



CONSERVATORS OF THE RIVER CAM & COVID-19 FAQs

Coronavirus and Boating FAQs

See below for answers to our frequently asked questions regarding coronavirus and boating.

Should boaters still be cruising?

Our river and towpath currently remain open for use. While travelling along a river by boat does not necessarily put people in close contact with others, boaters may decide to take some precautions. Boaters should follow the Government's guidelines on reducing the risk of catching coronavirus.

Please do not moor in areas designated as 'No Mooring'. These areas are so designated for the safety of all navigation users.

I'm over 70 and live on my boat, do I need to self-isolate?

The Government is advising those over 70 to avoid all unnecessary social contact with others, so we advise that you should organise your boating to limit your contact with others as far as possible.

My boat safety scheme certificate is due. What does the Government advice mean for renewal?

All the Navigation Authorities covered by the boat safety scheme agree that it is essential that it continues to protect the physical safety of those around the waterways. The scheme will continue to apply to all appropriate craft on their navigations. Examiners and others involved with the delivery of the scheme will be given further advice. The scheme is following Government guidance and advice will be updated accordingly. Please seek advice from the examiners directly.

Will I be entitled to a payment holiday for my boat licence?

We are not able to offer payment holidays but please get in touch with us if you are having payment difficulties.

Can I renew my annual registration online via the website?

Yes, we would encourage you to use our [website](#) to renew your annual registration or to complete a full annual registration form for new boats to the river. Visitors should also complete their applications via the [website](#).

Will my licence disc still be posted to me?

It is only powered boats which will receive licence discs which will validate travel downstream of Bottisham Lock into EA waters. Whilst our offices are still operational your licence discs will be sent out as normal as will confirmation from the river manager regarding eligibility for payments by instalments. There may be some delays due to skeleton staff in the office. Please accept our apologies. Please note that your licence is valid from the point you receive confirmation of successful submission of either your renewal or application.

What do I do if I'm a liveboard boater in self-isolation and am running low on essential provisions?

We know that the boating community is a close-knit one and that in many areas people will be looking out for each other and helping with things like shopping for those who are having to self-isolate.

The Conservators believe that the welfare of our employees and their families is of paramount importance, along with the safety and welfare of those who use our navigation. We will continue to make decisions about the deployment of our staff accordingly. Our general approach remains to follow the guidance and advice being given by the Government. We continually monitor the [Public Health England](#) (PHE) site and our response and approach will change as official Government advice develops.

Where can I find out more?

- Read the [latest government information on coronavirus](#)
- Boaters needing support, advice, or to report that they are self-isolating, should let the Conservancy know via the [online contact form](#)
- Alternatively, boaters can contact the licensing team on licensing@camconservators.org.uk
- To report incidents on the river go to our website [online form](#).
- Find out more information on events on the cam, visit our [website](#) or the websites of the organisers of the event.