

## Categorisation of waters

The following information and tables include extractions from the Department of Transport Notices to Merchant Shipping, Notice No. 1719(M).

### Waterway Categories

The waters are divided into four categories of the following general descriptions:

**Category 'A'** - Narrow rivers and canals where the depth of water is generally less than 1.5 metres.

**Category 'B'** - Wider rivers and canals where the depth of water is generally more than 1.5 metres and where the significant wave height could not be expected to exceed 0.6 metres at any time.

**Category 'C'** - Tidal rivers and estuaries and large, deep lakes and lochs where the significant wave height could not be expected to exceed 1.2 metres at any time.

**Category 'D'** - Tidal rivers and estuaries where the significant wave height could not be expected to exceed 2.0 metres at any time.

Unless otherwise indicated, these categories apply to all times of the year. "Summer" means the months of April to October, inclusive, and "winter" means the months of November to March, inclusive.

Aire and Calder Navigation	Category B
	Goole Docks to Leeds; Junction with Leeds and Liverpool Canal; Castleford Junction to Wakefield (Fall Ing Lock).
Ashby Canal	Category A
Ashton Canal	Category A
Birmingham Canal Navigations	Category A
Birmingham and Fazeley Canal	Category A
Bridgewater & Taunton	Category A
Bridgewater	Category C
	South of a line running due East from Stert Point (51° 13.0'N).  Category 'D' : <i>within the bar</i>
Bridgewater Canal	Category A
Calder and Hebble Canal	Category B
	Wakefield (Fall Ing Lock) to Broadcut Top Lock.
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	Category A
	Broadcut Top Lock To Sowerby Bridge and Halifax.

Caldon Canal	Category A
Chesterfield Canal	Category A
	West Stockwith to Worksop.
Coventry Canal	Category A
Cromford Canal	Category A
Droitwich Canal	Category A
Erewash Canal	Category A
	Trent Lock to Langley Mill Lock.
Fosdyke Canal	Category B
	Junction with River Trent to Brayford Pool.
Gloucester	Category B
	Gloucester City Docks Gloucester/Sharpness Canal.
	Category C
	North of a line running due West from Sharpness Point (51° 43.4'N) to Llanthony and Maisemore Weirs.
	Category B
	Llanthony and Maisemore Weirs to Stourport.
	Category B
Above Llanthony and Maisemore Weirs.	
Goole Dock	Category B
	Inside the Lock Gates.
Grand Union North	Category A
Grand Union South	Category A
Grand Union Leicester Line	Category A
	Through to Kilby Bridge 88
Huddersfield Broad Canal	Category A
	Junction with Calder and Hebble at Coopers Bridge to Huddersfield Narrow Canal at Huddersfield.
Huddersfield Narrow Canal	Category A
Hull Docks	Category B
	Inside of the locks.
Kennet and Avon Canal (Hanham Lock, Bath to Blakes Lock, Reading)	Category A
Lancaster Canal	Category A
Leeds and Liverpool Canal	Category A
	From Leeds River Lock to Skipton Wharf
	Category A
	From Skipton Wharf to Liverpool.
Liverpool Link	Category A
Llangollen Canal	Category A
London Canals	Category A
	Grand Union Canal above Brentford Lock and Regents Canal above Limehouse Basin and all canals connected therewith.

Macclesfield Canal	Category A
Manchester Ship Canal and Salford Docks including the river Irwell.	Category B
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal	Category A
Montgomery Canal	Category A
New Junction Canal	Category B
Nottingham & Beeston Canal	Category A
Oxford Canal	Category A
Peak Forest Canal	Category A
Pocklington Canal	Category A
	From Junction with River Derwent to Melbourne Basin.
Ribble Link	Category A
Ripon Canal	Category A
River Avon	Category B
River Douglas	Category B
River Humber	Category C
	<p>Within a line from North Ferriby to South Ferriby.</p> <p><i>Category 'D':</i>  <i>In winter – within a line from New Holland Point</i>  <i>In summer – within a line from Cleethorpes Pier to Patrington Church</i></p>
River Lee & Stort Navigations	Category A
	River Stort and River Lee above Bow Creek.
River Ouse	Category C
	To Naburn Lock.
	Category B
	From Naburn Lock to Nun Monkton Pool. Category B
	Above Nun Monkton Pool.
River Severn	Category C
	<p>North of a line running due West from Sharpness Point (51° 43.4'N) to Llanthony and Maisemore Weirs.</p> <p><i>Category 'D':</i>  <i>In winter - within a line from Blacknore Point to Caldicot Pill, Porstkewett;</i>  <i>In summer - within a line from Barry Dock Pier to Steepholm thence to Brean Down</i></p>
River Soar	Category A
	To Kilby Bridge 88 & Trent Junction to Loughborough.
River Tees	Category B
	Upriver from Tees Barrage
	Category C
	Within a Line extending due west from Government Jetty to Tees Barrage
River Thames	Category B

River Thames and its Tributaries	Category C
	River Thames above a line drawn North/South through the eastern extremity of Denton Pier Gravesend.
River Trent	Category C
	From Cromwell Lock to Gainsborough (down stream)
	Category B
	Cromwell Lock to Meadow Lane (up stream)
	Category B
Meadow Lane to Shardlow	
River Ure	Category B
	From Junction with River Ouse to Ripon Canal (Littlethorpe Lock).
River Weaver Navigation	Category B
	Below Northwich
	Category A
	Above Northwich
River Witham	Category B
	Boston Sluice to Brayford Pool (Lincoln).
Rochdale Canal	Category A
Selby Canal	Category B
	Bank Dolle Junction to Selby (River Ouse Lock)
Sheffield and South Yorkshire Canal	Category B
	Keadby Lock to Bottom of Tinsley Lock.
	Category A
	Bottom of Tinsley Lock to Sheffield.
Shropshire Union Canal	Category A
Shropshire Union Middlewich Branch	Category A
Staffordshire and Worcester Canal	Category A
Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal (to Hatherton Junction in the North)	Category A
Stratford-upon-Avon Canal	Category A
Swansea Canal	Category A
Trent and Mersey Canal	Category A
	South Harecastle Tunnel to Derwent Mouth Lock.
Worcester and Birmingham Canal	Category A
	Wast Hill Tunnel to Birmingham

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