
General Exemption Applicable to Thames Sailing Barges being Operated in a Private Non-commercial Capacity

Notice to all Owners and Masters of Thames Sailing Barges

This notice should be read in conjunction with "A Standard of Safety for Thames Sailing Barges" issued 1 January 2011 and the Thames Sailing Barge General Exemption issued 1 June 2011.

This MIN expires 23 May 2017

PLEASE NOTE:-

Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel and you should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.

Summary

This notice sets out the manning requirements for Thames Sailing Barges being operated in a private, non-commercial capacity.

1. Introduction

1.1 The General Exemption, annexed, is issued in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Secretary of State under Section 48 and Section 294(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, to exempt privately operated non-commercial Thames Sailing Barges from the requirements of The Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Hours of Work and Watchkeeping) Regulations 1997, as amended, and The Merchant Shipping (Training and Certification) Regulations 1997, as amended, when being operated as a pleasure vessel (as defined in The Merchant Shipping (Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport and Pleasure) Regulations 1998, as amended) within categorised waters and when being operated as a pleasure vessel at sea.

1.2 This General Exemption is applicable where the following conditions are met:

- The vessel holds a valid 'Thames Sailing Barge Certificate';
- The master holds a Certificate of Competency as a Sailing Barge Master endorsed by the MCA;
- That no more than 12 passengers are carried; and

- That the vessel is never more than 30 miles from the UK coast.

1.3 The manning requirements for commercially operated Thames Sailing Barges are set out in the General Exemption issued 1 June 2011.

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GENERAL EXEMPTION



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GENERAL EXEMPTION

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Thames Sailing Barges

from the requirements of:

- The Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Hours of Work and Watchkeeping) Regulations 1997, as amended, SI 1997/1320; and of
- The Merchant Shipping (Training and Certification) Regulations 1997, as amended, SI 1997/348;

when being operated as a pleasure vessel (as defined in The Merchant Shipping (Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure) Regulations 1998, as amended, SI 1998/2771) within categorised waters (as described in MSN 1776) and when being operated as a pleasure vessel at sea.

This exemption shall have immediate effect and shall remain effective until the named regulations of the exemption are revoked, or the exemption is amended or revoked subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The vessel holds a valid 'Thames Sailing Barge Certificate';
- (b) The master holds a Certificate of Competence as a Sailing Barge Master endorsed by the MCA;
- (c) That no more than 12 passengers are carried; and
- (d) That the vessel is never more than 30 miles from the UK coast.

Dated this 23 May 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip Naylor', is written over a faint circular stamp.

Philip Naylor
Director of Maritime Safety and Standards
For the Secretary of State