



Broads Authority

Display of Registration Marks and Tolls Plaques

Broads Authority Vessel
Registration Byelaws 1997

The Broads Authority Vessel Registration Byelaws 1997 require that every vessel moored, used or navigated in the Authority's Navigation Area must be registered with the Authority and that the Registration Marks issued by the Authority must be conspicuously displayed on the vessel. The byelaws also require that the appropriate toll for the vessel must be paid and the Tolls Plaques displayed on the vessel in such conspicuous position as the Authority shall determine. Failure to comply with these requirements is an offence which may lead to conviction and a fine of up to £1,000.

Registration Marks

The Authority issues self-adhesive Registration Mark Plaques (three per vessel).

Alternatively plainly and conspicuously painted Registration Marks or screw on numbers are permitted. Characters must be plain, not stylised, and must be applied on a contrasting background.

The Registration Marks must be of the correct size, that is 90 mm (3½") for motor cruisers and most powered craft, 50 mm (2") for sailing craft.

Display requirements for various types of craft are set out below. Replacement plaques and numbers are available from the Authority's head office. The Registration Mark remains with the vessel until it is destroyed or permanently removed from the Broads. Do not remove the Registration Mark on sale of the vessel.

Tolls Plaques

The Annual Tolls Plaque has an oval design. Two plaques are issued per vessel, to be displayed as set out below. The plaques are annually colour coded.

Display of Registration Marks and Tolls Plaques

Where display of Registration Marks is required "on both bows and on the stern" (see below) they must be displayed on each side of the hull of the vessel within approximately 2 metres of the bow so as to be clearly visible from other vessels or the bank, and on the stern of the vessel so as to be clearly visible from behind.

Registration Marks must not be wholly or partially obscured by fenders or fender lan-yards or by dinghies in davits etc.

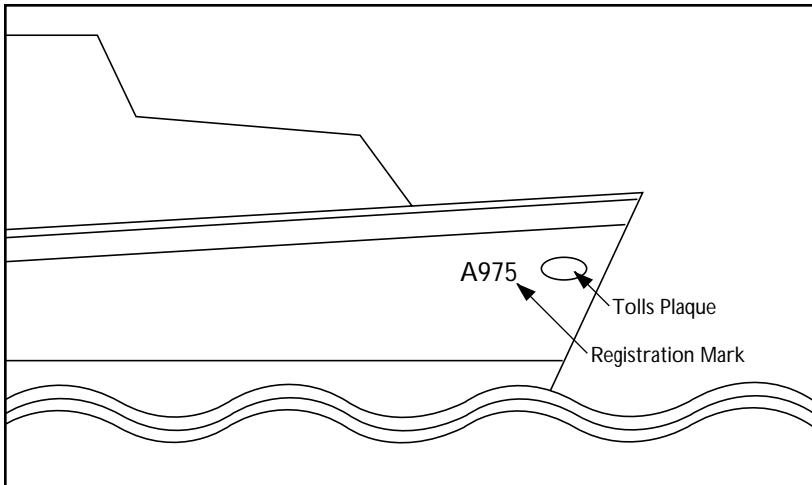
It may be necessary to repeat the marks to avoid this.

Registration Marks must not be displayed on the superstructure, cabin sides or upper-works of a vessel or in cabin or wheelhouse windows.

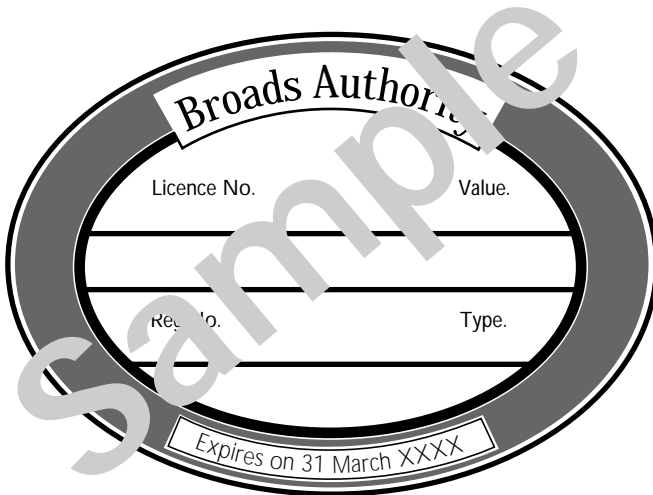
Yachts may display Registration Marks (and Tolls Plaques) on a board securely suspended beneath the bowspit, visible both sides.

Vessels with permanent guard rails round the deck edge may display Registration Marks and Tolls Plaques on boards securely mounted on the guard rails near the bow.

The tolls plaques and Registration marks must be affixed to a **clean, dry surface**.



Tolls Plaque (not actual size)



Where the Registration Mark is obscured by a protective cover (whether temporary or permanent) the cover must carry a facsimile of the Registration Mark clearly visible from both sides of the vessel.

Tolls Plaques should be affixed to the hull of the vessel adjacent to the Registration Mark, one plaque on each side (unless stated otherwise below).

Category	Vessel	Requirements
1	Motor cruisers, hire, all sizes	<p>Registration Marks (90 mm): on both sides of vessel near bow and on stern</p> <p>Tolls Plaques: on both sides of vessel near bow.</p>
2	Motor cruisers, private, all sizes	as for Category 1.
3	Motor dayboats/launches/motor dinghies, hire, all sizes (includes all motor craft let out for hire other than as tenders to larger hire craft - see Category 10)	as for Category 1.
4	Motor dayboats/launches/ outboard dinghies/dories etc. private (including sailing dinghies/ tenders fitted with outboard motors).	<p>Length over 5.0 m (16.4'): as for Category 1</p> <p>Length 5.0 m (16.4') or less:</p> <p>Registration Marks (50 mm): on both sides of vessel near bow and on stern.</p> <p>Tolls Plaques: on both sides of vessel near bow.</p>
5	Sailing cruisers, hire, all sizes	<p>If fitted with inboard engine:</p> <p>Registration Marks (50 mm): on both sides of vessel near bow and on stern</p> <p>Tolls Plaques: on both sides of vessel near bow.</p> <p>If not fitted with inboard engine:</p> <p>Registration Marks: display not required provided vessel is clearly marked on both bows or on stern with its registered name and current valid Tolls Plaques are displayed as required .</p> <p>Tolls Plaques: on both sides of vessel near bow.</p> <p>Nb: All sailing vessels may display Registration Marks and Tolls Plaques on a board beneath bowsprit, visible both sides.</p>

Category	Vessel	Requirements
6	Sailing cruisers, private, all sizes	<p>As for Category 5.</p> <p>But Nb: Any private sailing cruiser which has low freeboard or a long counter stern such that display of Registration Marks is impracticable will not be required to display Registration Marks provided the vessel is clearly marked on both bows or on stern with its registered name and current valid Tolls Plaques are displayed as required.</p>
7	Half deckers/keelboats, private (e.g. Y.B.O.D., B.O.D., W.O.D., only) Rebel, Reedling, Yeoman, Squib, Flying Fifteen and traditional Broads half-deckers etc)	<p>Tolls Plaques: either (in owner's option)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) on both sides of vessel near bow, or (b) on board beneath bowsprit, visible both sides, or (c) on cockpit coaming facing outboard, both sides, or (d) on foredeck, port and starboard, near deck edge, or (e) on forward face of mast near gooseneck (one plaque only), or (f) on tabernacle both sides, or (g) on cockpit aft coaming facing outboard (one plaque only), or (h) on transom, facing outboard (one plaque only). <p>Registration Marks (50 mm): Any of (a) to (h) above in owner's option but display of Registration Marks will not be required provided the vessel is clearly marked with its registered name on both bows or on the stern (or in the case of vessels with long counters on the aft cockpit coaming) and current valid Tolls Plaque(s) are displayed as required.</p>
8	Half-deckers/keelboats, hire	As for Category 5.

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Sailing dinghies, private (including sailing dinghies used for tuition commercially but which are not let out for unsupervised hire)

Nb: Sailing Dinghies fitted with outboard motors as for Category 4.

Tolls Plaques: either (in owner's option)
 (a) on both sides of vessel near bow, or
 (b) on foredeck of vessel (one plaque only), or
 (c) on stern of vessel facing outboard (one plaque only), or
 (d) on forward face of mast near gooseneck (one plaque only), or
 (e) on tabernacle both sides.

Registration Marks (50 mm): any of (a) to (e) above in owner's option, **but display of Registration Marks will not be required provided** current valid Tolls Plaque(s) are displayed as required and are not obscured by covers, awnings etc.

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Rowing/sailing/outboard dinghies, hire (includes all dinghies let out for hire as tenders to larger hire craft. Excludes all powered dinghies let out for independent or unsupervised hire, for which see Category 3.

Tolls Plaques: on both sides of vessel near bow.

Registration Marks (50 mm): either
 (a) on both sides of vessel near bow, or
 (b) on transom facing outboard, or
 (c) on transom inboard provided clearly visible and never obscured by covers etc. while vessel is afloat.

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Rowing dinghies, private (including non-powered tenders to larger craft)

As for Category 10.

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Canoes, kayaks, private

Registration Marks: display not required.

Tolls Plaques: one plaque to be displayed on foredeck unless operating under British Canoe Union Agreement in which case BCU membership sticker to be displayed and membership card to be carried.

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Sailboards

Registration Mark: display not required.

Tolls Plaques: one plaque to be displayed if possible on top of board or on mast.

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14	Passenger/excursion vessels	As for Category 1 (motor cruisers, hire).
15	River maintenance craft (including mud wherries, crane pontoons, piling rigs, tugs etc.)	<p>Registration Marks (90 mm): to be displayed on forepart of vessel visible both sides and on stern of vessel so as to be visible from astern.</p> <p>Tolls Plaques: to be displayed on forepart of vessel, visible both sides.</p>
16	Houseboats (stationary/non-powered) hire and private	<p>Registration Marks: display not required.</p> <p>Tolls Plaques: one plaque to be displayed on vessel's side, visible from main river.</p>