safety Boat (SAF) (operated for rescue purposes by Emergency Services)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home mooring if kept on the water • BSS Certificate • Commercial insurance • Boatmaster's Licence (or equivalent)
Trade Plate (TP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mooring or base appropriate for intended activity • Commercial insurance
Exhibit Boat (EX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved mooring location at approved centre (details available on request). • This licence is for statically moored craft that never navigate.

*Other regulations may apply to your business. Please read our [General Guidance](#) section and make your own independent enquiries to ensure that you understand and comply with all the regulations relevant to your proposed operation. It is your responsibility to ensure you have in place all other additional licences, permits and consent that may be required in the course of your business.